



# RPC Highlight

H.J.Res.142 - *Disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Conformity and Revision Temporary Amendment Act of 2025.*  
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## Bill Summary:

This legislation provides Congressional disapproval of the *D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Conformity and Revision Temporary Amendment Act* which would decouple the District of Columbia (D.C.) tax code from certain federal tax provisions established in the Working Families Tax Cuts (WFTC) for the 2025 tax year.

## Policy Background:

### *D.C. Tax Decoupling*

In December, the D.C. Council passed the D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Conformity and Revision Temporary Amendment Act, which would decouple the D.C. tax code from various provisions in the WFTC including no tax on tips and no tax on overtime.

### *Constitutional Authority and Home Rule Act*

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 17 of the U.S. Constitution grants Congress exclusive and absolute legislative authority over D.C., which serves as the federal district or the "seat of government." Since the *Home Rule Act* was enacted in 1973, Congress granted a structure and limited authority to an elected mayor and council known as the District Charter. However, under the *Home Rule Act*, Congress retains its ability "to exercise its constitutional authority as legislature for the District."

### *Procedure for Congressional Disapproval*

Section 604 of the *Home Rule Act* established an expedited procedure for Congressional consideration of a joint resolution to disapprove a change in D.C. law before it takes effect. The Congressional Review period is 30 legislative days for civil acts and 60 legislative days for criminal acts. When a joint resolution is introduced, it is referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability in the House or the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs in the Senate.