

### SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE SENATE

From 1789 to 1933 presidential and congressional terms began on March 4, although the Congress generally did not meet until the first Monday in December. When a new President was to take office, his predecessor would call the Senate into special session to confirm the nominations for the Cabinet and other significant posts. Special sessions also were convened to consider the ratification of treaties. Incumbent presidents also called special sessions from time to time to allow Senators to consider vacancies and other executive business. Special sessions are called by presidential proclamation.

[Except as noted below, all special sessions were convened to consider executive nominations.]

Congress	Year	Date of beginning	Date of adjournment
2d .....	1791	Friday, March 4 .....	Friday, March 4.
3d .....	1793	Monday, March 4 .....	Monday, March 4.
4th .....	1795	Monday, June 8 <sup>1</sup> .....	Friday, June 26.
5th .....	1797	Saturday, March 4 .....	Saturday, March 4.
	1798	Tuesday, July 17 .....	Thursday, July 19.
7th .....	1801	Wednesday, March 4 .....	Thursday, March 5.
11th .....	1809	Saturday, March 4 .....	Tuesday, March 7.
15th .....	1817	Monday, March 4 .....	Wednesday, March 6.
19th .....	1825	Friday, March 4 .....	Wednesday, March 9.
21st .....	1829	Wednesday, March 4 .....	Tuesday, March 17.
25th .....	1837	Saturday, March 4 .....	Friday, March 10.
27th .....	1841	Thursday, March 4 .....	Monday, March 15.
29th .....	1845	Tuesday, March 4 .....	Thursday, March 20.
31st .....	1849	Monday, March 5 .....	Friday, March 23.
32d .....	1851	Tuesday, March 4 .....	Thursday, March 13.
33d .....	1853	Friday, March 4 .....	Monday, April 11.
35th .....	1857	Wednesday, March 4 .....	Saturday, March 14.
	1858	Tuesday, June 15 .....	Wednesday, June 16.
36th .....	1859	Friday, March 4 .....	Thursday, March 10.
	1860	Tuesday, June 26 <sup>2</sup> .....	Thursday, June 28.
37th .....	1861	Monday, March 4 .....	Thursday, March 28.
38th .....	1863	Wednesday, March 4 .....	Saturday, March 14.
39th .....	1865	Saturday, March 4 .....	Saturday, March 11.
40th .....	1867	Monday, April 1 .....	Saturday, April 20.
41st .....	1869	Monday, April 12 .....	Thursday, April 22.
42d .....	1871	Wednesday, May 10 <sup>3</sup> .....	Saturday, May 27.
43d .....	1873	Tuesday, March 4 .....	Wednesday, March 26.
44th .....	1875	Friday, March 5 .....	Wednesday, March 24.
45th .....	1877	Monday, March 5 .....	Saturday, March 17.
47th .....	1881	Friday, March 4 .....	Friday, May 20.
	1881	Monday, October 10 .....	Saturday, October 29.
49th .....	1885	Wednesday, March 4 .....	Thursday, April 2.
51st .....	1889	Monday, March 4 .....	Tuesday, April 2.
53d .....	1893	Saturday, March 4 .....	Friday, April 15.
55th .....	1897	Thursday, March 4 .....	Wednesday, March 10.
57th .....	1901	Monday, March 4 .....	Saturday, March 9.
58th .....	1903	Thursday, March 5 .....	Thursday, March 19.
59th .....	1905	Saturday, March 4 .....	Saturday, March 18.
61st .....	1909	Thursday, March 4 .....	Saturday, March 6.
63d .....	1913	Tuesday, March 4 .....	Monday, March 17.
65th .....	1917	Monday, March 5 .....	Friday, March 16.
67th .....	1921	Friday, March 4 .....	Tuesday, March 15.
69th .....	1925	Wednesday, March 4 .....	Wednesday, March 18.
71st .....	1929	Monday, March 4 .....	Tuesday, March 5.
	1930	Monday, July 7 <sup>4</sup> .....	Monday, July 21.
73d .....	1933	Saturday, March 4 .....	Monday, March 6.

<sup>1</sup> To consider the Jay Treaty.    <sup>2</sup> To consider treaties.    <sup>3</sup> To consider the Washington Treaty.    <sup>4</sup> To consider the Naval Arms Treaty.