

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 69 (STATE AFFAIRS)****IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA****SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION****BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE****Offered: 3/20/92****Referred: Rules****Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES B.DAVIS, Koponen****A RESOLUTION****1 Urging Congress to grant statehood to the District of Columbia.****2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:****3 WHEREAS** there are over 650,000 citizens of the District of Columbia who are precluded from  
**4 full participation in national affairs because, lacking statehood, the district has no voting representative**  
**5 in the Congress; and****6 WHEREAS** these citizens are also denied the freedom to control their local affairs because the  
**7 Congress has retained oversight, even for daily functions such as garbage collection schedules as well**  
**8 as for the district's budget and court system; and****9 WHEREAS** lack of statehood harms the district fiscally because special federal taxing restrictions  
**10 prohibit the district from taxing approximately 60 percent of its work force; and****11 WHEREAS** it is an ironic injustice that the residents of the world's center of democracy must  
**12 live with these constraints at a time when people around the world are gaining autonomy and political**  
**13 recognition of their rights to be free, and the United States has expressed its commitment to self-**  
**14 determination in other nations, such as Kuwait; and****15 WHEREAS** H.R. 2482 and S. 2023 would admit the district as New Columbia, the 51st state;  
**16 and****17 WHEREAS** the addition of two senators and a representative from New Columbia would benefit

1 not only its residents but would also assist in advancing the cause of working people, women, and  
2 democracy everywhere; and

3       **WHEREAS** Congressional support for statehood for Washington, D.C., has increased  
4 significantly in the past year, due in large measure to the efforts of the people and congressional  
5 delegation of Washington, D.C.;

6       **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature strongly urges the Congress to pass  
7 H.R. 2482, S. 2023, or any similar legislation in order to provide statehood for the District of Columbia.

8       **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the  
9 United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore  
10 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the  
11 Honorable Jim Sasser, U.S. Senator, chair of the Senate Subcommittee on General Services, Federalism,  
12 and the District of Columbia; the Honorable Edward M. Kennedy, U.S. Senator; the Honorable Paul  
13 Simon, U.S. Senator; the Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton, U.S. Representative; and the Honorable  
14 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don  
15 Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.