

2021 South Dakota Legislature
Senate Concurrent Resolution 601

AMENDMENT SCR601A FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the members of South Dakota's congressional**
2 **delegation to vote against any act admitting the District of Columbia as a**
3 **separate state.**

4 WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is a special geographical area, designated as the seat
5 of the national government of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has essentially no economic characteristics of any of
7 the fifty states, such as viable agricultural or manufacturing sector; and

8 WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is in no way representative politically of any of the fifty
9 states, having regularly voted by more than seventy-five percent for the same party's
10 presidential candidate in each election since 1972; and

11 WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives, in 2020, ~~recklessly~~ in a partisan
12 manner approved a bill, entitled the Washington, D.C. Admission Act, to admit the District of
13 Columbia as a separate state of the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, the definitive process of a constitutional amendment, which was used to pass
15 the 23rd Amendment to the United States Constitution is still available to the proponents of
16 statehood for the District of Columbia;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Sixth Legislature of the
18 State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature
19 urges the members of South Dakota's congressional delegation to vote against any act
20 admitting the district of Columbia as separate state, on the grounds that such an action is
21 illegitimate and unnecessary.