

of Representatives. Please consider that on a per capita basis district residents pay more federal taxes. Are you listening? District residents pay more federal taxes, a total of more than a billion dollars a year more than forty-nine other states. Two hundred thirty seven district residents were killed in the Vietnam War. Yet neither they nor their families had a voice in Congressional appropriations for that war. The District has a greater population than ten states, greater than New Hampshire, Idaho, Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota, Nevada, Delaware, Vermont, Alaska and Wyoming. Of a hundred and fifteen countries with national legislatures, only the United States and Brazil, a military dictatorship, deny full representation to the citizens of the Federal District. Do you like being in that category? District residents pay high local taxes, yet how those taxes are spent is determined by Congress without voting representation of District representation. In 1978 Congress passed a constitutional amendment which would provide full voting representation but not full state rights except in that category. Opponents to full representation make several misleading claims. They say providing voting members of the House is sufficient. It is untrue. The Senate is a unique body. It alone is charged with confirming presidential appointments including those to the Supreme Court. Full national political parties had platforms speaking to the need for the voters to have the right for representation in the 1976 platforms, both your national Republican platform and your national Democrat platform. It is not practical to return the property to the states which originally seceded it. Article V of the Constitution grants states alone the right to Congressional representation. Eminent constitutional scholars deny that Article V was intended to limit democratic representation. The compromise between large and small states led to the formation of both houses would not be undone and that the representation in the Senate would not be put on the basis of population. That purpose is not compromised by allowing the District to have two senators any more than it is when a new state is admitted. It is not only unjust, it is immoral to deny them voting representation because someone is fearful that they may elect a liberal, a black, someone who has different views than you or I hold. That is not a legal or a moral basis for denying them the vote. Mr. President, I move that LR 30 be indefinitely postponed.

PRESIDENT: Motion, Mr. Clerk? The motion is being brought up. We will stand by until we get the motion. Motion on the desk.