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CONGRESS LOOKS TO BLOCK D.C. LEGALIZATION

- ▶ The biggest news today in the marijuana industry is Congress attempting to block D.C. legalization of marijuana.
- ▶ In 2010, Medical marijuana was legalized in D.C. D.C. is liberal, and always has been.
- ▶ Behind the scenes there is a proposed deal that may change or be modified.
- ▶ The politico is to support D.C.'s decriminalization.
- ▶ The hook would disallow the city to enact legalization or to pass any new legislation.
- ▶ The end game attempts to control retail sales and amounts of recreational pot.
- ▶ D.C.'s new Mayor elect, Muriel Bowser, apparently supports the deal. The whole thing is a political football.
- ▶ About 70% of D.C. voted for Initiative 71, which allows for 2 ounces of possession and up to 6 plants for personal growing use. The will of the people apparently has been subverted.
- ▶ Six plants is a lot of potential pot. Users can continually grow at home and replenish. If the men in black knock on their front door, it is quite easy to always have 6 plants. It is a stoner's dream in D.C. and elsewhere.
- ▶ Why was there such a large D.C. percentage 'yes' vote for recreational marijuana? Probably because there is a majority of African American voters. However, smoking pot in D.C. occurs with all nationalities. It is a reality yesterday and today.
- ▶ I do not know what the legalities are or what the outcome will be. At this time, probably nobody knows. However, this debate indicates opposition to recreational marijuana in D.C., an opposition that can be seen today throughout the USA.