



*Congresswoman*

# Eleanor Holmes Norton

*Special Voting Rights Issue*

*Fall 2002*

# Flash!

## 9-0 for D.C. Voting Rights!!

**Senate Governmental Affairs Committee**

**October 9, 2002**

*1st Vote in Senate in a Generation  
It Won't be the Last!*



*D.C. voting rights gets the thumbs up from Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, Congressional Black Caucus Chair Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, and Congresswoman Norton at a Senate hearing on the D.C. voting rights bill.*

*Every Democratic Senator\* attended and voted YES in roll call vote:*



- Joe Lieberman, Connecticut
- Carl Levin, Michigan
- Daniel Akaka, Hawaii
- Richard Durbin, Illinois
- Bob Torricelli, New Jersey
- Max Cleland, Georgia
- Tom Carper, Delaware
- Jean Carnahan, Missouri
- Mark Dayton, Minnesota

***The Congresswoman captures momentum from the strong Senate vote! see back***

\*Republicans did not attend **any** committee meetings on the day of the vote to protest a Judiciary Committee decision on a nominee.

## *Taxation Demands Representation*

# What's Next for D.C.'s Vote?

## Watch for Special Town Meeting on D.C. Voting Rights!

Legal scholars say D.C. can get voting rights by legislation or constitutional amendment.

**Which should we choose?**

### D.C. Voting Rights Bill

- ❖ Majority passage in House and Senate plus the President's signature
- ❖ Could be challenged in court
- ❖ Could possibly be repealed

### D.C. Voting Rights Constitutional Amendment

- ❖ Two-thirds of House and Senate and three-fourths of state legislatures
- ❖ Permanent addition to the Constitution
- ❖ 1978 Voting Rights Amendment ratified by only 16 states, not the necessary 38 states

### From the War to End Taxation Without Representation until Today Service in all American Wars without a Vote

World War I.....635 casualties: more than 3 states

World War II .....3,575 casualties: more than 4 states

Korean War.....547 casualties: more than 8 states

Vietnam War .....243 casualties: more than 10 states

Today DC has a larger population than the state of Wyoming

### DC Teenager Wins Essay Contest Demands a Vote in Congress



The Congresswoman congratulates Anthony Speight of Paul Junior High School, the 1st place winner in a voting rights essay contest, sponsored by DC Vote.

## Recent D.C. Voting Rights Highlights

**1993**—Two day debate and vote in the House on Norton's D.C. Statehood bill

**1993**—Norton wins the vote on House floor in Committee of the Whole on most House business

**1995**—Delegate vote is rescinded by new Republican majority in the House

**1998**—Norton introduces D.C. congressional voting rights bill instead of statehood bill after D.C. gives up major state costs

**2000**—U.S. Supreme Court rejects two D.C. voting rights cases

**2001**—Norton and Senator Joe Lieberman introduce the *No Taxation Without Representation Act* for D.C. voting rights

### 2002

★ National D.C. Voting Rights Coalition formed. Leads D.C. residents to meetings with every Senate office

★ Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle meets with D.C. leaders. Sponsors bill

★ Norton gets first Senate and House voting rights hearings in a generation

★ Senate Governmental Affairs Committee passes bill. Sends voting rights to the Senate floor

### Norton Applauds Shadow Rep. Browne for Securing State and Local Government Support for D.C. Voting Rights

Hawaii ★ Illinois ★ Missouri ★  
Atlanta ★ Baltimore ★ Chicago ★  
Cleveland ★ Detroit ★ Los Angeles  
★ New Orleans ★ Philadelphia ★  
San Francisco

The resolutions passed by state and local governments, thanks to the outstanding efforts of Shadow Rep. Ray Browne, alert Members of Congress to the growing support for D.C. voting rights throughout the country and in their states. *Thank you Ray!*



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