

# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

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### MEMORANDUM

February 6, 2020

**To: Members of the Committee on Oversight and Reform**  
**Fr: Committee Staff**  
**Re: Committee Business Meeting on D.C. Statehood Bill**

**On Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building**, the Committee will hold a business meeting to consider legislation to make Washington, D.C. the 51st state.

On January 3, 2019, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton introduced H.R. 51, the Washington, D.C. Admission Act. On September 19, 2019, the Committee held a hearing on H.R. 51. Congresswoman Norton will introduce a revised version of the bill before the business meeting.

The bill would admit the State of Washington, Douglass Commonwealth into the Union and reduce the size of the federal district. The State would consist of 66 of the 68 square miles of the present-day federal district. The federal district would consist of the remaining two square miles, including the White House, the Capitol, the Supreme Court, the principal federal monuments, and the federal buildings adjacent to the National Mall.

Staff contacts: Mark Stephenson at 202-225-5051 or Brad Truding at 202-225-8050.

Committee Rule 2(g) authorizes the Chair of the Committee to prioritize the consideration of amendments filed 24 hours in advance of the consideration of matters before the Committee or Subcommittees. Pursuant to this rule, and at the Chair's discretion, the Committee may consider amendments that are pre-filed with the Committee Clerk prior to amendments offered at a markup.

Members should pre-file amendments with the Clerk of the Committee by emailing a searchable, electronic PDF copy of the amendment prepared by the House Legislative Counsel to the Clerks ([Oversight\\_Clerks@mail.house.gov](mailto:Oversight_Clerks@mail.house.gov)) no later than 24 hours in advance of the scheduled start of a business meeting in which the measure or matter to be amended will be considered.

Members are asked to include in the email accompanying the amendment text:

- (1) the name(s) of the Member(s) who will offer the amendment;
- (2) the name and number of the measure to be amended;
- (3) a brief, one-sentence description of the amendment; and
- (4) the name and phone number of a staff member who will serve as the point of contact for the amendment.

Pre-filed amendments will be compiled into a single roster, and the roster will be made available to Committee Members prior to business meetings.

Any amendment to a measure or matter before the Committee or a Subcommittee should be germane to the measure or matter, including in scope, subject matter, and Committee consideration.

The texts of measures to be considered should be available on the Committee Repository hosted on the Rules Committee website 48 hours in advance of the markup.