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



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

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.
47th *	1	Dec. 1, 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 ..	Thomas F. Bayard, of Delaware .....	J. Warren Keifer, of Ohio.
	3	Dec. 6, 1880 .....	Mar. 3, 1881 ....	88	Dec. 22, 1881-Jan. 5, 1882 ..	Dec. 22, 1881-Jan. 5, 1882 ..	David Davis, of Illinois.	
	1	Dec. 5, 1881 .....	Aug. 8, 1882 ....	247	Dec. 22, 1881-Jan. 5, 1882 ..	Dec. 22, 1881-Jan. 5, 1882 ..	George F. Edmunds, of Vermont.	
48th ...	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.
	1	Dec. 3, 1883 .....	July 7, 1884 ....	218	Dec. 24, 1884-Jan. 5, 1885 ..	Dec. 24, 1884-Jan. 5, 1885 ..	Do.	
49th *	2	Dec. 1, 1884 .....	Mar. 3, 1885 ....	93	Dec. 21, 1885-Jan. 5, 1886 ..	Dec. 21, 1885-Jan. 5, 1886 ..	John Sherman, of Ohio .....	Do.
	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.	
50th ...	2	Dec. 6, 1886 .....	Mar. 3, 1887 ....	88	Dec. 22, 1886-Jan. 4, 1887 ..	Dec. 22, 1886-Jan. 4, 1887 ..	Do.	
	1	Dec. 5, 1887 .....	Oct. 20, 1888 ....	321	Dec. 22, 1887-Jan. 4, 1888 ..	Dec. 22, 1887-Jan. 4, 1888 ..	Do.	
51st *	2	Dec. 5, 1888 .....	Mar. 3, 1889 ....	91	Dec. 21, 1888-Jan. 2, 1889 ..	Dec. 21, 1888-Jan. 2, 1889 ..	Do.	
	1	Dec. 2, 1889 .....	Oct. 1, 1890 ....	304	Dec. 21, 1889-Jan. 6, 1890 ..	Dec. 21, 1889-Jan. 6, 1890 ..	Do.	Thomas B. Reed, of Maine.
52d ....	2	Dec. 1, 1890 .....	Mar. 3, 1891 ....	93	Dec. 22, 1892-Jan. 4, 1893 ..	Dec. 22, 1892-Jan. 4, 1893 ..	Charles F. Manderson, of Nebraska.	
	1	Dec. 7, 1891 .....	Aug. 5, 1892 ....	251	Dec. 22, 1892-Jan. 4, 1893 ..	Dec. 22, 1892-Jan. 4, 1893 ..	Do.	Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia.
53d *	2	Dec. 5, 1892 .....	Mar. 3, 1893 ....	89	Dec. 21, 1893-Jan. 3, 1894 ..	Dec. 21, 1893-Jan. 3, 1894 ..	Do.	
	1	Aug. 7, 1893 .....	Nov. 3, 1893 ....	268	Dec. 23, 1894-Jan. 3, 1895 ..	Dec. 23, 1894-Jan. 3, 1895 ..	Do.	
	2	Dec. 4, 1893 .....	Aug. 28, 1894 ....	97	Dec. 22, 1896-Jan. 5, 1897 ..	Dec. 22, 1896-Jan. 5, 1897 ..	Do.	Thomas B. Reed, of Maine.
	3	Dec. 3, 1894 .....	Mar. 3, 1895 ....		Dec. 22, 1896-Jan. 5, 1897 ..	Dec. 22, 1896-Jan. 5, 1897 ..	Do.	
54th ...	1	Dec. 2, 1895 .....	June 11, 1896 ....	193	Dec. 18, 1897-Jan. 5, 1898 ..	Dec. 18, 1897-Jan. 5, 1898 ..	Do.	David B. Henderson, of Iowa.
	2	Dec. 7, 1896 .....	Mar. 3, 1897 ....	87	Dec. 21, 1898-Jan. 4, 1899 ..	Dec. 21, 1898-Jan. 4, 1899 ..	Do.	
55th *	1	Mar. 15, 1897 .....	July 24, 1897 ....	131	Dec. 20, 1899-Jan. 3, 1900 ..	Dec. 20, 1899-Jan. 3, 1900 ..	Do.	
	2	Dec. 6, 1897 .....	July 8, 1898 ....	215	Dec. 21, 1900-Jan. 3, 1901 ..	Dec. 21, 1900-Jan. 3, 1901 ..	Do.	
56th ...	3	Dec. 5, 1898 .....	Mar. 3, 1899 ....	89	Dec. 20, 1901-Jan. 6, 1902 ..	Dec. 20, 1901-Jan. 6, 1902 ..	Do.	
	1	Dec. 4, 1899 .....	June 7, 1900 ....	186	Dec. 19, 1901-Jan. 6, 1902 ..	Dec. 19, 1901-Jan. 6, 1902 ..	Do.	
57th *	2	Dec. 3, 1900 .....	Mar. 3, 1901 ....	91	Dec. 20, 1902-Jan. 5, 1903 ..	Dec. 20, 1902-Jan. 5, 1903 ..	Do.	Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois.
	1	Dec. 2, 1901 .....	July 1, 1902 ....	212	Dec. 19, 1903-Jan. 4, 1904 ..	Dec. 19, 1903-Jan. 4, 1904 ..	Do.	
58th *	2	Dec. 1, 1902 .....	Mar. 3, 1903 ....	93	Dec. 21, 1904-Jan. 4, 1905 ..	Dec. 21, 1904-Jan. 4, 1905 ..	Do.	
	1	Nov. 9, 1903 .....	Dec. 7, 1903 ....	29	Dec. 20, 1905-Jan. 3, 1906 ..	Dec. 20, 1905-Jan. 3, 1906 ..	Do.	
59th *	2	Dec. 7, 1903 .....	Apr. 28, 1904 ....	144	Dec. 21, 1906-Jan. 3, 1907 ..	Dec. 21, 1906-Jan. 3, 1907 ..	Do.	
	3	Dec. 5, 1904 .....	Mar. 3, 1905 ....	89	Dec. 20, 1907-Jan. 6, 1908 ..	Dec. 20, 1907-Jan. 6, 1908 ..	Do.	
60th ...	1	Dec. 4, 1905 .....	June 30, 1906 ....	209	Dec. 19, 1908-Jan. 4, 1909 ..	Dec. 19, 1908-Jan. 4, 1909 ..	Do.	
	2	Dec. 3, 1906 .....	Mar. 3, 1907 ....	91	Dec. 21, 1909-Jan. 4, 1910 ..	Dec. 21, 1909-Jan. 4, 1910 ..	Do.	
61st *	1	Dec. 2, 1907 .....	May 30, 1908 ....	181	Dec. 21, 1910-Jan. 5, 1911 ..	Dec. 21, 1910-Jan. 5, 1911 ..	Do.	
	2	Dec. 7, 1908 .....	Mar. 3, 1909 ....	87	Dec. 21, 1911-Jan. 3, 1912 ..	Dec. 21, 1911-Jan. 3, 1912 ..	Do.	
62d ....	1	Mar. 15, 1909 .....	Aug. 5, 1909 ....	144	Dec. 19, 1912-Jan. 2, 1913 ..	Dec. 19, 1912-Jan. 2, 1913 ..	Do.	
	2	Dec. 6, 1909 .....	June 25, 1910 ....	202	Dec. 23, 1913-Jan. 12, 1914 ..	Dec. 23, 1913-Jan. 12, 1914 ..	Do.	
	3	Dec. 5, 1910 .....	Mar. 3, 1911 ....	89	Dec. 23-Dec. 28, 1914 .....	Dec. 23-Dec. 28, 1914 .....	Do.	
	1	Apr. 4, 1911 .....	Aug. 22, 1911 ....	141	Dec. 17, 1915-Jan. 4, 1916 ..	Dec. 17, 1915-Jan. 4, 1916 ..	Do.	
	2	Dec. 4, 1911 .....	Aug. 26, 1912 ....	267			Do.	
63d *	3	Dec. 2, 1912 .....	Mar. 3, 1913 ....	92			Do.	
	1	Apr. 7, 1913 .....	Dec. 1, 1913 ....	239			Do.	
	2	Dec. 1, 1913 .....	Oct. 24, 1914 ....	328			Do.	
64th ...	1	Dec. 7, 1914 .....	Mar. 3, 1915 ....	87			Do.	
		Dec. 6, 1915 .....	Sept. 8, 1916 ....	278			Do.	

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	1	Apr. 7, 1917 <sup>3</sup> .....	Oct. 6, 1917 .....	188	Dec. 18, 1917-Jan. 3, 1918 ..	Dec. 18, 1917-Jan. 3, 1918 ..	do .....	Do.
	2	Dec. 2, 1917 <sup>3</sup> .....	Nov. 21, 1918 ..	354	Mar. 3, 1919 ..	July 1-July 8, 1919 ..	Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa .....	Frederick H. Gillett, of Massachusetts.
66th ...	1	May 19, 1919 <sup>3</sup> .....	Nov. 19, 1919 ..	185	Dec. 20, 1919-Jan. 5, 1920 ..	Dec. 20, 1919-Jan. 5, 1920 ..	do .....	Do.
	2	Dec. 1, 1919 .....	June 5, 1920 ..	188	Mar. 3, 1921 ..	Dec. 22, 1921-Jan. 3, 1922 ..	do .....	Do.
	3	Dec. 6, 1920 .....	Mar. 3, 1921 ..	88	Dec. 22, 1921-Jan. 3, 1922 ..	Dec. 22, 1921-Jan. 3, 1922 ..	do .....	Do.
67th *	1	Apr. 11, 1921 <sup>3</sup> .....	Nov. 23, 1921 ..	227	Dec. 22, 1921-Jan. 3, 1922 ..	Dec. 22, 1921-Jan. 3, 1922 ..	do .....	Do.
	2	Dec. 5, 1921 .....	Sept. 22, 1922 ..	292	Dec. 22, 1921-Jan. 3, 1922 ..	Dec. 22, 1921-Jan. 3, 1922 ..	do .....	Do.
	3	Nov. 20, 1922 <sup>3</sup> .....	Dec. 4, 1922 ..	15	Dec. 20, 1923-Jan. 3, 1924 ..	Dec. 20, 1923-Jan. 3, 1924 ..	do .....	Do.
68th ...	1	Dec. 3, 1923 .....	Mar. 3, 1924 ..	90	Dec. 20-Dec. 29, 1924 ..	Dec. 20-Dec. 29, 1924 ..	do .....	Do.
	2	Dec. 1, 1924 .....	June 7, 1924 ..	188	Dec. 22, 1925-Jan. 4, 1926 ..	Dec. 22, 1925-Jan. 4, 1926 ..	George H. Moses, of New Hampshire ..	Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio.
69th *	1	Dec. 3, 1924 .....	Mar. 3, 1925 ..	93	Dec. 22, 1926-Jan. 3, 1927 ..	Dec. 22, 1926-Jan. 3, 1927 ..	do .....	Do.
	2	Dec. 6, 1926 .....	July 3, 1926 ..	209	Dec. 21, 1927-Jan. 4, 1928 ..	Dec. 21, 1927-Jan. 4, 1928 ..	do .....	Do.
70th ...	1	Dec. 5, 1927 .....	May 29, 1928 ..	88	Dec. 22, 1928-Jan. 3, 1929 ..	Dec. 22, 1928-Jan. 3, 1929 ..	do .....	Do.
	2	Dec. 3, 1928 .....	Mar. 3, 1929 ..	177	June 19-Aug. 19, 1929 ..	June 19-Aug. 19, 1929 ..	do .....	Do.
71st *	1	Dec. 3, 1928 .....	Mar. 3, 1929 ..	91	Dec. 21, 1929-Jan. 6, 1930 ..	Dec. 21, 1929-Jan. 6, 1930 ..	do .....	Do.
	2	Apr. 15, 1929 <sup>3</sup> .....	Nov. 22, 1929 ..	222	Dec. 20, 1930-Jan. 5, 1931 ..	Dec. 20, 1930-Jan. 5, 1931 ..	do .....	Do.
72d ....	1	Dec. 2, 1929 .....	July 3, 1930 ..	214	Dec. 22, 1931-Jan. 4, 1932 ..	Dec. 22, 1931-Jan. 4, 1932 ..	do .....	John N. Garner, of Texas.
	2	Dec. 1, 1930 .....	Mar. 3, 1931 ..	93	do .....	do .....	do .....	do.
	3	Dec. 7, 1931 .....	July 16, 1932 ..	223	do .....	do .....	do .....	do.
73d *	1	Dec. 5, 1932 .....	Mar. 3, 1933 ..	89	do .....	do .....	do .....	do.
	2	Dec. 9, 1933 <sup>3</sup> .....	Mar. 3, 1933 ..	99	do .....	do .....	do .....	do.
74th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1934 .....	June 15, 1933 ..	167	do .....	do .....	do .....	do.
	2	Jan. 3, 1934 .....	June 18, 1934 ..	236	do .....	do .....	do .....	do.
75th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1935 .....	Aug. 26, 1935 ..	236	do .....	do .....	do .....	do.
	2	Jan. 3, 1936 .....	June 20, 1936 ..	170	do .....	do .....	do .....	do.
76th ...	1	Jan. 5, 1937 .....	Aug. 21, 1937 ..	229	do .....	do .....	do .....	do.
	2	Jan. 5, 1937 .....	Dec. 21, 1937 ..	37	do .....	do .....	do .....	do.
	3	Nov. 15, 1937 <sup>3</sup> .....	June 16, 1938 ..	165	do .....	do .....	do .....	do.
77th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1938 .....	Aug. 5, 1939 ..	215	do .....	do .....	do .....	do.
	2	Jan. 3, 1939 .....	Nov. 3, 1939 ..	44	do .....	do .....	do .....	do.
	3	Sept. 21, 1939 <sup>3</sup> ..	Jan. 3, 1941 .....	366	do .....	do .....	do .....	do.
78th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1941 .....	Jan. 2, 1942 .....	365	do .....	do .....	do .....	do.
	2	Jan. 5, 1942 .....	Dec. 16, 1942 ..	346	do .....	do .....	do .....	do.
	1	Jan. 6, 1943 .....	Dec. 21, 1943 ..	350	do .....	do .....	do .....	do.

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		
79th	1 Jan. 3, 1945	Dec. 21, 1945	353	Sept. 21–Nov. 14, 1944	Sept. 21–Nov. 14, 1944	Kenneth McKellar, of Tennessee	Do.
	2 Jan. 14, 1946	Aug. 2, 1946	201	Aug. 1–Sept. 5, 1945	July 21–Sept. 5, 1945	.....do.	
80th	1 Jan. 3, 1947	Dec. 19, 1947	351	July 27–Nov. 17, 1947 <sup>30</sup>	July 27–Nov. 17, 1947 <sup>30</sup>	Authur H. Vandenberg, of Michigan	Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts,
	2 Jan. 6, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948	361	June 20–July 26, 1948 <sup>30</sup>	June 20–July 26, 1948 <sup>30</sup>	.....do.	
81st	1 Jan. 3, 1949	Oct. 19, 1949	290	Aug. 7–Dec. 31, 1948	Aug. 7–Dec. 31, 1948	Kenneth McKellar, of Tennessee	Sam Rayburn, of Texas.
	2 Jan. 3, 1950	Jan. 2, 1951	365	Sept. 23–Nov. 27–1950	Sept. 23–Nov. 27, 1950	.....do.	
82d	1 Jan. 3, 1951	Oct. 20, 1951	291	.....	Mar. 22–Apr. 2, 1951	.....do.	Do.
	2 Jan. 8, 1952	July 7, 1952	182	.....	Aug. 23–Sept. 12, 1951	.....do.	
83d	1 Jan. 3, 1953	Aug. 3, 1953	213	.....	Apr. 10–Apr. 22, 1952	.....do.	Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts,
	2 Jan. 6, 1954	Dec. 2, 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	Aug. 2, 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	July 27, 1956	207	Mar. 29–Apr. 9, 1956	Mar. 29–Apr. 9, 1956	.....do.	
85th	1 Jan. 3, 1957	Aug. 30, 1957	239	Apr. 18–Apr. 29, 1957	Apr. 18–Apr. 29, 1957	Carl Hayden, of Arizona	Do.
	2 Jan. 7, 1958	Aug. 24, 1958	230	Apr. 3–Apr. 14, 1958	Apr. 3–Apr. 14, 1958	.....do.	
86th	1 Jan. 7, 1959	Sept. 15, 1959	252	Mar. 26–Apr. 7, 1959	Mar. 26–Apr. 7, 1959	.....do.	Do.
	2 Jan. 6, 1960	Sept. 1, 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	Sept. 27, 1961	268	.....	Mar. 30–Apr. 10, 1961	.....do.	Do. <sup>31</sup>
	2 Jan. 10, 1962	Oct. 13, 1962	277	.....	Apr. 19–Apr. 30, 1962	.....do.	John W. McCormack, <sup>32</sup> of Massachusetts,
88th	1 Jan. 9, 1963	Dec. 30, 1963	356	.....	Apr. 11–Apr. 22, 1963	.....do.	Do.
	2 Jan. 7, 1964	Oct. 3, 1964	270	July 10–July 20, 1964	Mar. 26–Apr. 6, 1964	.....do.	
				Aug. 21–Aug. 31, 1964	July 2–July 20, 1964	.....do.	
89th	1 Jan. 4, 1965	Oct. 23, 1965	293	.....	Aug. 21–Aug. 31, 1964	.....do.	Do.
	2 Jan. 10, 1966	Oct. 22, 1966	286	Apr. 7–Apr. 13, 1966	Apr. 7–Apr. 18, 1966	.....do.	
90th	1 Jan. 10, 1967	Dec. 15, 1967	340	June 30–July 11, 1966	June 30–July 11, 1966	.....do.	Do.
				Mar. 23–Apr. 3, 1967	Mar. 23–Apr. 3, 1967	.....do.	
				June 29–July 10, 1967	June 29–July 10, 1967	.....do.	
				Aug. 31–Sept. 11, 1967	Aug. 31–Sept. 11, 1967	.....do.	
				Nov. 22–Nov. 27, 1967	Nov. 22–Nov. 27, 1967	.....do.	
				Apr. 11–Apr. 17, 1968	Apr. 11–Apr. 22, 1968	.....do.	
				May 29–June 3, 1968	May 29–June 3, 1968	.....do.	
				June 3–July 8, 1968	June 3–July 8, 1968	.....do.	
				Aug. 2–Sept. 4, 1968	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. <sup>33</sup>	Carl B. Albert, of Oklahoma.
					Apr. 7-Apr. 14, 1971 .....	Apr. 7-Apr. 19, 1971 .....	Allen J. Ellender, <sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup>	
	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, <sup>36</sup> 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, <sup>37</sup> 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 .....		
					June 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 .....		

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, 1987 .....do.	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 .....do.	.....do.	
101st ..	1	Jan. 3, 1989	Nov. 22, 1989 ..	324	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	Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia .....	Do.
	2	Jan. 23, 1990	Oct. 28, 1990 ..	260	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 .....do.	.....do.	Thomas S. Foley, <sup>38</sup> of Washington.
102d ...	1	Jan. 3, 1991	Jan. 3, 1992 .....	366	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.	Do.
	2	Jan. 3, 1992	Oct. 9, 1992 .....	281	.....do.	.....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 .....		

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 ..... 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. 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 ..... 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 ..... 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.....	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.	.....do.....		
106th	1	Jan. 6, 1999 .....	.....	.....	Feb. 12-Feb. 22, 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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).

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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 Chief Executive to urge the Congress to focus on important national issues. These are separate sessions of Congress, unless otherwise noted.

<sup>4</sup> Elected Speaker pro tempore for Apr. 20, 1798, and again for May 28, 1798.

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

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

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

<sup>8</sup> Elected Speaker Mar. 3, 1869, and served 1 day.

<sup>9</sup> Died Aug. 19, 1876.

<sup>10</sup> Appointed Speaker pro tempore Feb. 17, May 12, June 19.

<sup>11</sup> Appointed Speaker pro tempore June 4.

<sup>12</sup> Resigned as President pro tempore Apr. 27, 1911.

<sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> Elected to serve May 25, 1912.

<sup>15</sup> Elected to serve Dec. 4-12, 1911.

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

<sup>17</sup> Elected to serve Mar. 25-26, 1912.

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

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

<sup>20</sup> Died Oct. 1, 1916.

<sup>21</sup> Died Aug. 19, 1934.

<sup>22</sup> Died June 4, 1936.

<sup>23</sup> Elected June 4, 1936.

<sup>24</sup> Died Sept. 15, 1940.

<sup>25</sup> Died Nov. 10, 1940.

<sup>26</sup> Elected Sept. 16, 1940.

<sup>27</sup> Elected Nov. 19, 1940.

<sup>28</sup> Elected Jan. 6, 1941; died June 22, 1941.

<sup>29</sup> Elected July 10, 1941.

<sup>30</sup> 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.

<sup>31</sup> Died November 16, 1961.

<sup>32</sup> Elected Jan. 10, 1962.

<sup>33</sup> Died Jan. 21, 1971.

<sup>34</sup> Elected Jan. 22, 1971.

<sup>35</sup> Died July 27, 1972.

<sup>36</sup> Elected July 28, 1972.

<sup>37</sup> 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.

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