

## HR 51

Washington, D.C. Admission Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Jan 9, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committees on Rule

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, Armed Services, the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. (Jan 9, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/51>

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Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-25]	D · CA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Jan 9, 2023

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Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Jan 9, 2023
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Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Thanedar, Shri [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-4]	D · CA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Tokuda, Jill N. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-25]	D · FL		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Casar, Greg [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Jan 10, 2023
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Jan 10, 2023

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Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Jan 11, 2023
Rep. Scholten, Hillary J. [D-MI-3]	D · MI		Jan 11, 2023
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Jan 12, 2023
Rep. Hoyle, Val T. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Jan 13, 2023
Rep. Kamlager-Dove, Sydney [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Jan 17, 2023
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Jan 24, 2023
Rep. Brown, Shontel M. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Jan 24, 2023
Rep. Balint, Becca [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jan 25, 2023
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Jan 26, 2023
Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		Feb 6, 2023
Rep. Mullin, Kevin [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2023
Rep. Sorensen, Eric [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Feb 8, 2023
Rep. Frost, Maxwell [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Feb 14, 2023
Rep. Garcia, Robert [D-CA-42]	D · CA		Feb 14, 2023
Rep. Magaziner, Seth [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Feb 14, 2023
Rep. Pettersen, Brittany [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Feb 14, 2023
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Feb 14, 2023
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Feb 24, 2023
Rep. Goldman, Daniel S. [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Mar 1, 2023
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Rep. Lee, Summer L. [D-PA-12]	D · PA		Mar 27, 2023
Rep. Moskowitz, Jared [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Mar 28, 2023
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Mar 29, 2023
Rep. McClellan, Jennifer L. [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Apr 13, 2023
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Rep. Ramirez, Delia C. [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Oct 18, 2023
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Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Oct 24, 2023
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Dec 7, 2023
Rep. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Dec 11, 2023
Rep. Amo, Gabe [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Dec 14, 2023
Rep. Jackson, Jeff [D-NC-14]	D · NC		Jan 5, 2024
Rep. Caraveo, Yadira [D-CO-8]	D · CO		Jan 17, 2024
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Jan 22, 2024
Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Jan 22, 2024
Rep. Salinas, Andrea [D-OR-6]	D · OR		Feb 5, 2024
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-7]	D · MI		Feb 5, 2024
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		May 28, 2024
Rep. Kennedy, Timothy M. [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Jun 25, 2024
Rep. Sykes, Emilia Strong [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jul 24, 2024

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Rep. Ryan, Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Jul 25, 2024
Rep. McIver, LaMonica [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Oct 22, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 9, 2023
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 9, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 9, 2023
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 9, 2023
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 9, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 51	Identical bill	Jan 24, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Summary (as of Jan 9, 2023)

Washington, D.C. Admission Act

This bill provides for the admission of the state of Washington, Douglass Commonwealth into the United States.

The commonwealth consists of all the territory of the District of Columbia (DC), excluding certain federal property. The excluded property shall be known as the Capital and serve as the seat of federal government; it includes the principal federal monuments, the White House, the Capitol Building, the Supreme Court Building, and the federal office buildings located adjacent to the Mall and Capitol Building. In addition, the bill maintains the federal government's authority over military lands and specified other property and prohibits the commonwealth from taxing federal property except as permitted by Congress.

Within 30 days of this bill's enactment, the DC mayor must call for the election of two Senators and one Representative for the commonwealth. The commonwealth shall be admitted into the United States upon a presidential proclamation announcing the results of that election.

The bill applies current DC laws to the commonwealth and continues pending judicial proceedings. It also continues certain federal authorities and responsibilities, including regarding employee benefits, agencies, and courts, until the commonwealth certifies that it is prepared to take over those authorities and responsibilities.

Further, the bill provides for expedited consideration of a joint resolution to repeal the Twenty-third Amendment to the Constitution (which allows DC citizens to vote in presidential elections).

The bill also establishes a commission to advise the President, Congress, and DC and commonwealth leaders on the transition.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2023:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E3-4)
- **Jan 9, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 9, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, Armed Services, the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jan 6, 2023:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1)