

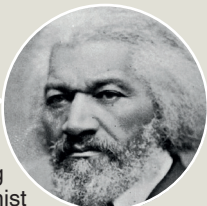
U.S. capital's bid for statehood

The *Washington DC Admission Act* would make the United States' capital the 51st state, granting voting rights in the House of Representatives and Senate to its more than 705,700 residents



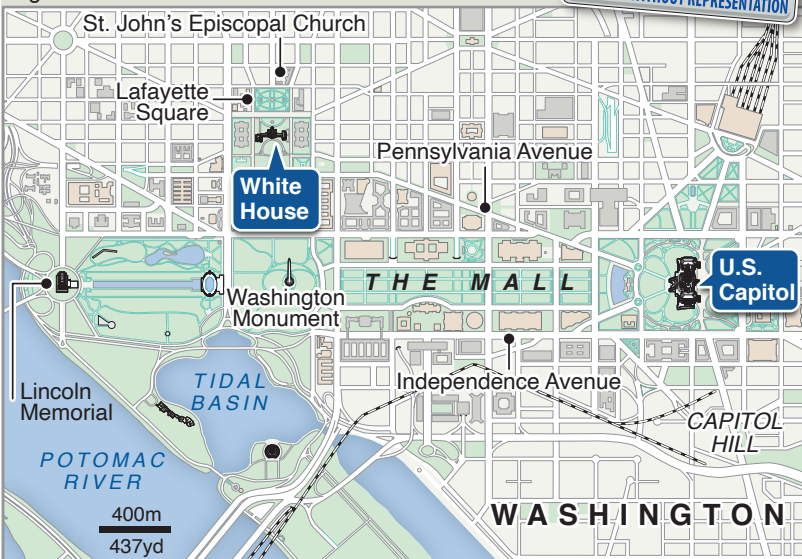
■ **Eleanor Holmes Norton:** District of Columbia's non-voting delegate introduces DC statehood bill

■ **Frederick Douglass:** Act will change District of Columbia to *Douglass Commonwealth*, maintaining DC abbreviation – paying homage to African-American abolitionist



■ **Washington DC:** Bill carves out space for capital district in which federal government retains complete control

■ **Home Rule:** End to Congress control of all council legislation before it can become law



■ **Taxation:** DC residents pay taxes, but have little influence on how taxpayer dollars are spent – situation emblazoned by licence plate slogan *Taxation without Representation*

■ **President Trump has vowed to veto any DC statehood legislation**