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| | | | | | Senate | House of Representatives | | |
| 1st | 1 | Mar. 4, 1789 | Sept. 29, 1789 .. | 210 | | | John Langdon, ² of New Hampshire | Frederick A.C. Muhlenberg, of Pennsylvania. |
| | 2 | Jan. 4, 1790 | Aug. 12, 1790 .. | 221 | ..... | ..... | .....do..... | |
| 2d * ... | 3 | Dec. 6, 1790 | Mar. 3, 1791 | 88 | ..... | ..... | Richard Henry Lee, of Virginia | Jonathan Trumbull, of Connecticut. |
| | 1 | Oct. 24, 1791 | Mar. 8, 1792 | 197 | ..... | ..... | John Langdon, of New Hampshire | |
| 3d * ... | 2 | Nov. 5, 1792 | Mar. 2, 1793 | 119 | ..... | ..... | .....do..... | Frederick A.C. Muhlenberg, of Pennsylvania. |
| | 1 | Dec. 2, 1793 | June 9, 1794 | 190 | ..... | ..... | Ralph Izard, of South Carolina | |
|  |  |  |  |  | ..... | ..... | Henry Tazewell, of Virginia | |
| 4th * ... | 2 | Nov. 3, 1794 | Mar. 3, 1795 | 121 | ..... | ..... | .....do..... | Jonathan Dayton, of New Jersey. |
| | 1 | Dec. 7, 1795 | June 1, 1796 | 177 | ..... | ..... | Samuel Livermore, of New Hampshire | |
|  |  |  |  |  | ..... | ..... | William Bingham, of Pennsylvania | |
| 5th * ... | 2 | Dec. 5, 1796 | Mar. 3, 1797 | 89 | ..... | ..... | William Bradford, of Rhode Island | Do. |
| | 1 | May 15, 1797 ³ ... | July 10, 1797 ... | 57 | ..... | ..... | Jacob Read, of South Carolina | George Dent, of Maryland. ⁴ |
| | 2 | Nov. 13, 1797 | July 16, 1798 ... | 246 | ..... | ..... | Theodore Sedgwick, of Massachusetts | |
| | 3 | Dec. 3, 1798 | Mar. 3, 1799 | 91 | ..... | ..... | John Laurence, of New York | |
| 6th | 1 | Dec. 2, 1799 | May 14, 1800 ... | 164 | ..... | ..... | James Ross, of Pennsylvania | Theodore Sedgwick, of Massachusetts. |
| | 2 | Nov. 17, 1800 | Mar. 3, 1801 | 107 | Dec. 23-Dec. 30, 1800 ..... | ..... | Samuel Livermore, of New Hampshire | |
|  |  |  |  |  | ..... | ..... | Uriah Tracy, of Connecticut | |
| 7th * ... | 1 | Dec. 7, 1801 | May 3, 1802 | 148 | ..... | ..... | John E. Howard, of Maryland | |
| | 2 | Dec. 6, 1802 | Mar. 3, 1803 | 88 | ..... | ..... | James Hillhouse, of Connecticut | Nathaniel Macon, of North Carolina. |
| 8th | 1 | Oct. 17, 1803 ³ ... | Mar. 27, 1804 ... | 163 | ..... | ..... | Abraham Baldwin, of Georgia | |
|  |  |  |  |  | ..... | ..... | Stephen R. Bradley, of Vermont | Do. |
| | 2 | Nov. 5, 1804 | Mar. 3, 1805 | 119 | ..... | ..... | John Brown, of Kentucky | |
| 9th | 1 | Dec. 2, 1805 | Apr. 21, 1806 ... | 141 | ..... | ..... | Jesse Franklin, of North Carolina | |
| | 2 | Dec. 1, 1806 | Mar. 3, 1807 | 93 | ..... | ..... | Joseph Anderson, of Tennessee | Do. |
| 10th ... | 1 | Oct. 26, 1807 ³ ... | Apr. 25, 1808 ... | 182 | ..... | ..... | .....do..... | |
| | 2 | Nov. 7, 1808 | Mar. 3, 1809 | 117 | ..... | ..... | Samuel Smith, of Maryland | |
|  |  |  |  |  | ..... | ..... | .....do..... | Joseph B. Varnum, of Massachusetts. |
| 11th * ... | 1 | May 22, 1809 | June 28, 1809 ... | 38 | ..... | ..... | Stephen R. Bradley, of Vermont | |
| | 2 | Nov. 27, 1809 | May 1, 1810 | 156 | ..... | ..... | John Milledge, of Georgia | Do. |
| | 3 | Dec. 3, 1810 | Mar. 3, 1811 | 91 | ..... | ..... | Andrew Gregg, of Pennsylvania | |
| 12th ... | 1 | Nov. 4, 1810 | July 6, 1812 | 245 | ..... | ..... | John Gaillard, of South Carolina | |
| | | | | | | | John Pope, of Kentucky | Henry Clay, of Kentucky. |
| 13th ... | 1 | May 24, 1813 | Aug. 2, 1813 | 122 | | | William H. Crawford, of Georgia | |
| | | | | 71 | | |do..... | Do. |

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| | | | | | Senate | House of Representatives | | |
| 37th * | 2 | Dec. 3, 1860 | Mar. 3, 1861 | 93 | | | Solomon Foot, of Vermont | William Pennington, of New Jersey. |
| | 1 | July 4, 1861 ³ | Aug. 6, 1861 | 34 | ..... | ..... | .....do..... | Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania. |
| | 2 | Dec. 2, 1861 | July 17, 1862 | 228 | ..... | Dec. 23, 1862-Jan. 5, 1863 .. |do..... | |
| 38th * | 3 | Dec. 1, 1862 | Mar. 3, 1863 | 93 | ..... | Dec. 23, 1863-Jan. 5, 1864 .. |do..... | Schuyler Colfax, of Indiana. |
| | 1 | Dec. 7, 1863 | July 4, 1864 | 209 | ..... | Dec. 22, 1864-Jan. 5, 1865 .. | Daniel Clark, of New Hampshire | |
| 39th * | 2 | Dec. 5, 1864 | Mar. 3, 1865 | 89 | ..... | Dec. 6-Dec. 11, 1865 |do..... | Do. |
| | 1 | Dec. 4, 1865 | July 28, 1866 | 237 | ..... | Dec. 21, 1865-Jan. 5, 1866 .. | Lafayette S. Foster, of Connecticut | |
| 40th * | 2 | Dec. 3, 1866 | Mar. 3, 1867 | 91 | ..... | Dec. 20, 1866-Jan. 3, 1867 .. | Benjamin F. Wade, of Ohio. | |
| | 1 | Mar. 4, 1867 | Dec. 1, 1867 | 273 | ..... | Mar. 30-July 3, 1867 |do..... | Do. |
| 41st * | 2 | Dec. 2, 1867 | Nov. 10, 1868 .. | 345 | ..... | July 20-Nov. 21, 1867 | | |
| | 3 | Dec. 7, 1868 | Mar. 3, 1869 | 87 | ..... | Dec. 20, 1867-Jan. 6, 1868 .. | | |
| 42d * | 1 | Mar. 4, 1869 | Apr. 10, 1869 | 38 | ..... | July 27-Sept. 21, 1868 | | |
| | 2 | Dec. 6, 1869 | July 15, 1870 | 222 | ..... | Sept. 21-Oct. 16, 1868 | | |
| 43d * | 3 | Dec. 5, 1870 | Mar. 3, 1871 | 89 | ..... | Oct. 16-Nov. 10, 1868 | | |
| | 1 | Mar. 4, 1871 | Apr. 20, 1871 | 48 | ..... | Dec. 21, 1868-Jan. 5, 1869 .. | Henry B. Anthony, of Rhode Island | Theodore M. Pomeroy, ⁸ of New York. |
| 44th * | 2 | Dec. 4, 1871 | June 10, 1872 | 190 | ..... | Dec. 22, 1869-Jan. 10, 1870 .. |do..... | James G. Blaine, of Maine. |
| | 3 | Dec. 2, 1872 | Mar. 3, 1873 | 92 | ..... | Dec. 23, 1870-Jan. 4, 1871 .. |do..... | Do. |
| 45th * | 1 | Dec. 1, 1873 | June 23, 1874 | 204 | ..... | Dec. 21, 1871-Jan. 8, 1872 .. |do..... | |
| | 2 | Dec. 7, 1874 | Mar. 3, 1875 | 87 | ..... | Dec. 20, 1872-Jan. 6, 1873 .. | Matthew H. Carpenter, of Wisconsin | Do. |
| 46th * | 1 | Dec. 6, 1875 | Aug. 15, 1876 .. | 254 | ..... | Dec. 19, 1873-Jan. 5, 1874 .. | Henry B. Anthony, of Rhode Island. | Michael C. Kerr, ⁹ of Indiana. |
| | 2 | Dec. 4, 1876 | Mar. 3, 1877 | 90 | ..... | Dec. 23, 1874-Jan. 5, 1875 .. | Thomas W. Ferry, of Michigan | Samuel S. Cox, ¹⁰ of New York, pro tempore. |
| 47th * | 1 | Oct. 15, 1877 | Dec. 3, 1877 | 50 | ..... | Dec. 21, 1875-Jan. 5, 1876 .. |do..... | Milton Saylor, ¹¹ of Ohio, pro tempore. |
| | 2 | Dec. 5, 1877 | June 20, 1878 ... | 200 | | Dec. 15, 1877-Jan. 10, 1878 .. |do..... | Samuel J. Randall, of Pennsylvania. |

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| 46th ... | 3 | Dec. 2, 1878 | Mar. 3, 1879 | 92 | Dec. 20, 1878-Jan. 7, 1879 .. | Dec. 20, 1878-Jan. 7, 1879 .. | Allen G. Thurman, of Ohio | Do. | |
| | 1 | Mar. 18, 1879 | July 1, 1879 | 106 | Dec. 19, 1879-Jan. 6, 1880 .. | Dec. 19, 1879-Jan. 6, 1880 .. | do. | | |
| | 2 | Dec. 1, 1879 | June 16, 1880 | 199 | Dec. 23, 1880-Jan. 5, 1881 .. | Dec. 23, 1880-Jan. 5, 1881 .. | do. | | |
| 47th * | 3 | Dec. 6, 1880 | Mar. 3, 1881 | 88 | Dec. 22, 1881-Jan. 5, 1882 .. | Dec. 22, 1881-Jan. 5, 1882 .. | Thomas F. Bayard, of Delaware | J. Warren Keifer, of Ohio. | |
| | 1 | Dec. 5, 1881 | Aug. 8, 1882 | 247 | | | David Davis, of Illinois. | | |
| | | | | | | | George F. Edmunds, of Vermont. | | |
| | 2 | Dec. 4, 1882 | Mar. 3, 1883 | 90 | Dec. 24, 1883-Jan. 7, 1884 .. | Dec. 24, 1883-Jan. 7, 1884 .. | do. | John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky. | |
| 48th ... | 1 | Dec. 3, 1883 | July 7, 1884 | 218 | Dec. 24, 1884-Jan. 5, 1885 .. | Dec. 24, 1884-Jan. 5, 1885 .. | do. | | |
| | 2 | Dec. 1, 1884 | Mar. 3, 1885 | 93 | Dec. 21, 1885-Jan. 4, 1886 .. | Dec. 21, 1885-Jan. 4, 1886 .. | John Sherman, of Ohio | Do. | |
| 49th * | 1 | Dec. 7, 1885 | Aug. 5, 1886 | 242 | Dec. 22, 1886-Jan. 4, 1887 .. | Dec. 22, 1886-Jan. 4, 1887 .. | John J. Ingalls, of Kansas. | | |
| | 2 | Dec. 6, 1886 | Mar. 3, 1887 | 88 | Dec. 22, 1887-Jan. 4, 1888 .. | Dec. 22, 1887-Jan. 4, 1888 .. | do. | Do. | |
| 50th ... | 1 | Dec. 5, 1887 | Oct. 20, 1888 | 321 | Dec. 21, 1888-Jan. 2, 1889 .. | Dec. 21, 1888-Jan. 2, 1889 .. | do. | | |
| | 2 | Dec. 3, 1888 | Mar. 3, 1889 | 91 | Dec. 21, 1889-Jan. 6, 1890 .. | Dec. 21, 1889-Jan. 6, 1890 .. | do. | Thomas B. Reed, of Maine. | |
| 51st * | 1 | Dec. 2, 1889 | Oct. 1, 1890 | 304 | | | Charles F. Manderson, of Nebraska. | | |
| | 2 | Dec. 1, 1890 | Mar. 3, 1891 | 93 | Dec. 22, 1892-Jan. 4, 1893 .. | Dec. 22, 1892-Jan. 4, 1893 .. | do. | Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia. | |
| 52d | 1 | Dec. 7, 1891 | Aug. 5, 1892 | 251 | Dec. 21, 1893-Jan. 3, 1894 .. | Dec. 21, 1893-Jan. 3, 1894 .. | Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee. | Do. | |
| | 2 | Dec. 5, 1892 | Mar. 3, 1893 | 89 | Dec. 23, 1894-Jan. 3, 1895 .. | Dec. 23, 1894-Jan. 3, 1895 .. | do. | | |
| 53d * | 1 | Aug. 7, 1893 | Nov. 3, 1894 | 268 | | | Matt W. Ransom, of North Carolina. | Thomas B. Reed, of Maine. | |
| | 2 | Dec. 4, 1893 | Aug. 28, 1894 | 97 | | | Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee. | | |
| | 3 | Dec. 3, 1894 | Mar. 3, 1895 | | | | William P. Frye, of Maine | | |
| | | | | | | | do. | | |
| 54th ... | 1 | Dec. 2, 1895 | June 11, 1896 | 193 | Dec. 22, 1896-Jan. 5, 1897 .. | Dec. 22, 1896-Jan. 5, 1897 .. | do. | | |
| | 2 | Dec. 7, 1896 | Mar. 3, 1897 | 87 | Dec. 18, 1897-Jan. 5, 1898 .. | Dec. 18, 1897-Jan. 5, 1898 .. | do. | | |
| 55th * | 1 | Mar. 15, 1897 | July 24, 1897 | 131 | Dec. 21, 1898-Jan. 4, 1899 .. | Dec. 21, 1898-Jan. 4, 1899 .. | do. | | |
| | 2 | Dec. 6, 1897 | Mar. 3, 1898 | 215 | Dec. 20, 1899-Jan. 3, 1900 .. | Dec. 20, 1899-Jan. 3, 1900 .. | do. | David B. Henderson, of Iowa. | |
| | 3 | Dec. 5, 1898 | June 7, 1900 | 89 | Dec. 21, 1900-Jan. 3, 1901 .. | Dec. 21, 1900-Jan. 3, 1901 .. | do. | | |
| 56th ... | 1 | Dec. 4, 1899 | Mar. 3, 1901 | 186 | Dec. 19, 1901-Jan. 6, 1902 .. | Dec. 19, 1901-Jan. 6, 1902 .. | do. | Do. | |
| | 2 | Dec. 3, 1900 | July 1, 1902 | 91 | Dec. 20, 1902-Jan. 5, 1903 .. | Dec. 20, 1902-Jan. 5, 1903 .. | do. | | |
| 57th * | 1 | Dec. 2, 1901 | Mar. 3, 1903 | 212 | Dec. 19, 1903-Jan. 4, 1904 .. | Dec. 19, 1903-Jan. 4, 1904 .. | do. | Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois. | |
| | 2 | Dec. 1, 1902 | Dec. 7, 1903 | 93 | Dec. 21, 1904-Jan. 4, 1905 .. | Dec. 21, 1904-Jan. 4, 1905 .. | do. | | |
| 58th * | 1 | Nov. 9, 1903 | Apr. 28, 1904 | 29 | Dec. 21, 1905-Jan. 4, 1906 .. | Dec. 21, 1905-Jan. 4, 1906 .. | do. | Do. | |
| | 2 | Dec. 7, 1903 | Mar. 3, 1905 | 144 | Dec. 20, 1906-Jan. 3, 1907 .. | Dec. 20, 1906-Jan. 3, 1907 .. | do. | | |
| | 3 | Dec. 5, 1904 | June 30, 1906 | 89 | Dec. 21, 1907-Jan. 6, 1908 .. | Dec. 21, 1907-Jan. 6, 1908 .. | do. | Do. | |
| 59th * | 1 | Dec. 4, 1905 | Mar. 3, 1907 | 209 | Dec. 19, 1908-Jan. 4, 1909 .. | Dec. 19, 1908-Jan. 4, 1909 .. | do. | | |
| | 2 | Dec. 3, 1906 | May 30, 1908 | 91 | Dec. 21, 1909-Jan. 4, 1910 .. | Dec. 21, 1909-Jan. 4, 1910 .. | do. | | |
| 60th ... | 1 | Dec. 2, 1907 | Mar. 3, 1909 | 181 | Dec. 21, 1910-Jan. 5, 1911 .. | Dec. 21, 1910-Jan. 5, 1911 .. | do. | | |
| | 2 | Dec. 7, 1908 | Aug. 5, 1909 | 87 | Dec. 21, 1911-Jan. 3, 1912 .. | Dec. 21, 1911-Jan. 3, 1912 .. | do. | Champ Clark, of Missouri. | |
| 61st * | 1 | Mar. 15, 1909 | June 25, 1910 | 144 | | | do. | | |
| | 2 | Dec. 6, 1909 | Mar. 3, 1911 | 202 | | | do. | | |
| | 3 | Dec. 5, 1910 | Aug. 22, 1911 | 89 | | | do. | | |
| 62d | 1 | Apr. 4, 1911 | Aug. 26, 1912 | 141 | | | do. | | |
| | 2 | Dec. 4, 1911 | | 267 | | | Augustus O. Bacon, of Georgia. ¹³ Frank B. Brandegee, of Connecticut. ¹⁴ Charles Curtis, of Kansas. ¹⁵ Jacob H. Gallinger, of New Hampshire. ¹⁶ Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts. ¹⁷ Augustus O. Bacon, of Georgia. ¹⁸ Jacob H. Gallinger, of New Hampshire. ¹⁹ James P. Clarke, of Arkansas | | |
| | | | | | | | do. | | |
| | | | | | | | do. | | |
| 63d * | 3 | Dec. 2, 1912 | Mar. 3, 1913 | 92 | Dec. 19, 1912-Jan. 2, 1913 .. | Dec. 19, 1912-Jan. 2, 1913 .. | | Do. | |
| | 1 | Apr. 7, 1913 | Dec. 1, 1913 | 239 | Dec. 23, 1913-Jan. 12, 1914 .. | Dec. 23, 1913-Jan. 12, 1914 .. | | | |
| | 2 | Dec. 1, 1913 | Oct. 24, 1914 | 328 | Dec. 23-Dec. 28, 1914 | Dec. 23-Dec. 28, 1914 | | | |
| 64th ... | 1 | Dec. 7, 1914 | Mar. 3, 1915 | 87 | Dec. 17, 1915-Jan. 4, 1916 .. | Dec. 17, 1915-Jan. 4, 1916 .. | | Do. | |
| | | | Sept. 8, 1916 | 278 | | | | | |

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| 65th * | 2 | Dec. 4, 1916 | Mar. 3, 1917 | 90 | Dec. 22, 1916-Jan. 2, 1917 .. | Dec. 22, 1916-Jan. 2, 1917 .. | Willard Saulsbury, of Delaware | Champ Clark, of Missouri. |
| | 1 | Apr. 7, 1917 ³ | Oct. 6, 1917 | 188 | ..... | ..... | ..... | Do. |
| | 2 | Dec. 2, 1917 ³ | Nov. 21, 1918 .. | 354 | Dec. 18, 1917-Jan. 3, 1918 .. | Dec. 18, 1917-Jan. 3, 1918 .. | ..... | ..... |
| 66th ... | 1 | Dec. 2, 1918 | Mar. 3, 1919 | 92 | ..... | ..... | Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa | Frederick H. Gillett, of Massachusetts. |
| | 2 | May 19, 1919 ³ | Nov. 19, 1919 .. | 185 | July 1-July 8, 1919 | July 1-July 8, 1919 ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | 3 | Dec. 1, 1919 | June 5, 1920 | 188 | Dec. 20, 1919-Jan. 5, 1920 .. | Dec. 20, 1919-Jan. 5, 1920 .. | ..... | Do. |
| 67th * | 1 | Dec. 6, 1920 | Mar. 3, 1921 | 88 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | 2 | Apr. 11, 1921 ³ | Nov. 23, 1921 .. | 227 | Dec. 22, 1921-Jan. 3, 1922 .. | Dec. 22, 1921-Jan. 3, 1922 .. | ..... | ..... |
| | 3 | Dec. 5, 1921 | Sept. 22, 1922 .. | 292 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 68th ... | 1 | Nov. 20, 1922 ³ | Dec. 4, 1922 | 15 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | 2 | Dec. 4, 1922 | Mar. 3, 1923 | 90 | Dec. 20, 1923-Jan. 3, 1924 .. | Dec. 20, 1923-Jan. 3, 1924 .. | ..... | Do. |
| | 3 | Dec. 3, 1923 | June 7, 1924 | 188 | Dec. 20-Dec. 29, 1924 | Dec. 20-Dec. 29, 1924 ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 69th * | 1 | Dec. 1, 1924 | Mar. 3, 1925 | 93 | Dec. 22, 1925-Jan. 4, 1926 .. | Dec. 22, 1925-Jan. 4, 1926 .. | George H. Moses, of New Hampshire .. | Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio. |
| | 2 | Dec. 6, 1926 | July 3, 1927 | 209 | Dec. 22, 1926-Jan. 3, 1927 .. | Dec. 22, 1926-Jan. 3, 1927 .. | ..... | ..... |
| | 3 | Dec. 5, 1927 | May 29, 1928 | 88 | Dec. 21, 1927-Jan. 4, 1928 .. | Dec. 21, 1927-Jan. 4, 1928 .. | ..... | Do. |
| 70th ... | 1 | Dec. 3, 1928 | Mar. 3, 1929 | 177 | Dec. 22, 1928-Jan. 3, 1929 .. | Dec. 22, 1928-Jan. 3, 1929 .. | ..... | ..... |
| | 2 | Dec. 3, 1928 | Mar. 3, 1929 | 91 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | 3 | Apr. 15, 1929 ³ | Nov. 22, 1929 .. | 222 | June 19-Aug. 19, 1929 | June 19-Aug. 19, 1929 ..... | ..... | Do. |
| 71st * | 1 | Dec. 2, 1929 | July 3, 1930 | 214 | Dec. 21, 1929-Jan. 6, 1930 .. | Dec. 21, 1929-Jan. 6, 1930 .. | ..... | ..... |
| | 2 | Dec. 1, 1930 | Mar. 3, 1931 | 93 | Dec. 20, 1930-Jan. 5, 1931 .. | Dec. 20, 1930-Jan. 5, 1931 .. | ..... | John N. Garner, of Texas. |
| | 3 | Dec. 7, 1931 | July 16, 1932 | 223 | Dec. 22, 1931-Jan. 4, 1932 .. | Dec. 22, 1931-Jan. 4, 1932 .. | ..... | ..... |
| 72d | 1 | Dec. 5, 1932 | Mar. 3, 1933 | 89 | ..... | ..... | Key Pittman, of Nevada | Henry T. Rainey, ²¹ of Illinois. |
| | 2 | Mar. 9, 1933 ³ | June 15, 1933 | 99 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | 3 | Jan. 3, 1934 | June 18, 1934 | 167 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 73d * | 1 | Jan. 3, 1934 | June 18, 1934 | 167 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | 2 | Jan. 3, 1935 | Aug. 26, 1935 | 236 | ..... | ..... | ..... | Joseph W. Byrns, ²² of Tennessee. |
| | 3 | Jan. 3, 1936 | June 20, 1936 | 170 | June 8-June 15, 1936 | June 8-June 15, 1936 ..... | ..... | William B. Bankhead, ²³ of Alabama. |
| 74th ... | 1 | Jan. 3, 1936 | June 20, 1936 | 170 | ..... | ..... | ..... | Do. |
| | 2 | Jan. 5, 1937 | Aug. 21, 1937 | 229 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | 3 | Nov. 15, 1937 ³ | Dec. 21, 1937 | 37 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 75th ... | 1 | Jan. 3, 1938 | June 16, 1938 | 165 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | 2 | Jan. 3, 1939 | Aug. 5, 1939 | 215 | ..... | ..... | ..... | Do. ²⁴ |
| | 3 | Sept. 21, 1939 ³ .. | Nov. 3, 1939 | 44 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 76th ... | 1 | Jan. 3, 1940 | Jan. 3, 1941 | 366 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | 2 | Jan. 3, 1941 | Jan. 2, 1942 | 365 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | 3 | Jan. 5, 1942 | Dec. 16, 1942 | 346 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 77th ... | 1 | Jan. 5, 1942 | Dec. 16, 1942 | 346 | | | | |
| | 2 | Jan. 6, 1943 | Dec. 21, 1943 | 350 | | | | |
| | 3 | Jan. 6, 1943 | Dec. 21, 1943 | 350 | | | | |

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| 2 | Jan. 10, 1944 | Dec. 19, 1944 | 345 | Apr. 1—Apr. 12, 1944 | Apr. 1—Apr. 12, 1944 |do. | |
| | | June 23—Aug. 1, 1944 | | June 23—Aug. 1, 1944 | June 23—Aug. 1, 1944 | | |
| 79th | 1 | Jan. 3, 1945 | 353 | Sept. 21—Nov. 14, 1944 | Sept. 21—Nov. 14, 1944 | Kenneth McKellar, of Tennessee | Do. |
| | 2 | Jan. 14, 1946 | 201 | Aug. 1—Sept. 5, 1945 | July 21—Sept. 5, 1945 |do. | |
| 80th | 1 | Jan. 3, 1947 | 351 | July 27—Nov. 17, 1947 ³⁰ | July 27—Nov. 17, 1947 ³⁰ | Authur H. Vandenberg, of Michigan | Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, |
| | 2 | Jan. 6, 1948 | 361 | June 20—July 26, 1948 ³⁰ | June 20—July 26, 1948 ³⁰ |do. | |
| 81st | 1 | Jan. 3, 1949 | 290 | Aug. 7—Dec. 31, 1948 | Aug. 7—Dec. 31, 1948 | Kenneth McKellar, of Tennessee | Sam Rayburn, of Texas. |
| | 2 | Jan. 3, 1950 | 365 | Sept. 23—Nov. 27—1950 | Sept. 23—Nov. 27, 1950 |do. | |
| 82d | 1 | Jan. 3, 1951 | 291 | ..... | Mar. 22—Apr. 2, 1951 |do. | Do. |
| | 2 | Jan. 8, 1952 | 182 | ..... | Aug. 23—Sept. 12, 1951 |do. | |
| 83d | 1 | Jan. 3, 1953 | 213 | ..... | Apr. 10—Apr. 22, 1952 |do. | Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, |
| | 2 | Jan. 6, 1954 | 331 | Aug. 20—Nov. 8, 1954 | Apr. 15—Apr. 22, 1954 |do. | |
| | | | | Nov. 18—Nov. 29, 1954 | Apr. 15—Apr. 22, 1954 | Adjournd sine die Aug. 20, 1954 | |
| 84th | 1 | Jan. 5, 1955 | 210 | Apr. 4—Apr. 13, 1955 | Apr. 4—Apr. 13, 1955 | Walter F. George, of Georgia | Sam Rayburn, of Texas. |
| | 2 | Jan. 3, 1956 | 207 | Mar. 29—Apr. 9, 1956 | Mar. 29—Apr. 9, 1956 |do. | |
| 85th | 1 | Jan. 3, 1957 | 239 | Apr. 18—Apr. 29, 1957 | Apr. 18—Apr. 29, 1957 | Carl Hayden, of Arizona | Do. |
| | 2 | Jan. 7, 1958 | 230 | Aug. 24, 1958 | Apr. 3—Apr. 14, 1958 |do. | |
| 86th | 1 | Jan. 7, 1959 | 252 | Mar. 26—Apr. 7, 1959 | Mar. 26—Apr. 7, 1959 |do. | Do. |
| | 2 | Jan. 6, 1960 | 240 | Apr. 14—Apr. 18, 1960 | Apr. 14—Apr. 18, 1960 |do. | |
| | | | | May 27—May 31, 1960 | May 27—May 31, 1960 |do. | |
| | | | | July 3—Aug. 8, 1960 | July 3—Aug. 15, 1960 |do. | |
| 87th | 1 | Jan. 3, 1961 | 268 | ..... | Mar. 30—Apr. 10, 1961 |do. | Do. ³¹ |
| | 2 | Jan. 10, 1962 | 277 | Sept. 27, 1961 | Apr. 19—Apr. 30, 1962 |do. | John W. McCormack, ³² of Massachusetts, |
| | | | | Oct. 13, 1962 | ..... | .....do. | Do. |
| 88th | 1 | Jan. 9, 1963 | 356 | Dec. 30, 1963 | Apr. 11—Apr. 22, 1963 |do. | |
| | 2 | Jan. 7, 1964 | 270 | Oct. 3, 1964 | Mar. 26—Apr. 6, 1964 |do. | |
| | | | | | July 2—July 20, 1964 |do. | |
| | | | | | Aug. 21—Aug. 31, 1964 |do. | |
| 89th | 1 | Jan. 4, 1965 | 293 | ..... | Apr. 7—Apr. 18, 1966 |do. | Do. |
| | 2 | Jan. 10, 1966 | 286 | Oct. 23, 1965 | June 30—July 11, 1966 |do. | |
| | | | | Oct. 22, 1966 | Mar. 23—Apr. 3, 1967 |do. | |
| 90th | 1 | Jan. 10, 1967 | 340 | Dec. 15, 1967 | June 29—July 10, 1967 |do. | Do. |
| | | | | | Aug. 31—Sept. 11, 1967 |do. | |
| | | | | | Nov. 22—Nov. 27, 1967 |do. | |
| | | | | | Apr. 11—Apr. 22, 1968 |do. | |
| | 2 | Jan. 15, 1968 | 274 | Oct. 14, 1968 | May 29—June 3, 1968 |do. | |
| | | | | | June 3—July 8, 1968 |do. | |
| | | | | | Aug. 2—Sept. 4, 1968 |do. | |

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|----------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|
| | | | | | Senate | House of Representatives | | |
| 91st ... | 1 | Jan. 3, 1969 | Dec. 23, 1969 .. | 355 | Feb. 7-Feb. 17, 1969 | Feb. 7-Feb. 17, 1969 | Richard B. Russell, of Georgia | John W. McCormack, of Massachusetts. |
| | | | | | Apr. 3-Apr. 14, 1969 | Apr. 3-Apr. 14, 1969 | | |
| | | | | | July 2-July 7, 1969 | May 28-June 2, 1969 | | |
| | | | | | Aug. 13-Sept. 3, 1969 | Aug. 13-Sept. 3, 1969 | | |
| | | | | | Nov. 26-Dec. 1, 1969 | Nov. 6-Nov. 12, 1969 | | |
| | | | | | Feb. 10-Feb. 16, 1970 | Nov. 26-Dec. 1, 1969 |do. | |
| | 2 | Jan. 19, 1970 | Jan. 2, 1971 | 349 | Mar. 26-Mar. 31, 1970 | Feb. 10-Feb. 16, 1970 | | |
| | | | | | Sept. 2-Sept. 8, 1970 | Mar. 26-Mar. 31, 1970 | | |
| | | | | | Oct. 14-Nov. 16, 1970 | May 27-June 1, 1970 | | |
| | | | | | Nov. 25-Nov. 30, 1970 | July 1-July 6, 1970 | | |
| | | | | | Dec. 22-Dec. 28, 1970 | Aug. 14-Sept. 9, 1970 | | |
| | | | | | | Oct. 14-Nov. 16, 1970 | | |
| | | | | | | Nov. 25-Nov. 30, 1970 | | |
| | | | | | | Dec. 22-Dec. 29, 1970 | | |
| 92d | 1 | Jan. 21, 1971 | Dec. 17, 1971 .. | 331 | Feb. 11-Feb. 17, 1971 | Feb. 10-Feb. 17, 1971 |do. ³³ | Carl B. Albert, of Oklahoma. |
| | | | | | Apr. 7-Apr. 14, 1971 | Apr. 7-Apr. 19, 1971 | Allen J. Ellender, ³⁴ of Louisiana. | |
| | | | | | May 26-June 1, 1971 | May 27-June 1, 1971 | | |
| | | | | | June 30-July 6, 1971 | July 1-July 6, 1971 | | |
| | | | | | Aug. 6-Sept. 8, 1971 | Aug. 6-Sept. 8, 1971 | | |
| | | | | | Oct. 21-Oct. 26, 1971 | Oct. 7-Oct. 12, 1971 | | |
| | | | | | Nov. 24-Nov. 29, 1971 | Oct. 21-Oct. 26, 1971 | | |
| | | | | | | Nov. 19-Nov. 29, 1971 | | |
| | | | | | | Feb. 9-Feb. 16, 1972 |do. ³⁵ | |
| | 2 | Jan. 18, 1972 | Oct. 18, 1972 .. | 275 | Mar. 30-Apr. 4, 1972 | Mar. 29-Apr. 10, 1972 | | |
| | | | | | May 25-May 30, 1972 | May 24-May 30, 1972 | | |
| | | | | | June 30-July 17, 1972 | June 30-July 17, 1972 | | |
| | | | | | Aug. 18-Sept. 5, 1972 | Aug. 18-Sept. 5, 1972 | | |
| | | | | | Feb. 8-Feb. 15, 1973 | Feb. 8-Feb. 19, 1973 | James O. Eastland, ³⁶ of Mississippi. | |
| | | | | | Apr. 18-Apr. 30, 1973 | Apr. 19-Apr. 30, 1973 |do | Do. |
| | | | | | May 23-May 29, 1973 | May 24-May 29, 1973 | | |
| | | | | | June 30-July 9, 1973 | June 30-July 10, 1973 | | |
| | | | | | Aug. 3-Sept. 5, 1973 | Aug. 3-Sept. 5, 1973 | | |
| | | | | | Oct. 18-Oct. 23, 1973 | Oct. 4-Oct. 9, 1973 | | |
| 93d | 1 | Jan. 3, 1973 | Dec. 22, 1973 .. | 354 | Nov. 21-Nov. 26, 1973 | Nov. 15-Nov. 26, 1973 | | |

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Jan. 21, 1974 | Dec. 20, 1974 | 334 | Feb. 8-Feb. 18, 1974 Mar. 13-Mar. 19, 1974 Apr. 11-Apr. 22, 1974 May 23-May 28, 1974 Aug. 22-Sept. 11, 1974 Oct. 17-Nov. 18, 1974 Nov. 26-Dec. 3, 1974 | Feb. 7-Feb. 13, 1974 Apr. 11-Apr. 22, 1974 May 23-May 28, 1974 Aug. 22-Sept. 11, 1974 Oct. 17-Nov. 18, 1974 Nov. 26-Dec. 3, 1974 |do. | | |
| 94th ... | 1 | Jan. 14, 1975 | Dec. 19, 1975 | 340 | Mar. 26-Apr. 7, 1975 May 22-June 2, 1975 June 26-July 8, 1975 Aug. 1-Sept. 3, 1975 Oct. 9-Oct. 20, 1975 Oct. 23-Oct. 28, 1975 Nov. 20-Dec. 1, 1975 Feb. 11-Feb. 16, 1976 Apr. 14-Apr. 26, 1976 May 27-June 1, 1976 July 2-July 19, 1976 Aug. 10-Aug. 23, 1976 Sept. 2-Sept. 8, 1976 Feb. 9-Feb. 16, 1977 Apr. 6-Apr. 18, 1977 May 26-June 1, 1977 June 30-July 11, 1977 Aug. 5-Sept. 7, 1977 Oct. 6-Oct. 11, 1977 Feb. 9-Feb. 14, 1978 Mar. 22-Apr. 3, 1978 May 25-May 31, 1978 June 29-July 10, 1978 Aug. 17-Sept. 6, 1978 Feb. 8-Feb. 13, 1979 Apr. 10-Apr. 23, 1979 May 24-May 30, 1979 June 29-July 9, 1979 Aug. 2-Sept. 5, 1979 Nov. 20-Nov. 26, 1979 | Mar. 26-Apr. 7, 1975 May 22-June 2, 1975 June 26-July 8, 1975 Aug. 1-Sept. 3, 1975 Oct. 9-Oct. 20, 1975 Oct. 23-Oct. 28, 1975 Nov. 20-Dec. 1, 1975 Feb. 11-Feb. 16, 1976 Apr. 14-Apr. 26, 1976 May 27-June 1, 1976 July 2-July 19, 1976 Aug. 10-Aug. 23, 1976 Sept. 2-Sept. 8, 1976 Feb. 9-Feb. 16, 1977 Apr. 6-Apr. 18, 1977 May 26-June 1, 1977 June 30-July 11, 1977 Aug. 5-Sept. 7, 1977 Oct. 6-Oct. 11, 1977 Feb. 9-Feb. 14, 1978 Mar. 22-Apr. 3, 1978 May 25-May 31, 1978 June 29-July 10, 1978 Aug. 17-Sept. 6, 1978 Feb. 8-Feb. 13, 1979 Apr. 10-Apr. 23, 1979 May 24-May 30, 1979 June 29-July 9, 1979 Aug. 2-Sept. 5, 1979 Nov. 20-Nov. 26, 1979 |do. | Do. |
| | 2 | Jan. 19, 1976 | Oct. 1, 1976 | 257 | Nov. 20-Dec. 1, 1975 Feb. 6-Feb. 16, 1976 Apr. 14-Apr. 26, 1976 May 28-June 2, 1976 July 2-July 19, 1976 Aug. 10-Aug. 23, 1976 Sept. 1-Sept. 7, 1976 Feb. 11-Feb. 21, 1977 Apr. 7-Apr. 18, 1977 May 27-June 6, 1977 July 1-July 11, 1977 Aug. 6-Sept. 7, 1977 | Nov. 20-Dec. 1, 1975 Feb. 6-Feb. 16, 1976 Apr. 14-Apr. 26, 1976 May 28-June 2, 1976 July 2-July 19, 1976 Aug. 10-Aug. 23, 1976 Sept. 1-Sept. 7, 1976 Feb. 11-Feb. 21, 1977 Apr. 7-Apr. 18, 1977 May 27-June 6, 1977 July 1-July 11, 1977 Aug. 6-Sept. 7, 1977 |do. | |
| 95th ... | 1 | Jan. 4, 1977 | Dec. 15, 1977 | 346 | Feb. 10-Feb. 20, 1978 Mar. 23-Apr. 3, 1978 May 26-June 5, 1978 June 29-July 10, 1978 Aug. 25-Sept. 6, 1978 Feb. 9-Feb. 19, 1979 Apr. 10-Apr. 23, 1979 May 24-June 4, 1979 June 27-July 9, 1979 Aug. 3-Sept. 5, 1979 Nov. 20-Nov. 26, 1979 Adjourned sine die, Dec. 20, 1979 | Feb. 10-Feb. 20, 1978 Mar. 23-Apr. 3, 1978 May 26-June 5, 1978 June 29-July 10, 1978 Aug. 25-Sept. 6, 1978 Feb. 9-Feb. 19, 1979 Apr. 10-Apr. 23, 1979 May 24-June 4, 1979 June 27-July 9, 1979 Aug. 3-Sept. 5, 1979 Nov. 20-Nov. 26, 1979 Adjourned sine die, Dec. 20, 1979 |do. | Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., of Massachusetts. |
| | 2 | Jan. 19, 1978 | Oct. 15, 1978 | 270 | Apr. 10-Apr. 23, 1979 May 24-June 4, 1979 June 27-July 9, 1979 Aug. 3-Sept. 5, 1979 Nov. 20-Nov. 26, 1979 | Apr. 10-Apr. 23, 1979 May 24-June 4, 1979 June 27-July 9, 1979 Aug. 3-Sept. 5, 1979 Nov. 20-Nov. 26, 1979 |do. | |
| 96th ... | 1 | Jan. 15, 1979 | Jan. 3, 1980 | 354 | Apr. 10-Apr. 23, 1979 May 24-June 4, 1979 June 27-July 9, 1979 Aug. 3-Sept. 5, 1979 Nov. 20-Nov. 26, 1979 | Apr. 10-Apr. 23, 1979 May 24-June 4, 1979 June 27-July 9, 1979 Aug. 3-Sept. 5, 1979 Nov. 20-Nov. 26, 1979 | Warren G. Magnuson, of Washington | Do. |
| | 2 | Jan. 3, 1980 | Dec. 16, 1980 | 349 | Apr. 3-Apr. 15, 1980 May 22-May 28, 1980 July 2-July 21, 1980 Aug. 6-Aug. 18, 1980 Aug. 27-Sept. 3, 1980 Oct. 1-Nov. 12, 1980 Nov. 25-Dec. 1, 1980 | Feb. 13-Feb. 19, 1980 Apr. 2-Apr. 15, 1980 May 22-May 28, 1980 July 2-July 21, 1980 Aug. 1-Aug. 18, 1980 Aug. 28-Sept. 3, 1980 Oct. 2-Nov. 12, 1980 Nov. 21-Dec. 1, 1980 |do. | |
| 97th ... | 1 | Jan. 5, 1981 | Dec. 16, 1981 | 347 | Feb. 6-Feb. 16, 1981 Apr. 10-Apr. 27, 1981 June 25-July 8, 1981 Aug. 3-Sept. 9, 1981 Oct. 7-Oct. 14, 1981 Nov. 24-Nov. 30, 1981 | Feb. 6-Feb. 17, 1981 Apr. 10-Apr. 27, 1981 June 26-July 8, 1981 Aug. 4-Sept. 9, 1981 Oct. 7-Oct. 13, 1981 Nov. 23-Nov. 30, 1981 | Milton Young, of North Dakota, ³⁷ Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina | Do. |

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|----------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|
| | | | | | Senate | House of Representatives | | |
| 98th ... | 2 | Jan. 25, 1982 | Dec. 23, 1982 .. | 333 | Feb. 11–Feb. 22, 1982 | Feb. 10–Feb. 22, 1982 | Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina | Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., of Massachusetts. |
| | | | | | Apr. 1–Apr. 13, 1982 | Apr. 6–Apr. 20, 1982 | | |
| | | | | | May 27–June 8, 1982 | May 27–June 2, 1982 | | |
| | | | | | July 1–July 12, 1982 | July 1–July 12, 1982 | | |
| 99th ... | 1 | Jan. 3, 1983 | Nov. 18, 1983 .. | 320 | Aug. 20–Sept. 8, 1982 | Aug. 20–Sept. 8, 1982 | Do. | Do. |
| | | | | | Oct. 1–Nov. 29, 1982 | Oct. 1–Nov. 29, 1982 | | |
| | | | | | Jan. 3–Jan. 25, 1983 | Jan. 6–Jan. 25, 1983 | | |
| | | | | | Feb. 3–Feb. 14, 1983 | Feb. 17–Feb. 22, 1983 | | |
| 99th ... | 2 | Jan. 23, 1984 | Oct. 12, 1984 ... | 264 | Mar. 24–Apr. 5, 1983 | Mar. 24–Apr. 5, 1983 | Do. | Do. |
| | | | | | May 26–June 6, 1983 | May 26–June 1, 1983 | | |
| | | | | | June 29–July 11, 1983 | June 30–July 11, 1983 | | |
| | | | | | Aug. 4–Sept. 12, 1983 | Aug. 4–Sept. 12, 1983 | | |
| 99th ... | 1 | Jan. 3, 1985 | Dec. 20, 1985 ... | 352 | Oct. 7–Oct. 17, 1983 | Oct. 6–Oct. 17, 1983 | Do. | Do. |
| | | | | | Feb. 9–Feb. 20, 1984 | Feb. 9–Feb. 21, 1984 | | |
| | | | | | Apr. 12–Apr. 24, 1984 | Apr. 12–Apr. 24, 1984 | | |
| | | | | | May 24–May 31, 1984 | May 24–May 30, 1984 | | |
| 99th ... | 2 | Jan. 21, 1986 | Oct. 18, 1986 ... | 278 | June 29–July 23, 1984 | June 29–July 23, 1984 | Do. | Do. |
| | | | | | Aug. 10–Sept. 5, 1984 | Aug. 10–Sept. 5, 1984 | | |
| | | | | | Jan. 7–Jan. 21, 1985 | Jan. 3–Jan. 21, 1985 | | |
| | | | | | Feb. 7–Feb. 18, 1985 | Feb. 7–Feb. 19, 1985 | | |
| 99th ... | 1 | Jan. 3, 1985 | Dec. 20, 1985 ... | 352 | Apr. 4–Apr. 15, 1985 | Mar. 7–Mar. 19, 1985 | Do. | Do. |
| | | | | | May 9–May 14, 1985 | Apr. 4–Apr. 15, 1985 | | |
| | | | | | May 24–June 3, 1985 | May 23–June 3, 1985 | | |
| | | | | | June 27–July 8, 1985 | June 27–July 8, 1985 | | |
| 99th ... | 2 | Jan. 21, 1986 | Oct. 18, 1986 ... | 278 | Aug. 1–Sept. 9, 1985 | Aug. 1–Sept. 4, 1985 | Do. | Do. |
| | | | | | Nov. 23–Dec. 2, 1985 | Nov. 21–Dec. 2, 1985 | | |
| | | | | | Feb. 7–Feb. 17, 1986 | Feb. 6–Feb. 18, 1986 | | |
| | | | | | Mar. 27–Apr. 8, 1986 | Mar. 25–Apr. 8, 1986 | | |
| 99th ... | 1 | Jan. 21, 1986 | Oct. 18, 1986 ... | 278 | May 21–June 2, 1986 | May 22–June 3, 1986 | Do. | Do. |
| | | | | | June 26–July 7, 1986 | June 26–July 14, 1986 | | |
| | | | | | Aug. 15–Sept. 8, 1986 | Aug. 16–Sept. 8, 1986 | | |
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| 100th | 1 | Jan. 6, 1987 | Dec. 22, 1987 .. | 351 | Jan. 6-Jan. 12, 1987 .. Feb. 16, 1987 .. Apr. 10-Apr. 21, 1987 May 21-May 27, 1987 July 1-July 7, 1987 July 15-July 20, 1987 Aug. 7-Sept. 9, 1987 Nov. 10-Nov. 16, 1987 Nov. 20-Nov. 30, 1987do. | John C. Stennis, of Mississippi | James C. Wright, Jr., of Texas. |
| | 2 | Jan. 25, 1988 | Oct. 22, 1988 .. | 272 | Feb. 4-Feb. 15, 1988 .. Mar. 4-Mar. 14, 1988 Mar. 31-Apr. 11, 1988 Apr. 29-May 9, 1988 May 27-June 6, 1988 June 29-July 6, 1988 July 14-July 25, 1988 Aug. 11-Sept. 7, 1988 Jan. 4-Jan. 20, 1989 .. Jan. 20-Jan. 25, 1989 Feb. 9-Feb. 21, 1989 Mar. 17-Apr. 4, 1989 Apr. 19-May 1, 1989 May 18-May 31, 1989 June 23-July 11, 1989 Aug. 4-Sept. 6, 1989 Feb. 8-Feb. 20, 1990 .. Mar. 9-Mar. 20, 1990 Apr. 5-Apr. 18, 1990 May 24-June 5, 1990 June 28-July 10, 1990 Aug. 4-Sept. 10, 1990 Feb. 7-Feb. 19, 1991 .. Mar. 22-Apr. 9, 1991 Apr. 25-May 6, 1991 May 24-June 3, 1991 June 28-July 8, 1991 Aug. 2-Sept. 10, 1991 Nov. 27, 1991-Jan. 3, 1992 Jan. 3-Jan. 21, 1992 .. Feb. 7-Feb. 18, 1992 Apr. 10-Apr. 28, 1992 May 21-June 1, 1992 July 2-July 20, 1992 Aug. 12-Sept. 8, 1992 |do. | |
| 101st .. | 1 | Jan. 3, 1989 | Nov. 22, 1989 .. | 324 | Jan. 4-Jan. 19, 1989 .. Feb. 9-Feb. 21, 1989 Mar. 23-Apr. 3, 1989 Apr. 18-Apr. 25, 1989 May 25-May 31, 1989 June 29-July 10, 1989 Aug. 5-Sept. 6, 1989 Feb. 7-Feb. 20, 1990 .. Apr. 4-Apr. 18, 1990 May 25-June 5, 1990 June 28-July 10, 1990 Aug. 4-Sept. 5, 1990 Feb. 6-Feb. 19, 1991 .. Mar. 22-Apr. 9, 1991 May 23-May 29, 1991 June 27-July 9, 1991 Aug. 2-Sept. 11, 1991 Nov. 27, 1991-Jan. 3, 1992 Jan. 3-Jan. 22, 1992 .. Apr. 10-Apr. 28, 1992 May 21-May 26, 1992 July 2-July 7, 1992 July 9-July 21, 1992 Aug. 12-Sept. 9, 1992 | Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia | Do. |
| | 2 | Jan. 23, 1990 | Oct. 28, 1990 .. | 260 | Feb. 7-Feb. 20, 1990 .. Apr. 4-Apr. 18, 1990 May 25-June 5, 1990 June 28-July 10, 1990 Aug. 4-Sept. 5, 1990 Feb. 6-Feb. 19, 1991 .. Mar. 22-Apr. 9, 1991 May 23-May 29, 1991 June 27-July 9, 1991 Aug. 2-Sept. 11, 1991 Nov. 27, 1991-Jan. 3, 1992 Jan. 3-Jan. 22, 1992 .. Apr. 10-Apr. 28, 1992 May 21-May 26, 1992 July 2-July 7, 1992 July 9-July 21, 1992 Aug. 12-Sept. 9, 1992 |do. | Thomas S. Foley, ³⁸ of Washington. |
| 102d ... | 1 | Jan. 3, 1991 | Jan. 3, 1992 | 366 | Feb. 6-Feb. 19, 1991 .. Mar. 22-Apr. 9, 1991 Apr. 25-May 6, 1991 May 24-June 3, 1991 June 28-July 8, 1991 Aug. 2-Sept. 10, 1991 Nov. 27, 1991-Jan. 3, 1992 Jan. 3-Jan. 21, 1992 .. Feb. 7-Feb. 18, 1992 Apr. 10-Apr. 28, 1992 May 21-June 1, 1992 July 2-July 20, 1992 Aug. 12-Sept. 9, 1992 |do. | Do. |
| | 2 | Jan. 3, 1992 | Oct. 9, 1992 | 281 | Jan. 3-Jan. 22, 1992 .. Apr. 10-Apr. 28, 1992 May 21-May 26, 1992 July 2-July 7, 1992 July 9-July 21, 1992 Aug. 12-Sept. 9, 1992 |do. | |

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|----------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|
| | | | | | Senate | House of Representatives | | |
| 103d ... | 1 | Jan. 5, 1993 | Nov. 26, 1993 .. | 326 | Jan. 7–Jan. 20, 1993 | Jan. 6–Jan. 20, 1993 | Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia | Thomas S. Foley, of Washington. |
| | | | | | Feb. 4–Feb. 16, 1993 | Jan. 27–Feb. 2, 1993 | | |
| | | | | | Apr. 7–Apr. 19, 1993 | Feb. 4–Feb. 16, 1993 | | |
| | | | | | May 28–June 7, 1993 | Apr. 7–Apr. 19, 1993 | | |
| | | | | | July 1–July 13, 1993 | May 27–June 8, 1993 | | |
| | | | | | Aug. 7–Sept. 7, 1993 | July 1–July 13, 1993 | | |
| | | | | | Oct. 7–Oct. 13, 1993 | Aug. 6–Sept. 8, 1993 | | |
| | | | | | Nov. 11–Nov. 16, 1993 | Sept. 15–Sept. 21, 1993 | | |
| | | | | | | Oct. 7–Oct. 12, 1993 | | |
| | | | | | | Nov. 10–Nov. 15, 1993 | | |
| | 2 | Jan. 25, 1994 | Dec. 1, 1994 | 311 | Feb. 11–Feb. 22, 1994 | Jan. 26–Feb. 1, 1994 |do. | |
| | | | | | Mar. 26–Apr. 11, 1994 | Feb. 11–Feb. 22, 1994 | | |
| | | | | | May 25–June 7, 1994 | Mar. 24–Apr. 12, 1994 | | |
| | | | | | July 1–July 11, 1994 | May 26–June 8, 1994 | | |
| | | | | | Aug. 25–Sept. 12, 1994 | June 30–July 12, 1994 | | |
| | | | | | Oct. 8–Nov. 30, 1994 | Aug. 26–Sept. 12, 1994 | | |
| 104th | 1 | Jan. 4, 1995 | Jan. 3, 1996 | 365 | Feb. 16–Feb. 22, 1995 | Feb. 16–Feb. 21, 1995 | Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina | Newt Gingrich, of Georgia. |
| | | | | | Apr. 7–Apr. 24, 1995 | Mar. 16–Mar. 21, 1995 | | |
| | | | | | May 26–June 5, 1995 | Apr. 7–May 1, 1995 | | |
| | | | | | June 30–July 10, 1995 | May 3–May 9, 1995 | | |
| | | | | | Aug. 11–Sept. 5, 1995 | May 25–June 6, 1995 | | |
| | | | | | Sept. 29–Oct. 10, 1995 | June 30–July 10, 1995 | | |
| | | | | | Nov. 20–Nov. 27, 1995 | Aug. 4–Sept. 6, 1995 | | |
| | | | | | | Sept. 29–Oct. 6, 1995 | | |
| | | | | | | Nov. 20–Nov. 28, 1995 | | |
| | 2 | Jan. 3, 1996 | Oct. 4, 1996 | 276 | Jan. 10–Jan. 22, 1996 | Jan. 9–Jan. 22, 1996 |do. | |
| | | | | | Mar. 29–Apr. 15, 1996 | Mar. 29–Apr. 15, 1996 | | |
| | | | | | May 24–June 3, 1996 | May 23–May 29, 1996 | | |
| | | | | | June 28–July 8, 1996 | June 28–July 8, 1996 | | |
| | | | | | Aug. 2–Sept. 3, 1996 | Aug. 2–Sept. 4, 1996 | | |

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| 105th | 1 | Jan. 7, 1997 | Nov. 13, 1997 .. | 311 | Jan. 9-Jan. 21, 1997 .. Feb. 13-Feb. 24, 1997 .. Mar. 21-Apr. 7, 1997 .. June 27-July 7, 1997 .. July 31-Sept. 2, 1997 .. Oct. 9-Oct. 20, 1997 .. | Jan. 9-Jan. 20, 1997 .. Jan. 21-Feb. 4, 1997 .. Feb. 13-Feb. 25, 1997 .. Mar. 21-Apr. 8, 1997 .. June 26-July 8, 1997 .. Aug. 1-Sept. 3, 1997 .. Oct. 9-Oct. 21, 1997 .. |do | Do. |
| | 2 | Jan. 27, 1998 | Dec. 19, 1998 .. | 327 | Feb. 13-Feb. 23, 1998 .. Apr. 3-Apr. 20, 1998 .. May 22-June 1, 1998 .. June 26-July 6, 1998 .. July 31-Aug. 31, 1998 .. Adjourned sine die, Oct. 21, 1998. | Jan. 28-Feb. 3, 1998 .. Feb. 5-Feb. 11, 1998 .. Feb. 12-Feb. 24, 1998 .. Apr. 1-Apr. 21, 1998 .. May 22-June 3, 1998 .. June 25-July 14, 1998 .. Aug. 7-Sept. 9, 1998 .. Oct. 21-Dec. 17, 1998 .. |do. | |
| 106th | 1 | Jan. 6, 1999 ..... | ..... | ..... | Feb. 12-Feb. 22, 1999 .. Mar. 25-Apr. 12, 1999 .. May 27-June 7, 1999 .. | Jan. 6-Jan. 19, 1999 .. Jan. 19-Feb. 2, 1999 .. Feb. 12-Feb. 23, 1999 .. Mar. 25-Apr. 12, 1999 .. May 27-June 7, 1999 .. |do. | J. Dennis Hastert, of Illinois. |

* Indicates that a special session of the Senate was convened during a Congress. Please see the following table, SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE SENATE, for more information.

¹ For many years the appointment or election of a President pro tempore was held by the Senate to be for the occasion only, so that more than one appear in several sessions and in others none was chosen. Since Mar. 12, 1890, they have served until "the Senate otherwise ordered." Since 1949, the position has gone to the most senior member of the majority (see note 37 for a minority party exception).

² Elected to count the vote for President and Vice President, which was done Apr. 6, 1789, a quorum of the Senate then appearing for the first time. John Adams, Vice President, appeared Apr. 21, 1789, and took his seat as President of the Senate.

³ Article II, section 3 of the Constitution provides that the President "may, on extraordinary occasions, convene both Houses, or either of them." This procedure occurs only if the Congress is convened by presidential proclamation. Extraordinary sessions have been called by the President "may, on extraordinary occasions, convene both Houses, or either of them." These are separate sessions of Congress, unless otherwise noted.

⁴ Elected Speaker pro tempore for Apr. 20, 1798, and again for May 28, 1798.

⁵ Elected Speaker Jan. 19, 1814, to succeed Henry Clay, of Kentucky, who resigned Jan. 19, 1814.

⁶ Elected Speaker Nov. 15, 1820, to succeed Henry Clay, of Kentucky, who resigned Oct. 28, 1820.

⁷ Elected Speaker June 2, 1834, to succeed Andrew Stevenson, of Virginia, who resigned June 2, 1834.

⁸ Elected Speaker Mar. 3, 1869, and served 1 day.

⁹ Died Aug. 19, 1876.

¹⁰ Appointed Speaker pro tempore Feb. 17, May 12, June 19.

¹¹ Appointed Speaker pro tempore June 4.

¹² Resigned as President pro tempore Apr. 27, 1911.

¹³ Elected to serve Jan. 11-17, Mar. 11-12, Apr. 8, May 10, May 30 to June 1 and 3, June 13 to July 5, Aug. 1-10, and Aug. 27 to Dec. 15, 1912.

¹⁴ Elected to serve May 25, 1912.

¹⁵ Elected to serve Dec. 4-12, 1911.

¹⁶ Elected to serve Feb. 12-14, Apr. 26-27, May 7, July 6-31, Aug. 12-26, 1912.

¹⁷ Elected to serve Mar. 25-26, 1912.

¹⁸ Elected to serve Aug. 27 to Dec. 15, 1912, Jan. 5-18, and Feb. 2-15, 1913.

¹⁹ Elected to serve Dec. 16, 1912, to Jan. 4, 1913, Jan. 19 to Feb. 1, and Feb. 16 to Mar. 3, 1913.

²⁰ Died Oct. 1, 1916.

²¹ Died Aug. 19, 1934.

²² Died June 4, 1936.

²³ Elected June 4, 1936.

²⁴ Died Sept. 15, 1940.

²⁵ Died Nov. 10, 1940.

²⁶ Elected Sept. 16, 1940.

²⁷ Elected Nov. 19, 1940.

²⁸ Elected Jan. 6, 1941; died June 22, 1941.

²⁹ Elected July 10, 1941.

³⁰ Extraordinary session of the Congress called by President Harry Truman. The extraordinary session was convened after a recess period, and it did not begin a new session.

³¹ Died November 16, 1961.

³² Elected Jan. 10, 1962.

³³ Died Jan. 21, 1971.

³⁴ Elected Jan. 22, 1971.

³⁵ Died July 27, 1972.

³⁶ Elected July 28, 1972.

³⁷ Milton Young, of North Dakota, was elected President pro tempore for one day, Dec. 5, 1980, which was at the end of his 36-year career in the Senate. He was Republican, which was the minority party at that time.

³⁸ Elected Speaker June 6, 1989, to succeed James C. Wright, Jr., of Texas, who resigned June 6, 1989.