

Opening Statement of Congressman Doug Collins  
Full Committee Markup of H.R. 3713, "To amend title 28, United  
States Code, provide an additional place for holding court for the  
Western District of Washington, and for other purposes,"

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This legislation adds the city of Mount Vernon, Washington to the list of places where court can be held in the Western District of Washington. This will improve court access for Washingtonians and enable the Western District to relocate its monthly Central Violations Bureau proceedings to Mount Vernon. This makes practical sense due to its proximity to defendants, witnesses, agents, and attorneys in those proceedings.

Like the bill on our agenda today making changes in Arkansas district court, this legislation makes a small, technical, but practical and necessary change to improve the administration of justice in Washington state. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.