



Congresswoman

Eleanor Holmes Norton

National Support Keeps Growing for Full D.C. Voting Rights

Norton Questions the President on Voting Rights

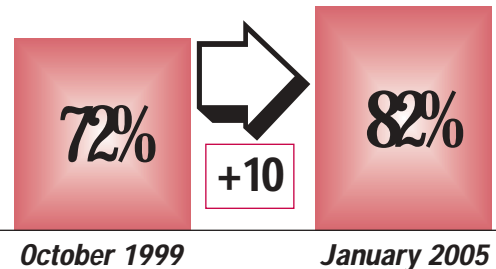


Pablo Martinez Monsivais, Associated Press

The President told the Congresswoman he opposes D.C. rights at a White House meeting with Black Members. She is pictured here with Sen. Barack Obama (IL) and Rep William Clay Jr. (MO) speaking with reporters after the meeting.

82% of Americans Support Equal Voting Rights for DC

Up 10 points in 5 years!



DC Vote poll shows a huge and growing super majority of public support regardless of party, region, age, race, gender or religion for full representation for D.C. citizens.

Alert!

An Urgent Norton Town Meeting on Bill to Repeal D.C.'s Gun Safety Laws!!

HEAR

Mayor Anthony Williams

"I am incensed by any Congressional proposal that uses District residents as pawns . . . an insult to the memory of the people who have died in this city due to gun violence."

MPD Chief Charles Ramsey

"We need fewer, not more, weapons on our streets."

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Shaw Junior High School
925 Rhode Island Avenue, NW

Metro: Shaw-Howard University

(8th & R St. Exit)—Green Line

Buses: 70, 62, 68, 90

Parking: Limited Street Spaces

Come Speak Up!

" Citizens have been rising up and calling my office since learning of this latest attack on our gun safety laws that are supported overwhelmingly by our residents and businesses."

Congresswoman Norton

Jobs!

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Norton 8th Annual Job Fair

Tuesday, July 12, 2005

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where D.C. Residents Get Real Jobs!

Plus

Don't miss workshops at 10:00 a.m.

Interviewing Skills ❖ Preparing a Resume ❖ Completing Federal & D.C. Employment Applications ❖ Dressing for Success

The Washington Convention Center

Grand Ballroom

801 Mount Vernon Place, NW

Use Mt. Vernon Place Entrance

Many Private, Federal & D.C. Employers with Jobs

Job Fair For D.C. Residents Only

Must Have Valid D.C. ID—

(D.C. driver's license or non-driver's license, voter registration card)

or other Proof of DC Residency-- (Utility bills, pay stubs, leases, etc.)

Dress in Business Attire

(Please avoid jeans, sneakers & athletic wear.)

Bring Resumes

Metro: Mt. Vernon Square/7th St.-

Convention Center — Green & Yellow Lines

Gallery Place — Red Line

Buses: 70, 71, 66, G8, P6

Parking: Private Lots & Street Meters

D.C. Residents Only!

Both Sides Speak for Themselves on Who is Blocking the Davis Bill

From Rep. Bob Menendez, House Democratic Caucus Chair:

“Democratic leadership in Congress has been responsible for the District’s progress toward full democracy – Home Rule, the Voting Rights Amendment, and the floor vote in the Committee of the Whole (withdrawn by the Republicans). If there were any reasonable chance of obtaining a House vote on the floor for D.C., the minority – which has long supported votes in the Senate and the House – would be first in the line....Recent editorials in both of Utah’s major daily papers reinforced concerns about the Davis bill. Like minority members in Congress, both papers believe D.C. should have a House vote. Both papers said, however, that the balance intended by the Davis bill would be virtually impossible unless steps were taken to assure that result...Moreover, Speaker Dennis Hastert has been explicit about the six principles that guide his decisions in the House. Principle #5, he said, is that unless forced by the majority, he will not ‘abandon my party’s

position under any circumstances.... I do not feel comfortable scheduling any controversial legislation unless I know we have the votes on our side first’ [emphasis added]. One of Utah’s representatives has figured out that because of population growth, Utah no longer needs the Davis bill, a calculus not lost on his leadership. When opportunities have opened to move

forward for full democracy for the District, Democrats have been there first. Most recently, D.C.’s historic vote in the Committee of the Whole on most House business, the first ever floor vote, was a major step forward. I challenge the Republican House majority to return the vote they took. Be

assured that the minority will join the majority whenever they are ready to use their majority in all three branches to go the rest of the way.”

—ADAPTED FROM A REPLY TO A [WASHINGTON POST](#) EDITORIAL

From a Member of the Majority Leadership on the Davis Bill:

“No way — that would be turning over control of the federal government to D.C.”

—RESPONSE TO A D.C. RESIDENT, [ROLL CALL](#), 4/7/05



Norton & Sen. Lieberman Introduce D.C.’s Voting Rights Bill in House & Senate

Congresswoman Norton and Sen. Joe Lieberman listen to Andy Shallal, a D.C. businessman born in Iraq, who spoke at a Senate news conference introducing her voting rights bill. Shallal said, “People like me of Iraqi ancestry . . . are entitled and encouraged to vote in the Iraq elections. But I am an American citizen . . . in . . . a city denied voting rights. I cannot escape the irony.” Sen. Lieberman, the primary Senate sponsor said, “This bill would make us the fully representative democracy we claim to be.”



Norton Tackles Anacostia River Clean Up In Two Ways

1 **First Comprehensive Anacostia River Clean up Bill has Bipartisan Regional Cosponsors**

Funded 10-year plan targets the combined sewer overflow system and run-offs from federal facilities.

2 **Norton’s Anacostia River Amendment in the Water Resources Development Act**

Speeds up the due date for the plan to one year after the bill passes.

Norton Leads Opposition to Reactionary Judges by Black Members

As Congressional Black Caucus Chair for Judicial Nominations, Norton led the CBC effort in Congress against California Supreme Court Justice Janice Rogers Brown and former Alabama Attorney General William Pryor. She said that these two were “wholly unacceptable because of their records on racial and ethnic discrimination and on federal laws and federal court rulings that have been responsible for the progress of Blacks and Hispanics in our country.” Justice Brown has rejected the civil rights remedies Congress has enacted and the courts have approved. Judge Pryor has been the country’s leading opponent of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.



Norton speaks at a Senate news conference about her opposition to the judicial nominations with Black Members and Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid.



Southeast Federal Center Turns Key on Jobs and Big Dollars for D.C.

Forest City Washington President Deborah Ratner Salzberg accepts keys from GSA Regional Administrator Donald Williams and Norton to develop 42 acres of prime land on the Anacostia River, made possible by Norton's Southeast Federal Center bill. Also pictured are GSA Administrator Stephen Perry, left, and Rep. Steven LaTourette (OH).

During the 17-year Construction Period Alone!!

- ▲ 5,200 jobs ▲ \$54 million sales & income taxes
- ▲ \$324 million personal income ▲ \$2 billion business sales

Novel Norton Bill Would Solve D.C.'s Need for Land & Fed's Structural Imbalance Debt to D.C.

Valuable Land

D.C. General Hospital Site (Reservation 13)
+
Poplar Point

to D.C. Free of Charge to Produce Annual Revenue

In Partial Payment For

D.C.'s Federally Imposed Structural Imbalance (caused by federal use of D.C. land/services to 200,000 federal employees/state costs)

Norton Gets First Congressional Action on Rail Security in Homeland Security Bill



Breakthrough on CSX and Other Hazardous Rail Shipments

- ▲ Hazardous Materials Security Plan for rail and trucks
- ▲ Coordination between First Responders and shippers of hazardous materials
- ▲ Develop and implement security training programs for employees

Some Norton SAFE TRAINS Act Amendments Also in House Bill

- ▲ Develop best security practices for public transportation systems
- ▲ Develop national public security plan to increase public awareness of how to prevent and respond to terrorist attacks

D.C. Sisters Grateful for Norton's Tuition Bill at College Graduation



"Gaining assistance from the D.C. Tuition Assistance Grant Program (DCTAG) guaranteed successful completion without an outstanding financial obligation. LaKena received \$35,200, LaKeisha received \$29,800. LaKena will be graduating with a B.S. in math and a concentration in engineering. LaKeisha will be graduating with a B.S. in sociology with concentration on the family."

Letter to Congresswoman Norton from LaKena and LaKeisha Grimes, Tennessee State University

Go to www.norton.house.gov for information about DCTAG.

Norton's Long Campaign Timeline for Charter Service at Reagan National Pays Off

- ▲ Shortly after 9-11 Norton presses reopening of Reagan, only airport with no general aviation service
- ▲ Works to get bipartisan support of leadership of Transportation Committee and hearing
- ▲ Norton amendment requiring plan for reopening passed in 2003
- ▲ Norton welcomes reopening to come by fall, but objects to unnecessary, cumbersome restrictions

All New Appropriations Line-Up

Rep. Jerry Lewis (CA)

- ▲ First year as chair, House Appropriations Committee.
- ▲ Prior service on the D.C. Appropriations Subcommittee.
- ▲ 14th term.
- *"A good personal friend and a good friend of the city."

Rep. Joe Knollenberg (MI)

- ▲ First year as chair of the new Transportation, Treasury, HUD, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee.
- ▲ 2000-02 chair, D.C. Appropriations Subcommittee.
- ▲ 7th term.
- *"A pleasure to work with this very fair and helpful colleague."

Sen. Thad Cochran (MS)

- ▲ First year as Senate Appropriations Committee Chair.
- ▲ Former member of the House.
- ▲ 5th Term in the Senate.
- *"A consensus builder who reached out when named chair. Voted for Home Rule Act."

Sen. Sam Brownback (KS)

- ▲ First year as chair of Senate D.C. Appropriations Subcommittee.
- ▲ Former chair of D.C. authorizing committee in Senate.
- ▲ 3rd term in the Senate.
- *"A good personal friend who helped us when state costs were transferred to the federal government."

From Bad to Worse

The President Adds More Cuts to His Social Security Partial Privatization Plan

Calls for Benefit Cuts as a First, Not Last Resort

40% cut in Benefits for the average wage earner and survivors.

Middle-Class Benefit Cuts: 70% of future retirees would face benefit cuts, even if they had no private account.

Double cut for private account holders: A privatization reduction in benefits to repay Social Security for funds diverted to private accounts PLUS the 40% cut in benefits for 70% of earners.

Effect on Seniors: Loss of \$6 trillion to privatization over 20 years would reduce amount now in the Social Security Trust Fund and cast doubt on promise of no cut for today's Seniors.



Norton Gets Walter Reed/ Bolling AFB Hearing Moved to D.C.

The Congresswoman is leading D.C.'s uphill battle to keep Walter Reed Army Medical Center here. Norton is organizing the hearing on the Walter Reed closing and job losses at Bolling Air Force Base and the Naval District, usually a task for the senior Senator from a state. She negotiated with BRAC Commissioners and staff to move the hearing to D.C., first from Baltimore, and then from Virginia.

Norton, with USAF Gen. Lloyd Newton (Retired), a Commissioner on the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC), comments about her findings following a site visit to Walter Reed.

Critical Medicare Prescription Drug Dates for Seniors!

**You must choose a plan between
Nov. 15 – Dec. 31, 2005.**

■
**Your coverage begins
January 1, 2006.**

■
**You will be automatically enrolled
ONLY if you now have Medicaid or
Supplemental Security Income.**

For information, call 1-800-MEDICARE

Your Turn! *You Can Testify at the BRAC Hearing*

**on the Proposed Walter Reed Move Out of D.C. and the Loss
of 400 Jobs at Bolling, 360 in the Naval District**

NEW TIME & LOCATION!

Thursday, July 7, 2005

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Room 345 Cannon HOB
1st & C Streets, SE
Capitol South Metro
Blue & Orange Lines**

To testify email www.norton.house.gov or
call 225-8050 for more information.

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*Hearing Organized by Congresswoman
Eleanor Holmes Norton for D.C. residents,
employees and military.*



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