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Granting the consent and approval of Congress for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to amend the Washington Area Transit Regulation Compact.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK (for herself, Mr. BEYER, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. DELANEY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RASKIN, and Mr. HOYER) submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Congress in title III of the Fixing America's
6 Surface Transportation Act (section 3026, Public
7 Law 114–94) provided sole authority to the Sec-

1 tory and two for the Federal Government (one of whom
2 shall be a regular passenger and customer of the bus or
3 rail service of the Authority). For Virginia, the Directors
4 shall be appointed by the Northern Virginia Transpor-
5 tation Commission; for the District of Columbia by the
6 Council of the District of Columbia; for Maryland, by the
7 Washington Suburban Transit Commission; and for the
8 Federal Government, by the Secretary of the United
9 States Department of Transportation. For Virginia and
10 Maryland, the Directors shall be appointed from among
11 the members of the appointing body, except as otherwise
12 provided herein, and shall serve for a term coincident with
13 their term on the appointing body. A Director for a Signa-
14 tory may be removed or suspended from office only as pro-
15 vided by the law of the Signatory from which he was ap-
16 pointed. The non-Federal appointing authorities shall also
17 appoint an alternate for each Director. In addition, the
18 Secretary of the United States Department of Transpor-
19 tation shall also appoint two nonvoting members who shall
20 serve as the alternates for the Federal Directors. An alter-
21 nate Director may act only in the absence of the Director
22 for whom he has been appointed an alternate, except that,
23 in the case of the District of Columbia where only one
24 Director and his alternate are present, such alternate may
25 act on behalf of the absent Director. Each alternate, in-

1 cluding the Federal nonvoting Directors, shall serve at the
 2 pleasure of the appointing authority. In the event of a va-
 3 cancy in the Office of Director or alternate, it shall be
 4 filled in the same manner as an original appointment.

5 “(b) Before entering upon the duties of his office
 6 each Director and alternate director shall take and sub-
 7 scribe to the following oath (or affirmation) of office or
 8 any such other oath or affirmation, if any, as the Constitu-
 9 tion or laws of the Government he represents shall provide:
 10 ‘I, _____, here-
 11 by solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and de-
 12 fend the Constitution of the United States and the Con-
 13 stitution and Laws of the state or political jurisdiction
 14 from which I was appointed as a Director (alternate direc-
 15 tor) of the Board of Washington Metropolitan Area Tran-
 16 sit Authority and will faithfully discharge the duties of the
 17 office upon which I am about to enter.’”.

18 **SEC. 3. RIGHT TO ALTER, AMEND, OR REPEAL.**

19 The right to alter, amend, or repeal this joint resolu-
 20 tion is expressly reserved. The consent granted by this
 21 joint resolution shall not be construed as impairing or in
 22 any manner affecting any right or jurisdiction of the
 23 United States in and over the region that forms the sub-
 24 ject of the Compact.

1 **SEC. 4. CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY.**

2 It is intended that the provisions of this Compact
3 shall be reasonably and liberally construed to effectuate
4 the purposes thereof. If any part or application of this
5 Compact, or legislation enabling the Compact, is held in-
6 valid, the remainder of the Compact or its application to
7 other situations or persons shall not be affected.

8 **SEC. 5. INCONSISTENCY OF LANGUAGE.**

9 The validity of this Compact shall not be affected by
10 any insubstantial differences in its form or language as
11 adopted by the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of
12 Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

13 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14 This joint resolution shall take effect on the date of
15 enactment of this joint resolution.

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