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HOUSE RESOLUTION 26

A RESOLUTION expressing regret that New Hampshire's United States Senators voted to deny the District of Columbia the right to be represented in the Congress.

SPONSORS: Rep. Rosenwald, Hills 22; Rep. Splaine, Rock 16; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 24

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

ANALYSIS

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eight

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1 Whereas, nearly 600,000 residents of the District of Columbia pay taxes to the federal
2 government but are denied a voting representative in the Congress of the United States; and

3 Whereas, on January 18, 2007, Senator Judd Gregg of New Hampshire stated that, "Our
4 primary purpose in Iraq is to create an atmosphere in the Middle East where people will look at
5 democracy, at liberty and say: It works;" and

6 Whereas, on February 2, 2005, Senator John E. Sununu stated the following regarding the wars
7 in Iraq and Afghanistan, "Overseas, we've seen great progress with successful elections in Iraq,
8 Afghanistan, and for the Palestinian presidency. The President and his administration will continue
9 to support institutions and people around the world that are working to improve human rights, create
10 representational government, and spread economic freedom. Those are principles that America has
11 stood by time and time again, and we should emphasize them in our country's diplomatic and
12 national security policies;" and

13 Whereas, on September 18, 2007, the Senate of the United States was asked to consider S. 1257,
14 the "District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2007;" and

15 Whereas, S. 1257 would provide the residents of the District of Columbia with a voting member in
16 the United States House of Representatives; and

17 Whereas, Senators Judd Gregg and John E. Sununu, both of New Hampshire, voted against
18 S. 1257; and

19 Whereas, to date, 5 residents of the District of Columbia have been killed fighting to promote
20 representative democracy in Afghanistan and Iraq; and

21 Whereas, before their deaths, these 5 soldiers were denied representation in the Congress of the
22 United States; and

23 Whereas, the decision to vote in favor of sending American citizens to fight in a foreign country
24 for the purpose of establishing a democracy there while simultaneously voting to deny American
25 citizens the opportunity to fully participate in their own democracy is inconsistent with a commitment
26 to democratic principles; now, therefore, be it

27 Resolved by the House of Representatives:

28 That the New Hampshire house of representatives declares its regret that the United States
29 Senators from New Hampshire voted to deny the citizens of the District of Columbia an opportunity
30 to fully participate in the Congress of the United States; and

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1 That the New Hampshire house of representatives formally declares its support for full
2 representative democracy for all United States citizens, including the residents of the District of
3 Columbia; and

4 That the house clerk transmit copies of this resolution to Senator Judd Gregg,
5 Senator John E. Sununu, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, and the Chairman of the Council of
6 the District of Columbia, so that they may be apprised of the sentiments of the New Hampshire house
7 of representatives on this matter.