

# SESSIONS OF CONGRESS

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					Senate	House of Representatives		
1st	1	Mar. 4, 1789	Sept. 29, 1789	210	.....	.....	John Langdon, of New Hampshire	Frederick A.C. Muhlenberg, of Pennsylvania.
2d	2	Jan. 4, 1790	Aug. 12, 1790	221	.....	.....	.....do.	.....
	3	Dec. 6, 1790	Mar. 3, 1791	88	.....	.....	.....do.	.....
	5	Mar. 4, 1791	May 8, 1791	1	.....	.....	Richard Henry Lee, of Virginia	Jonathan Trumbull, of Connecticut.
3d	1	Oct. 24, 1791	Mar. 4, 1792	197	.....	.....	John Langdon, of New Hampshire.	.....
	2	Nov. 5, 1792	Mar. 2, 1793	119	.....	.....	.....do.	.....
	5	Mar. 4, 1793	Mar. 4, 1793	1	.....	.....	John Langdon, of New Hampshire;	Frederick A.C. Muhlenberg, of Pennsylvania.
4th	1	Dec. 2, 1793	June 9, 1794	190	.....	.....	Ralph Izard, of South Carolina.	.....
	2	Nov. 3, 1794	Mar. 3, 1795	121	.....	.....	Henry Tazewell, of Virginia.	.....
	5	June 8, 1795	June 26, 1795	19	.....	.....	.....do.	.....
5th	1	Dec. 7, 1795	June 1, 1796	177	.....	.....	Henry Tazewell, of Virginia; Samuel	Jonathan Dayton, of New Jersey.
	2	Dec. 5, 1796	Mar. 3, 1797	89	.....	.....	Livermore, of New Hampshire.	.....
	1-E	Mar. 4, 1797	Mar. 4, 1797	1	.....	.....	William Bingham, of Pennsylvania.	.....
6th	5	May 15, 1797	July 10, 1797	57	.....	.....	.....	.....
	2	July 17, 1798	July 19, 1798	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
	5	Nov. 13, 1797	July 16, 1798	246	.....	.....	William Bradford, of Rhode Island	Do.
7th	3	Dec. 3, 1798	Mar. 3, 1799	91	.....	.....	Jacob Read, of South Carolina; Theodore Sedgwick, of Massachusetts.	.....
	1	Dec. 2, 1799	May 14, 1800	164	.....	.....	John Laurance, of New York; James Ross, of Pennsylvania.	.....
	2	Nov. 17, 1800	Mar. 3, 1801	107	.....	.....	Samuel Livermore, of New Hampshire; Uriah Tracy, of Connecticut.	Theodore Sedgwick, of Massachusetts.
8th	5	Mar. 4, 1801	Mar. 5, 1801	2	.....	.....	John E. Howard, of Maryland; James Hillhouse, of Connecticut.	.....
	1	Dec. 7, 1801	May 3, 1802	148	.....	.....	Abraham Baldwin, of Georgia	Nathaniel Macon, of North Carolina.

8th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 6, 1802 .....	Mar. 3, 1803 ....	88	.....	.....	Stephen R. Bradley, of Vermont. John Brown, of Kentucky; Jesse Frank- lin, of North Carolina.	Do.
9th ....	2	1	Nov. 5, 1804 .....	Mar. 3, 1805 ....	119	.....	.....	Joseph Anderson, of Tennessee.	Do.
10th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 2, 1805 .....	Apr. 21, 1806 ....	141	.....	.....	Samuel Smith, of Maryland .....	Joseph B. Varnum, of Massachusetts.
11th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 26, 1807 .....	Apr. 25, 1808 ....	185	.....	.....	.....do.....	
11th ...	2	1-E	Nov. 7, 1808 .....	Mar. 3, 1809 ....	117	.....	.....	Stephen R. Bradley, of Vermont; John Milledge, of Georgia.	
11th ...	8	S	Mar. 4, 1809 .....	Mar. 7, 1809 ....	4	.....	.....	.....	
12th ...	2	1	May 22, 1809 .....	June 28, 1809 ....	38	.....	.....	Andrew Gregg, of Pennsylvania .....	Do.
12th ...	2	1	Nov. 27, 1809 .....	May 1, 1810 ....	156	.....	.....	John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	
12th ...	1-E	3	Dec. 3, 1810 .....	Mar. 3, 1811 ....	91	.....	.....	John Pope, of Kentucky.	Henry Clay, of Kentucky.
13th ...	2	1	Nov. 4, 1811 .....	July 6, 1812 ....	245	.....	.....	William H. Crawford, of Georgia .....	
13th ...	2	1	Nov. 2, 1812 .....	Mar. 3, 1813 ....	122	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do. <sup>4</sup>
13th ...	2	1	May 24, 1813 .....	Aug. 2, 1813 ....	71	.....	.....	Joseph B. Varnum, of Massachusetts;	Langdon Cheves, of South Carolina. <sup>4</sup>
14th ...	3-E	1	Dec. 6, 1813 .....	Apr. 18, 1814 ....	134	.....	.....	John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	Henry Clay, of Kentucky.
14th ...	2	1	Sept. 19, 1814 .....	Mar. 3, 1815 ....	166	.....	.....	.....do.....	
15th ...	2	1	Dec. 4, 1815 .....	Apr. 30, 1816 ....	148	.....	.....	.....do.....	
15th ...	2	1	Dec. 2, 1816 .....	Mar. 3, 1817 ....	92	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
15th ...	2	1	Mar. 4, 1817 .....	Mar. 6, 1817 ....	3	.....	.....	James Barbour, of Virginia.	Do. <sup>5</sup>
16th ...	2	1	Dec. 1, 1817 .....	Apr. 20, 1818 ....	141	.....	.....	James Barbour, of Virginia; John	John W. Taylor, of New York. <sup>5</sup>
16th ...	2	1	Nov. 16, 1818 .....	Mar. 3, 1819 ....	108	.....	.....	Gaillard, of South Carolina.	Philip P. Barbour, of Virginia.
17th ...	2	1	Dec. 6, 1819 .....	May 15, 1820 ....	162	.....	.....	John Gaillard, of South Carolina .....	Henry Clay, of Kentucky.
17th ...	2	1	Nov. 13, 1820 .....	Mar. 3, 1821 ....	111	.....	.....	.....do.....	
18th ...	2	1	Dec. 3, 1821 .....	May 8, 1822 ....	157	.....	.....	.....do.....	
18th ...	2	1	Dec. 2, 1822 .....	Mar. 3, 1823 ....	92	.....	.....	.....do.....	
18th ...	2	1	Dec. 1, 1823 .....	May 27, 1824 ....	178	.....	.....	.....do.....	
19th ...	2	1	Dec. 6, 1824 .....	Mar. 3, 1825 ....	88	.....	.....	.....do.....	
19th ...	2	1	Mar. 4, 1825 .....	Mar. 9, 1825 ....	6	.....	.....	.....do.....	
20th ...	2	1	Dec. 5, 1825 .....	May 22, 1826 ....	169	.....	.....	.....do.....	
20th ...	2	1	Dec. 4, 1826 .....	Mar. 3, 1827 ....	90	.....	.....	.....do.....	
21st ...	2	1	Dec. 3, 1827 .....	May 26, 1828 ....	175	.....	.....	Nathaniel Macon, of North Carolina .....	John W. Taylor, of New York.
21st ...	2	1	Dec. 1, 1828 .....	Mar. 3, 1829 ....	93	.....	.....	.....do.....	Andrew Stevenson, of Virginia.
21st ...	2	1	Mar. 4, 1829 .....	Mar. 17, 1829 ....	14	.....	.....	Samuel Smith, of Maryland .....	
22d ...	2	1	Dec. 7, 1829 .....	May 31, 1830 ....	176	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
22d ...	2	1	Dec. 6, 1830 .....	Mar. 3, 1831 ....	88	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
23d ...	2	1	Dec. 5, 1831 .....	July 16, 1832 ....	225	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do. <sup>6</sup>
23d ...	2	1	Dec. 3, 1832 .....	Mar. 2, 1833 ....	91	.....	.....	Littleton Waller Tazewell, of Virginia ..	John Bell, of Tennessee. <sup>6</sup>
23d ...	2	1	Dec. 2, 1833 .....	June 30, 1834 ....	211	.....	.....	Hugh Lawson White, of Tennessee.	James K. Polk, of Tennessee.
24th ...	2	1	Dec. 1, 1834 .....	Mar. 3, 1835 ....	93	.....	.....	George Poindexter, of Mississippi.	
24th ...	2	1	Dec. 7, 1835 .....	July 4, 1836 ....	211	.....	.....	John Tyler, of Virginia .....	
25th ...	2	1	Dec. 5, 1836 .....	Mar. 3, 1837 ....	89	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
25th ...	2	1	Mar. 4, 1837 .....	Mar. 10, 1837 ....	7	.....	.....	.....do.....	
25th ...	2	1	Sept. 4, 1837 .....	Oct. 16, 1837 ....	43	.....	.....	.....do.....	
26th ...	2	1	Dec. 4, 1837 .....	July 9, 1838 ....	218	.....	.....	.....do.....	
26th ...	2	1	Dec. 3, 1838 .....	Mar. 3, 1839 ....	91	.....	.....	.....do.....	
26th ...	2	1	Dec. 2, 1839 .....	July 21, 1840 ....	233	.....	.....	.....do.....	
27th ...	2	1	Dec. 7, 1840 .....	Mar. 3, 1841 ....	87	.....	.....	.....do.....	
27th ...	2	1	Mar. 4, 1841 .....	Mar. 15, 1841 ....	12	.....	.....	.....do.....	
								Robert M.T. Hunter, of Virginia.	
								William R. King, of Alabama; Samuel	
								L. Southard, of New Jersey.	

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28th ...	1-E	May 31, 1841 ....	Sept. 13, 1841 ..	106	.....	.....	Samuel L. Southard, of New Jersey .....	John White, of Kentucky.
	2	Dec. 6, 1841 ....	Aug. 31, 1842 ..	269	.....	.....	Willie P. Mangum, of North Carolina.	
	3	Dec. 5, 1842 ....	Mar. 3, 1843 ....	89	.....	.....	.....do.....	John W. Jones, of Virginia.
	1	Dec. 4, 1843 ....	June 17, 1844 ...	196	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	2	Dec. 2, 1844 ....	Mar. 3, 1845 ....	92	.....	.....	.....do.....	
29th ...	5	Mar. 4, 1845 ....	Mar. 20, 1845 ...	17	.....	.....		
	1	Dec. 1, 1845 ....	Aug. 10, 1846 ..	253	.....	.....	Ambrose H. Sevier, David R. Atchison, of Missouri.	John W. Davis, of Indiana.
30th ...	2	Dec. 7, 1846 ....	Mar. 3, 1847 ....	87	.....	.....	David R. Atchison, of Missouri.	
	1	Dec. 6, 1847 ....	Aug. 14, 1848 ...	254	.....	.....	.....do.....	Robert C. Winthrop, of Massachusetts.
	2	Dec. 4, 1848 ....	Mar. 3, 1849 ....	90	.....	.....	.....do.....	
31st ...	5	Dec. 3, 1849 ....	Mar. 23, 1849 ...	19	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	1	Dec. 3, 1849 ....	Sept. 30, 1850 ..	302	.....	.....	William R. King, of Alabama .....	Howell Cobb, of Georgia.
32d ....	2	Dec. 2, 1850 ....	Mar. 3, 1851 ....	92	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	5	Mar. 4, 1851 ....	Mar. 13, 1851 ...	10	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	1	Dec. 1, 1851 ....	Aug. 31, 1852 ...	275	.....	.....	David R. Atchison, of Missouri.	Linn Boyd, of Kentucky.
33d ....	2	Dec. 6, 1852 ....	Mar. 3, 1853 ....	88	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
	5	Mar. 4, 1853 ....	Apr. 11, 1853 ...	39	.....	.....	Lewis Cass, of Michigan; Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.	
	1	Dec. 5, 1853 ....	Aug. 7, 1854 ....	246	.....	.....	Charles E. Stuart, of Michigan; Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.	Nathaniel P. Banks, of Massachusetts.
34th ...	2	Dec. 4, 1854 ....	Mar. 3, 1855 ....	90	.....	.....	Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.	
	1	Dec. 3, 1855 ....	Aug. 18, 1856 ..	260	.....	.....	James M. Mason, of Virginia.	
35th ...	2-E	Aug. 21, 1856 ....	Aug. 30, 1856 ...	10	.....	.....	James M. Mason, of Virginia.	
	5	Dec. 1, 1856 ....	Mar. 3, 1857 ....	93	.....	.....	James M. Mason, of Virginia; Thomas J. Rusk, of Texas.	
	3	Mar. 4, 1857 ....	Mar. 14, 1857 ...	11	.....	.....	Benjamin Fitzpatrick, of Alabama .....	James L. Orr, of South Carolina.
	1	Dec. 7, 1857 .....	June 14, 1858 ...	189	Dec. 23, 1857–Jan. 4, 1858 ..	Dec. 23, 1857–Jan. 4, 1858 ..		

5	36th	June 15, 1858	June 16, 1858	2	Dec. 23, 1858–Jan. 4, 1859 ..	.....do.	Benjamin Fitzpatrick, of Alabama; Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.	William Pennington, of New Jersey.
2		Dec. 6, 1858	Mar. 3, 1859	88	.....	.....do.	Benjamin Fitzpatrick, of Alabama.	
5		Mar. 4, 1859	Mar. 10, 1859	7	.....	.....do.	Solomon Foot, of Vermont.	
1		Dec. 5, 1859	June 25, 1860	202	.....	.....do.	.....do.	Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania.
5		June 26, 1860	June 28, 1860	3	Dec. 23, 1862–Jan. 5, 1863 ..	.....do.	.....do.	
2		Dec. 3, 1860	Mar. 3, 1861	93	Dec. 23, 1863–Jan. 5, 1864 ..	.....do.	Solomon Foot, of Vermont; Daniel Clark, of New Hampshire.	Schuyler Colfax, of Indiana.
5		Mar. 4, 1861	Mar. 28, 1861	25	Dec. 22, 1864–Jan. 5, 1865 ..	.....do.	Daniel Clark, of New Hampshire.	
1-E	37th	July 4, 1861	Aug. 6, 1861	34	Dec. 6–Dec. 11, 1865	Dec. 21, 1865–Jan. 5, 1866	Lafayette S. Foster, of Connecticut.	Do.
2		Dec. 2, 1861	July 17, 1862	228	Dec. 20, 1866–Jan. 3, 1867 ..	Dec. 20, 1866–Jan. 3, 1867 ..	.....do.	
3		Dec. 1, 1862	Mar. 3, 1863	93	Mar. 30–July 3, 1867	Mar. 30–July 3, 1867	Benjamin F. Wade, of Ohio.	Do. <sup>7</sup>
5		Mar. 4, 1863	Mar. 14, 1863	11	July 20–Nov. 21, 1867	July 20–Nov. 21, 1867	.....do.	
1		Dec. 7, 1863	July 4, 1864	209	Dec. 20, 1867–Jan. 6, 1868	Dec. 20, 1867–Jan. 6, 1868	.....do.	
2		Dec. 5, 1864	Mar. 3, 1865	89	July 27–Sept. 21, 1868	Sept. 21–Oct. 16, 1868	.....do.	
5		Mar. 4, 1865	Mar. 11, 1865	8	Oct. 16–Nov. 10, 1868	Oct. 16–Nov. 10, 1868	.....do.	
1		Dec. 4, 1865	July 28, 1866	237	Dec. 21, 1868–Jan. 5, 1869 ..	Dec. 21, 1868–Jan. 5, 1869 ..	.....do.	Theodore M. Pomeroy, of New York. <sup>7</sup>
2		Dec. 3, 1866	Mar. 3, 1867	91	.....	.....	Henry B. Anthony, of Rhode Island	James G. Blaine, of Maine.
1		Dec. 4, 1867	Dec. 1, 1867	273	Dec. 22, 1869–Jan. 10, 1870	Dec. 22, 1869–Jan. 10, 1870	.....do.	
5		Apr. 1, 1867	Apr. 20, 1867	20	Dec. 23, 1870–Jan. 4, 1871 ..	Dec. 23, 1870–Jan. 4, 1871 ..	.....do.	
2		Dec. 2, 1867	Nov. 10, 1868	345	.....	.....	.....do.	
3	41st	Dec. 7, 1868	Mar. 3, 1869	87	Dec. 21, 1871–Jan. 8, 1872 ..	Dec. 21, 1871–Jan. 8, 1872 ..	.....do.	
1		Mar. 4, 1869	Apr. 10, 1869	38	Dec. 20, 1872–Jan. 6, 1873 ..	Dec. 20, 1872–Jan. 6, 1873 ..	.....do.	
5		Apr. 12, 1869	Apr. 22, 1869	11	Dec. 19, 1873–Jan. 5, 1874 ..	Dec. 19, 1873–Jan. 5, 1874 ..	.....do.	
2		Dec. 6, 1869	July 15, 1870	222	Dec. 23, 1874–Jan. 5, 1875 ..	Dec. 23, 1874–Jan. 5, 1875 ..	.....do.	
3		Dec. 5, 1870	Mar. 3, 1871	89	Dec. 20, 1875–Jan. 5, 1876 ..	Dec. 20, 1875–Jan. 5, 1876 ..	.....do.	
1		Mar. 4, 1871	Apr. 20, 1871	48	.....	.....	.....do.	
5		May 10, 1871	May 27, 1871	18	Dec. 15, 1877–Jan. 10, 1878	Dec. 15, 1877–Jan. 10, 1878	.....do.	
2		Dec. 4, 1871	June 10, 1872	190	Dec. 20, 1878–Jan. 7, 1879 ..	Dec. 20, 1878–Jan. 7, 1879 ..	.....do.	
3		Dec. 2, 1872	Mar. 3, 1873	92	Dec. 19, 1879–Jan. 6, 1880 ..	Dec. 19, 1879–Jan. 6, 1880 ..	.....do.	
5		Mar. 4, 1873	Mar. 26, 1873	23	Dec. 23, 1880–Jan. 5, 1881 ..	Dec. 23, 1880–Jan. 5, 1881 ..	.....do.	
1		Dec. 1, 1873	June 23, 1874	204	.....	.....	.....do.	
2		Dec. 7, 1874	Mar. 3, 1875	87	.....	.....	.....do.	
5		Mar. 5, 1875	Mar. 24, 1875	20	Dec. 22, 1881–Jan. 5, 1882 ..	Dec. 22, 1881–Jan. 5, 1882 ..	.....do.	
1		Dec. 6, 1875	Aug. 15, 1876	254	.....	.....	.....do.	
5		Dec. 4, 1876	Mar. 3, 1877	90	.....	.....	.....do.	
2		Mar. 5, 1877	Mar. 17, 1877	13	Dec. 15, 1877–Jan. 10, 1878	Dec. 15, 1877–Jan. 10, 1878	.....do.	
1-E		Oct. 15, 1877	Dec. 3, 1877	50	Dec. 20, 1878–Jan. 7, 1879 ..	Dec. 20, 1878–Jan. 7, 1879 ..	.....do.	
2		Dec. 2, 1878	June 20, 1878	200	Dec. 19, 1879–Jan. 6, 1880 ..	Dec. 19, 1879–Jan. 6, 1880 ..	.....do.	
3		Dec. 3, 1878	Mar. 3, 1879	92	Dec. 23, 1880–Jan. 5, 1881 ..	Dec. 23, 1880–Jan. 5, 1881 ..	.....do.	
1-E	46th	Mar. 18, 1879	July 1, 1879	106	.....	.....	.....do.	
2		Dec. 1, 1879	June 16, 1880	199	.....	.....	.....do.	
3		Dec. 6, 1880	Mar. 3, 1881	88	.....	.....	.....do.	
5		Mar. 4, 1881	May 20, 1881	78	.....	.....	.....do.	
1	47th	Oct. 10, 1881	Oct. 29, 1881	20	.....	.....	.....do.	
5		Dec. 5, 1881	Aug. 8, 1882	247	.....	.....	.....do.	
1		Dec. 5, 1881	Aug. 8, 1882	247	.....	.....	.....do.	J. Warren Keifer, of Ohio.
5		Oct. 10, 1881	Oct. 29, 1881	78	.....	.....	.....do.	
1-E		Dec. 2, 1878	June 20, 1878	92	.....	.....	.....do.	
2		Dec. 3, 1877	Mar. 3, 1879	92	.....	.....	.....do.	
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1-E		Oct. 15, 1877	Dec. 3, 1877	50	.....	.....	.....do.	
2		Dec. 4, 1876	Mar. 3, 1877	90	.....	.....	.....do.	
5		Dec. 6, 1875	Mar. 24, 1875	20	.....	.....	.....do.	
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3		Dec. 7, 1868	Mar. 3, 1869	87	.....	.....	.....do.	
1		Mar. 4, 1869	Apr. 10, 1869	38	.....	.....	.....do.	
5		Apr. 12, 1869	Apr. 22, 1869	11	.....	.....	.....do.	
2		Dec. 6, 1869	July 15, 1870	222	.....	.....	.....do.	
3		Dec. 5, 1870	Mar. 3, 1871	89	.....	.....	.....do.	
1		Mar. 4, 1871	Apr. 20, 1871	48	.....	.....	.....do.	
5		May 10, 1871	May 27, 1871	18	.....	.....	.....do.	
2		Dec. 4, 1871	June 10, 1872	190	.....	.....	.....do.	
3		Dec. 2, 1872	Mar. 3, 1873	92	.....	.....	.....do.	
5		Mar. 4, 1873	Mar. 26, 1873	23	.....	.....	.....do.	
1		Dec. 1, 1873	June 23, 1874	204	.....	.....	.....do.	
2		Dec. 7, 1874	Mar. 3, 1875	87	.....	.....	.....do.	
5		Mar. 5, 1875	Mar. 24, 1875	20	.....	.....	.....do.	
1		Dec. 6, 1875	Aug. 15, 1876	254	.....	.....	.....do.	
5		Dec. 4, 1876	Mar. 3, 1877	90	.....	.....	.....do.	
2		Mar. 5, 1877	Mar. 17, 1877	13	.....	.....	.....do.	
1-E		Oct. 15, 1877	Dec. 3, 1877	50	.....	.....	.....do.	
2		Dec. 2, 1878	June 20, 1878	200	.....	.....	.....do.	
3		Dec. 3, 1878	Mar. 3, 1879	92	.....	.....	.....do.	
1-E		Mar. 18, 1879	July 1, 1879	106	.....	.....	.....do.	
2		Dec. 1, 1879	June 16, 1880	199	.....	.....	.....do.	
3		Dec. 6, 1880	Mar. 3, 1881	88	.....	.....	.....do.	
5		Mar. 4, 1881	May 20, 1881	78	.....	.....	.....do.	
1		Oct. 10, 1881	Oct. 29, 1881	20	.....	.....	.....do.	
5		Dec. 5, 1881	Aug. 8, 1882	247	.....	.....	.....do.	
1		Dec. 5, 1881	Aug. 8, 1882	247	.....	.....	.....do.	J. Warren Keifer, of Ohio.
5		Oct. 10, 1881	Oct. 29, 1881	78	.....	.....	.....do.	
1-E		Dec. 2, 1878	June 20, 1878	92	.....	.....	.....do.	
2		Dec. 3, 1877	Mar. 3, 1879	92	.....	.....	.....do.	
3		Dec. 2, 1878	Mar. 3, 1879	92	.....	.....	.....do.	
1-E		Oct. 15, 1877	Dec. 3, 1877	50	.....	.....	.....do.	
2		Dec. 4, 1876	Mar. 3, 1877	90	.....	.....	.....do.	
5		Dec. 6, 1875	Mar. 24, 1875	20	.....	.....	.....do.	
1		Dec. 5, 1875	Mar. 5, 1875	87	.....	.....	.....do.	
3		Dec. 7, 1868	Mar. 3, 1869	87	.....	.....	.....do.	
1		Mar. 4, 1869	Apr. 10, 1869	38	.....	.....	.....do.	
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3		Dec. 5, 1870	Mar. 3, 1871	89	.....	.....	.....do.	
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3		Dec. 2, 1872	Mar. 3, 1873	92	.....	.....	.....do.	
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2		Dec. 7, 1874	Mar. 3, 1875	87	.....	.....	.....do.	
5		Mar. 5, 1875	Mar. 24, 1875	20	.....	.....	.....do.	
1		Dec. 6, 1875	Aug. 15, 1876	254	.....	.....	.....do.	
5		Dec. 4, 1876	Mar. 3, 1877	90	.....	.....	.....do.	
2		Mar. 5, 1877	Mar. 17, 1877	13	.....	.....	.....do.	
1-E		Oct. 15, 1877	Dec. 3, 1877	50	.....	.....	.....do.	
2		Dec. 2, 1878	June 20, 1878	200	.....	.....	.....do.	
3		Dec. 3, 1878	Mar. 3, 1879	92	.....	.....	.....do.	
1-E		Mar. 18, 1879	July 1, 1879	106	.....	.....	.....do.	
2		Dec. 1, 1879	June 16, 1880	199	.....	.....	.....do.	
3		Dec. 6, 1880	Mar. 3, 1881	88	.....	.....	.....do.	
5		Mar. 4, 1881	May 20, 1881	78	.....	.....	.....do.	
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5		Dec. 5, 1881	Aug. 8, 1882	247	.....	.....	.....do.	
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					Senate	House of Representatives		
48th ...	2	Dec. 4, 1882	Mar. 3, 1883	90	Dec. 24, 1883–Jan. 7, 1884	Dec. 24, 1883–Jan. 7, 1884	George F. Edmunds, of Vermont.	J. Warren Keifer, of Ohio.
49th ...	1	Dec. 3, 1883	July 7, 1884	218	Dec. 24, 1884–Jan. 5, 1885	Dec. 24, 1884–Jan. 5, 1885	.....do.	John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky.
49th ...	2	Dec. 1, 1884	Mar. 3, 1885	93				
49th ...	3	Mar. 4, 1885	Apr. 2, 1885	30				
50th ...	1	Dec. 7, 1885	Aug. 5, 1886	242	Dec. 21, 1885–Jan. 5, 1886	Dec. 21, 1885–Jan. 5, 1886	John Sherman, of Ohio	Do.
50th ...	2	Dec. 6, 1886	Mar. 3, 1887	88	Dec. 22, 1886–Jan. 4, 1887	Dec. 22, 1886–Jan. 4, 1887	John J. Ingalls, of Kansas.	Do.
50th ...	1	Dec. 5, 1887	Oct. 20, 1888	321	Dec. 22, 1887–Jan. 4, 1888	Dec. 22, 1887–Jan. 4, 1888	.....do.	
50th ...	2	Dec. 3, 1888	Mar. 3, 1889	91	Dec. 21, 1888–Jan. 2, 1889	Dec. 21, 1888–Jan. 2, 1889	.....do.	
51st ...	3	Mar. 4, 1889	Apr. 2, 1889	30				
51st ...	1	Dec. 2, 1889	Oct. 1, 1890	304	Dec. 21, 1889–Jan. 6, 1890	Dec. 21, 1889–Jan. 6, 1890	Charles F. Manderson, of Nebraska.	Thomas B. Reed, of Maine.
51st ...	2	Dec. 1, 1890	Mar. 3, 1891	95			.....do.	Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia.
52d ...	1	Dec. 7, 1891	Aug. 5, 1892	251	Dec. 22, 1891–Jan. 4, 1893	Dec. 22, 1892–Jan. 4, 1893	Charles F. Manderson, of Nebraska; Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee.	Do.
53d ...	2	Dec. 5, 1892	Mar. 3, 1893	89			Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee	
53d ...	3	Mar. 4, 1893	Apr. 15, 1893	43			.....do.	
54th ...	1-E	Aug. 7, 1893	Nov. 3, 1893	89			Matt W. Ransom, of North Carolina; William P. Frye, of Maine	Thomas B. Reed, of Maine.
54th ...	2	Dec. 4, 1893	Aug. 28, 1894	268	Dec. 21, 1893–Jan. 3, 1894	Dec. 21, 1893–Jan. 3, 1894	.....do.	
54th ...	3	Dec. 3, 1894	Mar. 3, 1895	97	Dec. 23, 1894–Jan. 3, 1895	Dec. 23, 1894–Jan. 3, 1895	.....do.	
55th ...	1	Dec. 2, 1895	June 11, 1896	193	Dec. 22, 1896–Jan. 5, 1897	Dec. 22, 1896–Jan. 5, 1897	.....do.	
55th ...	2	Dec. 7, 1896	Mar. 3, 1897	87				
55th ...	3	Mar. 4, 1897	Mar. 10, 1897	11				
55th ...	1-E	Mar. 13, 1897	July 24, 1897	131	Dec. 18, 1897–Jan. 5, 1898	Dec. 18, 1897–Jan. 5, 1898		
56th ...	2	Dec. 6, 1897	July 8, 1898	215	Dec. 21, 1898–Jan. 4, 1899	Dec. 21, 1898–Jan. 4, 1899		
56th ...	3	Dec. 5, 1898	Mar. 3, 1899	89	Dec. 20, 1899–Jan. 3, 1900	Dec. 20, 1899–Jan. 3, 1900		
56th ...	1	Dec. 4, 1899	June 7, 1900	186	Dec. 21, 1900–Jan. 3, 1901	Dec. 21, 1900–Jan. 3, 1901		
57th ...	2	Dec. 3, 1900	Mar. 3, 1901	91				
57th ...	3	Mar. 4, 1901	Mar. 9, 1901	6				David B. Henderson, of Iowa.

1	Dec. 2, 1901	July 1, 1902	212	Dec. 19, 1901—Jan. 6, 1902	Dec. 19, 1901—Jan. 6, 1902	Do.
2	Dec. 1, 1902	Mar. 3, 1903	93	Dec. 20, 1902—Jan. 5, 1903	Dec. 20, 1902—Jan. 5, 1903	Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois.
3	Mar. 5, 1903	Mar. 19, 1903	15	Dec. 19, 1903—Jan. 4, 1904	Dec. 19, 1903—Jan. 4, 1904	
4	Nov. 9, 1903	Dec. 7, 1903	29	Dec. 21, 1904—Jan. 4, 1905	Dec. 21, 1904—Jan. 4, 1905	
5	Dec. 7, 1903	Apr. 28, 1904	144	Dec. 21, 1905—Jan. 4, 1906	Dec. 21, 1905—Jan. 4, 1906	Do.
6	Dec. 5, 1904	Mar. 3, 1905	89	Dec. 21, 1906—Jan. 3, 1907	Dec. 21, 1906—Jan. 3, 1907	Do.
7	Mar. 4, 1905	Mar. 18, 1905	209	Dec. 21, 1907—Jan. 6, 1908	Dec. 21, 1907—Jan. 6, 1908	
8	Dec. 4, 1905	June 30, 1906	91	Dec. 19, 1908—Jan. 4, 1909	Dec. 19, 1908—Jan. 4, 1909	
9	Dec. 2, 1906	Mar. 30, 1907	181	Dec. 21, 1909—Jan. 4, 1910	Dec. 21, 1909—Jan. 4, 1910	Do.
10	Dec. 1, 1907	May 30, 1908	87	Dec. 21, 1910—Jan. 5, 1911	Dec. 21, 1910—Jan. 5, 1911	Cham. Clark, of Missouri.
11	Dec. 7, 1908	Mar. 3, 1909	87	Dec. 21, 1911—Jan. 3, 1912	Dec. 21, 1911—Jan. 3, 1912	
12	Mar. 4, 1909	Mar. 5, 1909	144	Dec. 19, 1912—Jan. 2, 1913	Dec. 19, 1912—Jan. 2, 1913	
13	Mar. 15, 1909	Aug. 5, 1909	202	Dec. 23, 1913—Jan. 12, 1914	Dec. 23, 1913—Jan. 12, 1914	Do.
14	Dec. 6, 1909	June 25, 1910	140	Dec. 23—Dec. 28, 1914	Dec. 23—Dec. 28, 1914	Do.
15	Dec. 5, 1910	Aug. 22, 1911	89	Dec. 17, 1915—Jan. 4, 1916	Dec. 17, 1915—Jan. 4, 1916	
16	Apr. 4, 1911	Aug. 22, 1911	141	Dec. 22, 1916—Jan. 2, 1917	Dec. 22, 1916—Jan. 2, 1917	
17	Dec. 4, 1911	Aug. 26, 1912	267	Dec. 18, 1917—Jan. 3, 1918	Dec. 18, 1917—Jan. 3, 1918	Do.
18	Dec. 2, 1912	Mar. 3, 1913	92	Dec. 23, 1918—Jan. 8, 1919	Dec. 23, 1918—Jan. 8, 1919	Do.
19	Mar. 4, 1913	Mar. 17, 1913	14	Dec. 20, 1919—Jan. 5, 1920	Dec. 20, 1919—Jan. 5, 1920	
20	Apr. 7, 1913	Dec. 1, 1913	329	Dec. 24—Sept. 21, 1921	Dec. 24—Sept. 21, 1921	
21	Dec. 1, 1913	Oct. 24, 1914	238	Dec. 22, 1921—Jan. 3, 1922	Dec. 22, 1921—Jan. 3, 1922	Do.
22	Dec. 7, 1913	Dec. 3, 1915	87	Dec. 20, 1923—Jan. 3, 1924	Dec. 20, 1923—Jan. 3, 1924	Do.
23	Dec. 6, 1914	Sept. 8, 1916	278	Dec. 22, 1925—Jan. 4, 1926	Dec. 22, 1925—Jan. 4, 1926	
24	Dec. 4, 1916	Mar. 3, 1917	90	Dec. 22, 1926—Jan. 3, 1927	Dec. 22, 1926—Jan. 3, 1927	
25	Dec. 2, 1917	Mar. 16, 1917	12	Dec. 22, 1928—Jan. 3, 1929	Dec. 22, 1928—Jan. 3, 1929	Do.
26	Apr. 2, 1917	Oct. 6, 1917	384	Dec. 22, 1929—Jan. 3, 1930	Dec. 22, 1929—Jan. 3, 1930	Do.
27	Dec. 2, 1918	Nov. 21, 1918	155	Dec. 21, 1929—Jan. 6, 1930	Dec. 21, 1929—Jan. 6, 1930	
28	May 19, 1919	Mar. 3, 1919	92	Dec. 21, 1930—Jan. 1, 1931	Dec. 21, 1930—Jan. 1, 1931	
29	Dec. 1, 1919	June 5, 1920	185	Dec. 21, 1931—Jan. 1, 1932	Dec. 21, 1931—Jan. 1, 1932	Do.
30	Dec. 6, 1920	Mar. 3, 1921	88	Dec. 21, 1932—Jan. 1, 1933	Dec. 21, 1932—Jan. 1, 1933	
31	Apr. 11, 1921	Mar. 15, 1921	12	Dec. 21, 1933—Jan. 1, 1934	Dec. 21, 1933—Jan. 1, 1934	
32	Dec. 5, 1921	Nov. 23, 1921	227	Dec. 21, 1934—Jan. 1, 1935	Dec. 21, 1934—Jan. 1, 1935	Do.
33	Nov. 20, 1922	Sept. 22, 1922	292	Dec. 21, 1935—Jan. 1, 1936	Dec. 21, 1935—Jan. 1, 1936	
34	Dec. 4, 1922	Dec. 4, 1922	95	Dec. 21, 1936—Jan. 1, 1937	Dec. 21, 1936—Jan. 1, 1937	
35	Dec. 4, 1923	Mar. 5, 1923	188	Dec. 21, 1937—Jan. 1, 1938	Dec. 21, 1937—Jan. 1, 1938	Do.
36	Dec. 3, 1923	June 3, 1923	93	Dec. 21, 1938—Jan. 1, 1939	Dec. 21, 1938—Jan. 1, 1939	
37	Mar. 3, 1925	Mar. 3, 1925	15	Dec. 21, 1939—Jan. 1, 1940	Dec. 21, 1939—Jan. 1, 1940	
38	Dec. 7, 1925	Mar. 18, 1925	209	Dec. 21, 1940—Jan. 1, 1941	Dec. 21, 1940—Jan. 1, 1941	Do.
39	Dec. 6, 1926	July 3, 1926	88	Dec. 21, 1941—Jan. 1, 1942	Dec. 21, 1941—Jan. 1, 1942	
40	Dec. 5, 1927	May 29, 1928	177	Dec. 21, 1942—Jan. 1, 1943	Dec. 21, 1942—Jan. 1, 1943	
41	Dec. 3, 1928	Mar. 3, 1929	91	Dec. 22, 1943—Jan. 1, 1944	Dec. 22, 1943—Jan. 1, 1944	Do.
42	Dec. 4, 1929	Mar. 5, 1929	22	Dec. 22, 1944—Jan. 1, 1945	Dec. 22, 1944—Jan. 1, 1945	
43	Apr. 15, 1929	Nov. 22, 1929	222	Dec. 22, 1945—Jan. 1, 1946	Dec. 22, 1945—Jan. 1, 1946	
44	Dec. 2, 1929	July 3, 1930	214	Dec. 22, 1946—Jan. 1, 1947	Dec. 22, 1946—Jan. 1, 1947	Do.
45	Dec. 2, 1929	July 3, 1930	214	Dec. 22, 1947—Jan. 1, 1948	Dec. 22, 1947—Jan. 1, 1948	
46	July 7, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 22, 1948—Jan. 1, 1949	Dec. 22, 1948—Jan. 1, 1949	

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	3	Dec. 1, 1930 .....	Mar. 3, 1931 ....	93	Dec. 20, 1930-Jan. 5, 1931 ..	Dec. 20, 1930-Jan. 5, 1931 ..	George H. Moses, of New Hampshire ..	Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio.
72d ...	1	Dec. 7, 1931 .....	July 16, 1932 ....	223	Dec. 22, 1931-Jan. 4, 1932 ..	Dec. 22, 1931-Jan. 4, 1932 ..	.....do.....	John N. Garner, of Texas.
	2	Dec. 5, 1932 .....	Mar. 6, 1933 .....	89	.....	.....	.....do.....	
73d ...	S	Mar. 6, 1933 .....	Mar. 6, 1933 .....	3	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	1-E	Mar. 9, 1933 .....	June 15, 1933 ....	99	.....	.....	Key Pittman, of Nevada .....	Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois.
	2	Jan. 3, 1934 .....	June 18, 1934 ....	167	.....	.....	.....do.....	
74th ...	E	Jan. 3, 1935 .....	Aug. 26, 1935 ....	236	.....	.....	.....do.....	Joseph W. Byrns, of Tennessee. <sup>11</sup>
	1	Jan. 3, 1936 .....	June 20, 1936 ....	170	June 8-June 15, 1936 .....	June 8-June 15, 1936 .....	.....do.....	William B. Bankhead, of Alabama. <sup>11</sup>
75th ...	1	Nov. 3, 1937 .....	Aug. 21, 1937 ....	229	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
	2-E	Nov. 5, 1937 .....	Dec. 21, 1937 ....	37	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	3	Jan. 3, 1938 .....	June 16, 1938 ....	165	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do. <sup>12</sup>
76th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1939 .....	Aug. 5, 1939 .....	215	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	2-E	Sept. 21, 1939 .....	Nov. 3, 1939 .....	44	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	3	Jan. 3, 1940 .....	Jan. 3, 1941 .....	366	July 11-July 22, 1940 .....	July 11-July 22, 1940 .....	Key Pittman, of Nevada; <sup>13</sup> William H. King, of Utah, <sup>13</sup>	Sam Rayburn, of Texas. <sup>12</sup>
77th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1941 .....	Jan. 2, 1942 .....	365	.....	.....	Pat Harrison, of Mississippi; <sup>14</sup> Carter Glass, of Virginia. <sup>14</sup>	Do.
	2	Jan. 5, 1942 .....	Dec. 16, 1942 ....	346	.....	.....	Carter Glass, of Virginia.	
78th ...	1	Jan. 6, 1943 .....	Dec. 21, 1943 ....	350	July 8-Sept. 14, 1943 .....	July 8-Sept. 14, 1943 .....	.....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 .....	.....do.....	
		.....	.....		Sept. 21-Nov. 14, 1944 .....	Sept. 21-Nov. 14, 1944 .....	.....do.....	
79th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1945 .....	Dec. 21, 1945 ....	353	Aug. 1-Sept. 5, 1945 .....	July 21-Sept. 5, 1945 .....	Kenneth McKellar, of Tennessee .....	Do.
	2	Jan. 14, 1946 .....	Aug. 2, 1946 ....	201	.....	Apr. 18-Apr. 30, 1946 .....	.....do.....	
80th ...	1 <sup>5</sup> 1	Jan. 3, 1947 .....	Dec. 19, 1947 ....	351	July 27-Nov. 17, 1947 .....	July 27-Nov. 17, 1947 .....	Arthur H. Vandenberg, of Michigan .....	Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts.
	1 <sup>5</sup> 2	Jan. 6, 1948 .....	Dec. 31, 1948 ....	361	June 20-July 26, 1948 .....	June 20-July 26, 1948 .....	.....do.....	
		.....	.....		Aug. 7-Dec. 31, 1948 .....	Aug. 7-Dec. 31, 1948 .....	.....do.....	

81st ...	1	Jan. 3, 1949	Oct. 19, 1949 ...	290	Sept. 23–Nov. 27, 1950	Apr. 6–Apr. 18, 1950	Sam Rayburn, of Texas.	Kenneth McKellar, of Tennessee	Do.
82d ...	2	Jan. 3, 1950	Jan. 2, 1951 ...	365	...	Sept. 23–Nov. 27, 1950	Do.	Do.	Do.
83d ...	1	Jan. 3, 1951	Oct. 20, 1951 ...	291	...	Mar. 22–Apr. 2, 1951	Do.	Do.	Do.
84th ...	2	Jan. 8, 1952	July 7, 1952 ...	182	...	Aug. 23–Sept. 12, 1951	Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts.	Styles Bridges, of New Hampshire	Do.
85th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1953	Aug. 3, 1953 ...	213	...	Apr. 10–Apr. 22, 1952	Do.	Do.	Do.
86th ...	2	Jan. 6, 1954	Dec. 2, 1954 ...	331	...	Apr. 2–Apr. 13, 1953	Do.	Do.	Do.
87th ...	1	Jan. 5, 1955	Aug. 2, 1955 ...	210	...	Apr. 15–Apr. 22, 1954	Sam Rayburn, of Texas.	Walter F. George, of Georgia	Do.
88th ...	2	Jan. 3, 1956	July 27, 1956 ...	207	...	Apr. 4–Apr. 13, 1955	Do.	Do.	Do.
89th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1957	Aug. 30, 1957 ...	239	...	Mar. 29–Apr. 9, 1956	Do.	Do.	Do.
90th ...	2	Jan. 7, 1958	Aug. 24, 1958 ...	230	...	Apr. 18–Apr. 29, 1957	Do.	Do.	Do.
91st ...	1	Jan. 7, 1959	Sept. 15, 1959 ...	252	...	Apr. 3–Apr. 14, 1958	Do.	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 6, 1960	Sept. 1, 1960 ...	240	...	Mar. 26–Apr. 7, 1959	Do.	Do.	Do.
	1	Jan. 3, 1961	Sept. 27, 1961 ...	268	...	Apr. 14–Apr. 18, 1960	Do.	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 10, 1962	Oct. 13, 1962 ...	277	...	May 27–May 31, 1960	Do.	Do.	Do.
	1	Jan. 9, 1963	Dec. 30, 1963 ...	356	...	July 3–Aug. 15, 1960	Do.	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 7, 1964	Oct. 3, 1964 ...	270	...	Mar. 30–Apr. 10, 1961	Do.	Do.	Do.
	1	Jan. 4, 1965	Oct. 23, 1965 ...	293	...	Apr. 11–Apr. 22, 1963	Do.	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 10, 1966	Oct. 22, 1966 ...	286	...	Mar. 26–Apr. 6, 1964	Do.	Do.	Do.
	1	Jan. 10, 1967	Dec. 15, 1967 ...	340	...	July 2–July 20, 1964	Do.	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 15, 1968	Oct. 14, 1968 ...	274	...	Aug. 21–Aug. 31, 1964	Do.	Do.	Do.
	1	Jan. 3, 1969	Dec. 23, 1969 ...	355	...	Apr. 7–Apr. 18, 1966	Do.	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	June 30–July 11, 1966	Do.	Do.	Do.
	1	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	Mar. 23–Apr. 3, 1967	Do.	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	June 29–July 10, 1967	Do.	Do.	Do.
	1	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	Aug. 31–Sept. 11, 1967	Do.	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	Nov. 22–Nov. 27, 1967	Do.	Do.	Do.
	1	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	Apr. 11–Apr. 22, 1968	Do.	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	May 29–June 3, 1968	Do.	Do.	Do.
	1	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	June 3–July 8, 1968	Do.	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	Aug. 2–Sept. 4, 1968	Do.	Do.	Do.
	1	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	Feb. 7–Feb. 17, 1969	Do.	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	Apr. 3–Apr. 14, 1969	Do.	Do.	Do.
	1	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	May 28–June 2, 1969	Do.	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	July 2–July 7, 1969	Do.	Do.	Do.
	1	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	Aug. 13–Sept. 3, 1969	Do.	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	Nov. 6–Nov. 12, 1969	Do.	Do.	Do.
	1	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	Nov. 26–Dec. 1, 1969	Do.	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	Feb. 10–Feb. 16, 1970	Do.	Do.	Do.
	1	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	Mar. 26–Mar. 31, 1970	Do.	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	May 27–June 1, 1970	Do.	Do.	Do.
	1	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	July 1–July 6, 1970	Do.	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	Aug. 14–Sept. 9, 1970	Do.	Do.	Do.
	1	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	Oct. 14–Nov. 16, 1970	Do.	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	Nov. 25–Nov. 30, 1970	Do.	Do.	Do.
	1	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	Dec. 22–Dec. 28, 1970	Do.	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	Dec. 22–Dec. 29, 1970	Do.	Do.	Do.



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92d ....	1	Jan. 21, 1971 .....	Dec. 17, 1971 ..	331	Feb. 11-Feb. 17, 1971 .....	Feb. 10-Feb. 17, 1971 .....	Richard B. Russell, of Georgia; <sup>17</sup> Allen J. Ellender, of Louisiana. <sup>17</sup>	Carl B. Albert, of Oklahoma.
					Apr. 7-Apr. 14, 1971 .....	Apr. 7-Apr. 19, 1971 .....		
					May 26-June 1, 1971 .....	May 27-June 1, 1971 .....		
93d ....					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 .....		
	2	Jan. 18, 1972 .....	Oct. 18, 1972 ..	275	Nov. 24-Nov. 29, 1971 .....	Nov. 19-Nov. 29, 1971 .....	Allen J. Ellender, of Louisiana; <sup>18</sup> James O. Eastland, of Mississippi. <sup>18</sup>	Do.
					Feb. 9-Feb. 14, 1972 .....	Feb. 9-Feb. 16, 1972 .....		
					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 .....		
					Apr. 18-Apr. 30, 1973 .....	Apr. 19-Apr. 30, 1973 .....		
					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 .....		
					Nov. 21-Nov. 26, 1973 .....	Oct. 18-Oct. 23, 1973 .....		
					Feb. 8-Feb. 18, 1974 .....	Nov. 15-Nov. 26, 1973 .....		
					Mar. 13-Mar. 19, 1974 .....	Feb. 7-Feb. 13, 1974 .....		
					Apr. 11-Apr. 22, 1974 .....	Apr. 11-Apr. 22, 1974 .....		
					May 23-May 28, 1974 .....	May 23-May 28, 1974 .....		
					Aug. 22-Sept. 11, 1974 .....	Aug. 22-Sept. 11, 1974 .....		
					Oct. 17-Nov. 18, 1974 .....	Oct. 17-Nov. 18, 1974 .....		
					Nov. 26-Dec. 2, 1974 .....	Nov. 26-Dec. 3, 1974 .....		
	2	Jan. 21, 1974 .....	Dec. 20, 1974 ..	334		.....do.		



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

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					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		
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						Nov. 10–Nov. 15, 1993		
104th ...	2	Jan. 25, 1994 .....	Dec. 1, 1994 ....	311	Feb. 11–Feb. 22, 1994	Jan. 26–Feb. 1, 1994 .....	.....do.	Newt Gingrich, of Georgia.
					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		
						Oct. 8–Nov. 29, 1994		
					Feb. 16–Feb. 22, 1995	Feb. 16–Feb. 21, 1995 .....		
					Apr. 7–Apr. 24, 1995	Mar. 16–Mar. 21, 1995		
					May 26–June 5, 1995	Apr. 7–May 1, 1995		
104th ...	1	Jan. 4, 1995 .....	Jan. 3, 1996 .....	365	June 30–July 10, 1995	May 3–May 9, 1995	Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina .....	
					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		

105th...	2	Jan. 3, 1996	Oct. 4, 1996	276	<p>Jan. 10-Jan. 22, 1996</p> <p>Mar. 29-Apr. 15, 1996</p> <p>May 23-May 29, 1996</p> <p>June 28-July 8, 1996</p> <p>Aug. 2-Sept. 3, 1996</p> <p>Jan. 9-Jan. 21, 1997</p> <p>Jan. 21-Feb. 4, 1997</p> <p>Feb. 13-Feb. 25, 1997</p> <p>Mar. 21-Apr. 8, 1997</p> <p>June 26-July 8, 1997</p> <p>Aug. 1-Sept. 3, 1997</p> <p>Oct. 9-Oct. 21, 1997</p> <p>Jan. 28-Feb. 3, 1998</p> <p>Feb. 5-Feb. 11, 1998</p> <p>Feb. 12-Feb. 24, 1998</p> <p>Apr. 1-Apr. 21, 1998</p> <p>May 22-June 3, 1998</p> <p>June 25-July 14, 1998</p> <p>Aug. 7-Sept. 9, 1998</p> <p>Oct. 21-Dec. 17, 1998</p> <p>Jan. 6-Jan. 19, 1999</p> <p>Jan. 19-Feb. 2, 1999</p> <p>Feb. 12-Feb. 23, 1999</p> <p>Mar. 25-Apr. 12, 1999</p> <p>May 27-June 7, 1999</p> <p>July 1-July 12, 1999</p> <p>Aug. 5-Sept. 8, 1999</p> <p>Feb. 10-Feb. 22, 2000</p> <p>Mar. 9-Mar. 20, 2000</p> <p>Apr. 13-Apr. 25, 2000</p> <p>May 25-June 6, 2000</p> <p>June 30-July 10, 2000</p> <p>July 27-Sept. 6, 2000</p> <p>Nov. 3-Nov. 13, 2000</p> <p>Nov. 14-Dec. 4, 2000</p> <p>Jan. 6-Jan. 20, 2001</p> <p>Jan. 20-Jan. 30, 2001</p> <p>Jan. 31-Feb. 6, 2001</p> <p>Feb. 14-Feb. 26, 2001</p> <p>Apr. 4-Apr. 24, 2001</p> <p>May 26-June 5, 2001</p> <p>June 28-July 10, 2001</p> <p>Aug. 2-Sept. 5, 2001</p> <p>Oct. 17-Oct. 23, 2001</p> <p>Nov. 19-Nov. 27, 2001</p> <p>Jan. 29-Feb. 4, 2002</p> <p>Feb. 14-Feb. 26, 2002</p> <p>Mar. 20-Apr. 9, 2002</p> <p>May 24-June 4, 2002</p> <p>June 28-July 8, 2002</p> <p>July 27-Sept. 4, 2002</p>	<p>.....do.</p> <p>.....do</p> <p>.....do.</p> <p>.....do</p> <p>.....do</p> <p>.....do</p>	Do.
106th...	1	Jan. 6, 1999	Nov. 22, 1999	321	<p>Feb. 12-Feb. 22, 1999</p> <p>Mar. 25-Apr. 12, 1999</p> <p>May 27-June 7, 1999</p> <p>July 1-July 12, 1999</p> <p>Aug. 5-Sept. 8, 1999</p> <p>Feb. 10-Feb. 22, 2000</p> <p>Mar. 9-Mar. 20, 2000</p> <p>Apr. 13-Apr. 25, 2000</p> <p>May 25-June 6, 2000</p> <p>June 30-July 10, 2000</p> <p>July 27-Sept. 5, 2000</p> <p>Nov. 2-Nov. 14, 2000</p> <p>Nov. 14-Dec. 5, 2000</p> <p>Jan. 8-Jan. 20, 2001</p> <p>Jan. 15-Feb. 26, 2001</p> <p>Apr. 6-Apr. 23, 2001</p> <p>May 26-June 5, 2001</p> <p>June 29-July 9, 2001</p> <p>Aug. 3-Sept. 4, 2001</p> <p>Oct. 18-Oct. 23, 2001</p> <p>Nov. 16-Nov. 27, 2001</p> <p>Jan. 29-Feb. 4, 2002</p> <p>Feb. 15-Feb. 25, 2002</p> <p>Mar. 22-Apr. 8, 2002</p> <p>May 23-June 3, 2002</p> <p>June 28-July 8, 2002</p> <p>Aug. 1-Sept. 3, 2002</p>	<p>.....do</p> <p>.....do</p> <p>.....do</p> <p>.....do</p> <p>.....do</p> <p>.....do</p>	J. Dennis Hastert, of Illinois.
107th...	1	Jan. 3, 2001	Dec. 20, 2001	352	<p>Jan. 6-Jan. 20, 2001</p> <p>Jan. 20-Jan. 30, 2001</p> <p>Jan. 31-Feb. 6, 2001</p> <p>Feb. 14-Feb. 26, 2001</p> <p>Apr. 4-Apr. 24, 2001</p> <p>May 26-June 5, 2001</p> <p>June 28-July 10, 2001</p> <p>Aug. 2-Sept. 5, 2001</p> <p>Oct. 17-Oct. 23, 2001</p> <p>Nov. 19-Nov. 27, 2001</p> <p>Jan. 29-Feb. 4, 2002</p> <p>Feb. 14-Feb. 26, 2002</p> <p>Mar. 20-Apr. 9, 2002</p> <p>May 24-June 4, 2002</p> <p>June 28-July 8, 2002</p> <p>July 27-Sept. 4, 2002</p>	<p>Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia;<sup>21</sup> Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina;<sup>21</sup> Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia;<sup>21</sup></p> <p>.....do.</p>	Do.
	2	Jan. 23, 2002	Nov. 22, 2002	304	<p>Jan. 29-Feb. 4, 2002</p> <p>Feb. 15-Feb. 25, 2002</p> <p>Mar. 22-Apr. 8, 2002</p> <p>May 23-June 3, 2002</p> <p>June 28-July 8, 2002</p> <p>Aug. 1-Sept. 3, 2002</p>	<p>Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia.</p>	

SESSIONS OF CONGRESS—CONTINUED

[Closing date for this table was July 8, 2003.]

MEETING DATES OF CONGRESS: Pursuant to a resolution of the Confederation Congress in 1788, the Constitution went into effect on March 4, 1789. From then until the 20th amendment took effect in January 1934, the term of each Congress began on March 4th of each odd-numbered year; however, Article I, section 4, of the Constitution provided that "The Congress shall assemble at least once in every Year, and such Meeting shall be on the first Monday in December, unless they shall by law appoint a different day." The Congress therefore convened regularly on the first Monday in December until the 20th amendment became effective, which changed the beginning of Congress's term as well as its convening date to January 3rd. So prior to 1934, a new Congress typically would not convene for regular business until 13 months after being elected. One effect of this was that the last session of each Congress was a "lame duck" session. After the 20th amendment, the time from the election to the beginning of Congress's term as well as when it convened was reduced to two months. Recognizing that the need might exist for Congress to meet at times other than the regularly scheduled convening date, Article II, section 3 of the Constitution provides that the President "may, on extraordinary occasions, convene both Houses, or either of them"; hence these sessions occur only if convened by Presidential proclamation. Except as noted, these are separately numbered sessions of a Congress, and are marked by an E in the session column of the table. Until the 20th amendment was adopted, there were also times when special sessions of the Senate were convened, principally for confirming Cabinet and other executive nominations, and occasionally for the ratification of treaties or other executive business. These Senate sessions were also called by Presidential proclamation (typically by the outgoing President, although on occasion by incumbents as well) and are marked by an S in the session column. MEETING PLACES OF CONGRESS: Congress met for the first and second sessions of the First Congress (1789 and 1790) in New York City. From the third session of the First Congress through the first session of the Sixth Congress (1790 to 1800), Philadelphia was the meeting place. Congress has convened in Washington since the second session of the Sixth Congress (1800).

Congress	Session	Convening Date	Adjournment Date	Length in days <sup>1</sup>	Recesses <sup>2</sup>		President pro tempore of the Senate <sup>3</sup>	Speaker of the House of Representatives
					Senate	House of Representatives		
108th...	1	Jan. 7, 2003	.....	.....	Feb. 14–Feb. 24, 2003 ..... Apr. 11–Apr. 28, 2003 ..... May 23–June 2, 2003 ..... June 27–July 7, 2003 .....	Jan. 8–Jan. 27, 2003 ..... Feb. 13–Feb. 25, 2003 ..... Apr. 12–Apr. 29, 2003 ..... May 23–June 2, 2003 ..... June 27–July 7, 2003 .....	Ted Stevens, of Alaska. ....	J. Dennis Hastert, of Illinois.

<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this table, a session's "length in days" is defined as the total number of calendar days from the convening date to the adjournment date, inclusive. It does not mean the actual number of days that Congress met during that session.

<sup>2</sup> For the purposes of this table, a "recess" is defined as any period of three or more complete days—excluding Sundays—when either the House of Representatives or the Senate is not in session. As listed, the recess periods also are inclusive of days only partially in the recess, i.e., the day (or days) when the House and Senate each adjourn to begin the recess, as well as the day (or days) when each body reconvenes at the end of the recess.

<sup>3</sup> The election and role of the President pro tempore has evolved considerably over the Senate's history. "Pro tempore" is Latin for "for the time being"; thus, the post was conceived as a temporary presiding officer. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the Senate frequently elected several Presidents pro tempore during a single session. Since Vice Presidents presided routinely, the Senate thought it necessary to house a President pro tempore only for the limited periods when the Vice President might be ill or otherwise absent. Since the 1920s, however, the President pro tempore has been elected to preside over the Senate for the remainder of the session, and the post has become a permanent position. Since Mar. 12, 1890, however, Presidents pro tempore have served until "the Senate otherwise orders." Since 1949, while still elected, the position has gone to the most senior member of the majority party (as determined by a majority vote). To gain the complete understanding of this position, see Robert C. Byrd's *The Senate, 1789–1989: Addresses on the History of the United States Senate*, vol. 2, ch. 6 "The President Pro Tempore," pp. 167–183, from which the notes in this footnote are taken. Also, a complete listing of the dates of election of the Presidents pro tempore is in vol. 4 of the Byrd series (*The Senate 1789–1989: Historical Statistics*, 1789–1992), table 6-2, pp. 647–653.

<sup>4</sup> Henry Clay resigned as Speaker on Oct. 19, 1814. He was succeeded by Langdon Cheves who was elected on that same day.

<sup>5</sup> Henry Clay resigned as Speaker on Oct. 28, 1820, after the sine die adjournment of the first session of the 16th Congress. He was succeeded by John W. Taylor who was elected at the beginning of the second session.

<sup>6</sup> Andrew Stevenson resigned as Speaker on June 2, 1834. He was succeeded by John Bell who was elected on that same day.

<sup>7</sup> Speaker Schuyler Colfax resigned as Speaker on the last day of the 40th Congress, Mar. 3, 1869, in preparation for becoming Vice President of the United States on the following day. Theodore M. Pomeroy was elected Speaker on Mar. 3, and served for only that one day.

<sup>8</sup> Speaker Michael C. Kerr died on Aug. 19, 1876, after the sine die adjournment of the first session of the 44th Congress. Samuel J. Randall was elected Speaker at the beginning of the second session.

<sup>9</sup> William P. Frye resigned as President pro tempore on Apr. 27, 1911.

- <sup>10</sup> President pro tempore James P. Clarke died on Oct. 1, 1916, after the sine die adjournment of the first session of the 64th Congress. Willard Saulsbury was elected President pro tempore during the second session.
- <sup>11</sup> Speaker Joseph W. Byrns died on June 4, 1936. He was succeeded by William B. Bankhead who was elected Speaker on that same day.
- <sup>12</sup> Speaker William B. Bankhead died on Sept. 15, 1940. He was succeeded by Sam Rayburn who was elected Speaker on that same day.
- <sup>13</sup> President pro tempore Key Pittman died on Nov. 10, 1940. He was succeeded by William H. King who was elected President pro tempore on Nov. 19, 1940.
- <sup>14</sup> President pro tempore Pat Harrison died on June 22, 1941. He was succeeded by Carter Glass who was elected President pro tempore on July 10, 1941.
- <sup>15</sup> President Harry S. Truman called the Congress into extraordinary session twice, both times during the 80th Congress. Each time Congress had essentially wrapped up its business for the year, but for technical reasons had not adjourned sine die, so in each case the extraordinary session is considered an extension of the regularly numbered session rather than a separately numbered one. The dates of these extraordinary sessions were Nov. 17 to Dec. 19, 1947, and July 26 to Aug. 7, 1948.
- <sup>16</sup> Speaker Sam Rayburn died on Nov. 16, 1961, after the sine die adjournment of the first session of the 87th Congress. John W. McCormack was elected Speaker at the beginning of the second session.
- <sup>17</sup> President pro tempore Richard B. Russell died on Jan. 21, 1971. He was succeeded by Allen J. Ellender who was elected to that position on Jan. 22, 1971.
- <sup>18</sup> President pro tempore Allen J. Ellender died on July 27, 1972. He was succeeded by James O. Eastland who was elected President pro tempore on July 28, 1972.
- <sup>19</sup> Milton Young 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. Warren G. Magnuson resumed the position of President pro tempore on Dec. 6, 1980.
- <sup>20</sup> James C. Wright, Jr., resigned as Speaker on June 6, 1989. He was succeeded by Thomas S. Foley who was elected on that same day.
- <sup>21</sup> The 2000 election resulted in an even split in the Senate between Republicans and Democrats. From the date the 107th Congress convened on Jan. 3, 2001, until Inauguration Day on Jan. 20, 2001, Vice President Albert Gore tipped the scale to a Democratic majority, hence Robert C. Byrd served as President pro tempore during this brief period. When Vice President Richard B. Cheney took office on Jan. 20, the Republicans became the majority party, and Strom Thurmond was elected President pro tempore. On June 6, 2001, Republican Senator James Jeffords became an Independent, creating a Democratic majority, and Robert C. Byrd was elected President pro tempore on that day.

#### CEREMONIAL MEETINGS OF CONGRESS

The following ceremonial meetings of Congress occurred on the following dates, at the designated locations, and for the reasons indicated. Please note that Congress was not in session on these occasions.

July 16, 1887, 100th Congress, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Independence Hall and Congress Hall—In honor of the bicentennial of the Constitution and in commemoration of the Great Compromise of the Constitutional Convention.

September 6, 2002, 107th Congress, New York City, New York, Federal Hall—In remembrance of the victims and heroes of September 11, 2001, and in recognition of the courage and spirit of the City of New York.