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ONE MINUTE, 30 SECOND OPENING STATEMENT BY SEN. HUMPHREY ON HOME RULE:

*Have Home Rule - Reps Gave*

*Present is cumbersome*  
I STRONGLY FAVOR HOME RULE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

*violates*  
~~WHAT DOES "HOME RULE" MEAN? IT MEANS THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITY~~

CONTROL THE PROGRAMS OF THEIR LOCAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH ELECTED, MUNICIPAL

OFFICIALS. THIS IS A RIGHT ENJOYED AND PRESERVED BY EVERY VILLAGE, TOWN

AND CITY IN THE UNITED STATES---EXCEPT WASHINGTON, D.C.

SINCE THE CIVIL WAR, THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON HAVE BEEN GOVERNED BY

THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS IN THEIR MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS. INDEED, WASHINGTON'S

"CITY COUNCIL" IS THE CONGRESS. AND IT IS UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT EFFICIENT

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WHEN THE CITY COUNCIL IS COMPOSED OF 535 MEMBERS. THIS

*System* IS NOT ONLY UNFAIR; IT IS CUMBERSOME AND INEFFICIENT.

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THE LACK OF HOME RULE FOR WASHINGTON IS ALSO INCONSISTENT WITH THIS

COUNTRY'S TRADITIONS OF DEMOCRACY AND REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, AND MAKES

A MOCKERY OF AMERICA'S INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND POLICIES TO ENCOURAGE

DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES IN OTHER NATIONS. FOR TWO DECADES, THIS NATION HAS

PROTESTED COLONIALISM AROUND THE WORLD. BUT THE PEOPLE AND THE CITY OF

WASHINGTON REPRESENT THE MOST PRIMITIVE FORM OF COLONIALISM: THEY HAVE NO

*People Flood in Wash D.C. from all over  
N.Y. City is worse too*

(MORE)

*① Art 1 -  
Series  
Home Rule fails*

*Every  
State  
has  
Power*

*capital*

*So as London  
Paris  
Rome  
Oslo  
Copenhagen*

DIRECT VOICE OR VOTE IN THE CONDUCT OF THEIR MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

FINALLY, THE PRESENT CUMBERSOME, INEFFICIENT, UNFAIR, UNDEMOCRATIC AND UNREPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT FOR WASHINGTON, D.C., BLOCKS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND CIVIC CONSCIOUSNESS BY THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY. WASHINGTON, LIKE EVERY OTHER MAJOR CITY IN THE UNITED STATES, HAS TREMENDOUS PROBLEMS AND FACES TREMENDOUS CHALLENGES. BUT WITHOUT THE SENSE OF CIVIC PRIDE AND COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY WHICH EVERY OTHER CITY ENJOYS THROUGH HOME RULE, WASHINGTON IS HINDERED IN ITS ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE ITS PROBLEMS AND RESPOND TO ITS CHALLENGES.

BEFORE THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON WERE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, THEY WERE THIRD-CLASS CITIZENS. IF THEY ARE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS, THEY WILL STILL BE ONLY SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS. UNTIL THEY HAVE HOME RULE, THEY WILL NOT BE FIRST-CLASS CITIZENS.

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(X) — Pres + Vice Pres CLOSE  
Repus in Congress

SUGGESTED ONE MINUTE, CLOSING COMMENT BY SENATOR HUMPHREY:

THE GREATEST GENERAL NEED FOR WASHINGTON, D.C., IS FOR HOME RULE---  
THE SYSTEM OF LOCALLY ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS ENJOYED BY EVERY CITY  
IN THE UNITED STATES EXCEPT WASHINGTON.

THE MOST URGENT, SPECIFIC NEED FOR WASHINGTON IS FOR A MODERN AND  
EFFICIENT SCHOOL SYSTEM.

EDUCATION IS IS A MAJOR KEY TO THE SOLUTION OF MOST OF WASHINGTON'S  
PRESSING PROBLEMS OF CRIME, WELFARE AND UNEMPLOYMENT. POLICE DOGS AND  
RELIEF PAYMENTS WON'T SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS. WELL-EDUCATED AND SKILLED  
CITIZENS WILL.

BUT THE SCHOOLS OF WASHINGTON, D.C., ARE A LOCAL AND NATIONAL DIS-  
GRACE. SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND TEACHERS ARE DEDICATED AND CONSCIENTIOUS, BUT  
THAT IS NOT ENOUGH. TODAY, THE CHILDREN OF THIS CITY ARE THWARTED IN THEIR  
PROGRESS BY OBSOLETE BOOKS, NON-EXISTENT SCHOOL LIBRARIES, OVERWORKED TEACHERS  
AND CROWDED SCHOOL ROOMS AND BUILDINGS WHICH ARE OFTEN LITTLE MORE THAN FIRETRAPS.

BETTER SCHOOLS, ADEQUATE SUPPLIES, MORE TEACHERS AND MORE LIBRARIES ARE  
NEEDED IMMEDIATELY---FOR BOTH GENERAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING. AS  
LONG AS CONGRESS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GOVERNING WASHINGTON---AS LONG AS THIS

CITY DOES NOT HAVE HOME RULE---CONGRESS MUST PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP AND THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO MEET THESE NEEDS.

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