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SPEAKER MARVEL: The Legislature will come to order. We are ready to take up LR 30 as soon as we get legislators back in the chamber. The Clerk....

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kahle and Senator Kelly ask unanimous consent to have their names added to LR 30 as cointroducers.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Hearing no objections, so ordered. May we, may the Legislature come back to order please so that we can consider this one item. When this is completed the work for the day will be over. We are considering LR 30. The Clerk will first...the Chair will first recognize Senator Haberman. Senator Haberman, you have the floor.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, fellow legislators. The 95th Congress of the United States adopt the following proposition to amend the U.S. Constitution to say, the District shall be treated as though it were a state. The District shall be treated as though it were a state. That is the issue. Call it what you will the District of Columbia in fact is just a big city. To give it the power even approaching that of individual states is a distortion. If all areas of 690,000 population and 67 square miles should have individual voting rights then why not a whole new series of city states? Since the District of Columbia is not a state and was not never intended to be, we should not treat it as such. The District of Columbia produces no wealth. They have no factories, they have no automobile factories, they have no fields of corn or wheat, no chicken farms, cattle ranges, mineral resources or stands of timber. The District of Columbia produces no wealth. It lives entirely on taxes imposed upon other states. Although the District of Columbia produces no wealth, Washington wallows in wealth. They have the highest salaries for comparable tasks in Washington than anywhere else in the country. The entertainment industry, the restaurant business and all sorts of subordinate or ancillary businesses are booming. Who pays for all of this? The working people, the working people of Maine, Colorado, Colorado, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. We are all paying for this. The principle argument offered in favor of the DC representation is that the District residents pay federal taxes so they deserve representation in the federal government. Well let's look at the facts. The District of Columbia residents get more back from the government than they put in. Where else in the United States of America does this happen? Besides providing two-fifths of the District payroll the federal government gives direct payment of three hundred