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House Votes to Pass D.C. Statehood Scheme, Despite the Legislation's Unconstitutionality

The Democrat Party just got one step closer to taking [absolute control](#) over the United States.

On Thursday, the U.S. House of Representatives [voted 216 to 208](#) to pass [H.R. 51](#), which is titled the “Washington, D.C. Admissions Act.” The vote was strictly on a party line, with every Democrat in favor and every Republican opposed.

H.R. 51 would admit Washington, D.C., as the 51st state, something that would add [two additional](#) U.S. senators from a solidly Democrat constituency. The center of D.C., comprising the White House, U.S. Capitol, and other government buildings, would remain a federal district.



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H.R. 51 now goes to the U.S. Senate for consideration. The bill's prospects in the chamber are far less certain, partially because of the existence of the filibuster which requires a 60-vote threshold to pass legislation. However, the survival of the filibuster itself is [in doubt](#), as Democrats are seeking to abolish or change it to ram through far-left legislation. As a sign of the level of support in the Senate, companion bill [S. 51](#) has 45 sponsors and co-sponsors.

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Joe Biden's reaction to H.R. 51, should it arrive at his desk, is not in doubt. On April 20, the White House Office of Management and Budget [announced](#) the administration “strongly supports” the bill.

As *The New American* has [previously reported](#), H.R. 51 is unconstitutional for multiple reasons. For example, [Article I, Section 8, Clause 17](#), of the U.S. Constitution makes clear that the capital is not to be a state, and it does not give Congress authority to make it a separate state.

The [23rd Amendment](#) reinforces the status of Washington, D.C., as a separate entity. As [phrased](#) by attorney R. Hewitt Pate, it “recognizes an existing district of government of a particular size” and “refers to the District as a permanent constitutional entity.” This amendment would need to be changed before D.C. can achieve statehood.

Furthermore, until the Obama administration instigated a [radical shift](#) in the Department of Justice's position, Democrat and Republican presidential administrations [all agreed](#) that a constitutional amendment is necessary to make Washington, D.C., a state.

Thus, in voting to pass H.R. 51, congressional Democrats are steamrolling the Constitution to achieve their goal of two additional Democrat-held Senate seats. Unfortunately, this is only one of the multiple [far-left and socialist priorities](#) they are currently pushing.

This illustrates the necessity for patriots to continually educate others about the U.S. Constitution and



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Americanism, and for them to ceaselessly put pressure on their elected officials. If so, the far-left will not have the last laugh.

To urge your U.S. senators to reject this unconstitutional Washington, D.C. statehood scheme, visit The John Birch Society's legislative alert [here](#).



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