

**SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 69 (STATE AFFAIRS)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Offered: 4/17/92
Referred: Judiciary**

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 of even the smallest municipal functions as well as for the district's
8 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 ironic that the residents of the world's center of democracy must live with these
12 constraints at a time when people around the world are gaining autonomy and political recognition of
13 their rights to be free; and**

**14 WHEREAS it is fundamentally unjust for these citizens of the United States to remain
15 unrepresented in Congress; and**

**16 WHEREAS H.R. 4718 and S. 2023 would admit the district as New Columbia, the 51st state;
17 and**

1 **WHEREAS** the addition of two senators and a representative from New Columbia would benefit
2 not only its residents but would also assist in advancing the cause of democracy in the United States and
3 abroad; and

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

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature strongly urges the Congress to pass
8 H.R. 4718, S. 2023, or any similar legislation in order to provide statehood for the District of Columbia.

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