MERGER OF COLUMBUS UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, D. C., INTO THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

JUNE 11, 1954.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed

Mr. O’HARA of Minnesota, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3213]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3213) relating to the merger of the Columbus University of Washington, D. C., into the Catholic University of America, pursuant to an agreement of the trustees of said universities, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill (S. 3213) do pass.

The purpose of this bill is to approve and confirm the merger of the Columbus University of Washington, D. C., into the Catholic University of America. After the completion of the merger, as provided by this act, and after the law students presently enrolled in the Columbus University have completed their courses, but not later than June 15, 1957, Columbus University shall be dissolved and no longer operate as an educational institution. Thereafter the law school of Catholic University will be known as the Columbus School of Law of the Catholic University of America.

Provision is made for the Columbus University to convey its real and personal property, including any trusts or endowment funds which it has or enjoys, to the Catholic University of America.

This proposed merger has been under consideration for several years by the respective boards of trustees, and it was mutually decided that the merger would be to the benefit and best interests of both institutions, particularly in the field of law. Catholic University has for a long time desired a downtown location for its law school, and it is felt this merger will place the law school in a better financial position and enable the school to give greater service in the field of legal education.
Under date of December 19, 1953, an agreement was entered into between Columbus University of Washington, D. C., Inc., and Catholic University of America, Inc., by duly constituted representatives of both institutions.