

SESSIONS OF CONGRESS

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Congress	Session	Convening Date	Adjournment Date	Length in days ¹	Recesses ²		President pro tempore of the Senate ³	Speaker of the House of Representatives
					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. ⁴
13th ...	2	1	May 24, 1813	Aug. 2, 1813	71	.....	.....	Joseph B. Varnum, of Massachusetts;	Langdon Cheves, of South Carolina. ⁴
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. ⁵
16th ...	2	1	Dec. 1, 1817	Apr. 20, 1818	141	.....	.....	James Barbour, of Virginia; John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	John W. Taylor, of New York; ⁵ Philip P. Barbour, of Virginia.
16th ...	2	1	Nov. 16, 1818	Mar. 3, 1819	108	.....	.....	John Gaillard, of South Carolina	Henry Clay, of Kentucky.
17th ...	2	1	Dec. 6, 1819	May 15, 1820	162	.....	.....	.....do.....	
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.....	
20th ...	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	.....	.....	.....do.....	
22d ...	2	1	Dec. 7, 1829	May 31, 1830	176	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
22d ...	2	1	Dec. 6, 1830	Mar. 3, 1831	88	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
22d ...	2	1	Dec. 5, 1831	July 16, 1832	225	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do. ⁶
23d ...	2	1	Dec. 3, 1832	Mar. 2, 1833	91	.....	.....	.....do.....	
23d ...	2	1	Dec. 2, 1833	June 30, 1834	211	.....	.....	.....do.....	
24th ...	2	1	Dec. 1, 1834	Mar. 3, 1835	93	.....	.....	.....do.....	John Bell, of Tennessee. ⁶ James K. Polk, of Tennessee.
24th ...	2	1	Dec. 7, 1835	July 4, 1836	211	.....	.....	.....do.....	
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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	2	Dec. 6, 1841	Aug. 31, 1842 ...	269	Willie P. Mangum, of North Carolina.	
	3	Dec. 5, 1842	Mar. 3, 1843	89do.....	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	Mar. 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 ..		

S	June 15, 1858	June 16, 1858	2	Dec. 23, 1858-Jan. 4, 1859	Dec. 23, 1858-Jan. 4, 1859	William Pennington, of New Jersey.
S	Dec. 6, 1858	Mar. 3, 1859	88do.	Benjamin Fitzpatrick, of Alabama; Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.
S	Mar. 4, 1859	Mar. 10, 1859	7do.	Benjamin Fitzpatrick, of Alabama.
1	Dec. 5, 1859	June 25, 1860	202do.	Solomon Foot, of Vermont.
S	Dec. 26, 1860	June 28, 1860	3do.
2	Dec. 3, 1860	Mar. 3, 1861	93do.
3	Mar. 4, 1861	Mar. 28, 1861	25do.
I-E	July 4, 1861	Aug. 6, 1861	34do.
2	Dec. 2, 1861	July 17, 1862	228do.
3	Dec. 1, 1862	Mar. 7, 1863	93do.
3	Mar. 4, 1863	Mar. 14, 1863	11do.
1	Dec. 7, 1863	July 4, 1864	209do.
2	Dec. 5, 1864	Mar. 3, 1865	89do.	Solomon Foot, of Vermont; Daniel Clark, of New Hampshire.
S	Mar. 4, 1865	July 11, 1865	8do.	Daniel Clark, of New Hampshire.
1	Dec. 4, 1865	July 28, 1866	237do.	Lafayette S. Foster, of Connecticut.
2	Dec. 3, 1866	Mar. 3, 1867	91do.
1	Mar. 4, 1867	Dec. 1, 1867	273do.	Benjamin F. Wade, of Ohio.
S	Apr. 1, 1867	Apr. 20, 1867	20do.
2	Dec. 2, 1867	Nov. 10, 1868	345do.
3	Dec. 7, 1868	Mar. 3, 1869	87do.	Henry B. Anthony, of Rhode Island
S	Mar. 4, 1869	Apr. 10, 1869	38do.
1	Apr. 12, 1869	Apr. 22, 1869	11do.
S	Dec. 6, 1869	July 15, 1870	222do.
3	Dec. 5, 1870	Mar. 3, 1871	89do.
1	Mar. 4, 1871	Apr. 20, 1871	48do.
S	May 10, 1871	May 27, 1871	18do.
3	Dec. 4, 1871	June 10, 1872	190do.	Matthew H. Carpenter, of Wisconsin.
3	Dec. 2, 1872	Mar. 3, 1873	92do.	Matthew H. Carpenter, of Wisconsin;
S	Mar. 4, 1873	June 26, 1873	23do.	Henry B. Anthony, of Rhode Island.
1	Dec. 1, 1873	June 23, 1874	204do.	Thomas W. Ferry, of Michigan.
2	Dec. 7, 1874	Mar. 3, 1875	87do.
S	Mar. 5, 1875	Mar. 24, 1875	20do.
1	Dec. 6, 1875	Aug. 15, 1876	254do.
2	Dec. 1, 1876	Mar. 3, 1877	90do.
S	Mar. 5, 1877	Mar. 17, 1877	13do.
I-E	Oct. 15, 1877	Dec. 3, 1877	50do.
3	Dec. 3, 1877	June 20, 1878	200do.
3	Dec. 2, 1878	Mar. 3, 1879	92do.	Allen G. Thurman, of Ohio
I-E	Mar. 18, 1879	July 1, 1879	106do.
3	Dec. 1, 1879	June 16, 1880	199do.
2	Dec. 6, 1880	Mar. 3, 1881	88do.
3	Mar. 4, 1881	May 20, 1881	78do.
S	Oct. 10, 1881	Oct. 29, 1881	20do.
1	Dec. 5, 1881	Aug. 8, 1882	247do.	Thomas F. Bayard, of Delaware; David Davis, of Illinois.
3	Dec. 7, 1882	Mar. 3, 1883	87do.	David Davis, of Illinois
1	Apr. 1, 1883	Apr. 10, 1883	18do.
S	May 10, 1883	May 27, 1883	18do.
3	Dec. 4, 1883	June 10, 1884	190do.
3	Dec. 2, 1884	Mar. 3, 1885	92do.
S	Mar. 4, 1885	June 26, 1885	23do.
1	Dec. 1, 1885	June 23, 1886	204do.
2	Dec. 7, 1886	Mar. 3, 1887	87do.
1	Mar. 4, 1887	Dec. 1, 1887	273do.
S	Apr. 1, 1887	Apr. 20, 1887	20do.
2	Dec. 2, 1887	Nov. 10, 1888	345do.
3	Dec. 7, 1888	Mar. 3, 1889	87do.
S	Mar. 4, 1889	Apr. 10, 1889	38do.
1	Apr. 12, 1889	Apr. 22, 1889	11do.
S	Dec. 6, 1889	July 15, 1890	222do.
3	Dec. 5, 1890	Mar. 3, 1891	89do.
1	Mar. 4, 1891	Apr. 20, 1891	48do.
S	May 10, 1891	May 27, 1891	18do.
3	Dec. 4, 1891	June 10, 1892	190do.
3	Dec. 2, 1892	Mar. 3, 1893	92do.
S	Mar. 4, 1893	June 26, 1893	23do.
1	Dec. 1, 1893	June 23, 1894	204do.
2	Dec. 7, 1894	Mar. 3, 1895	87do.
S	Mar. 5, 1895	Mar. 24, 1895	20do.
1	Dec. 6, 1895	Aug. 15, 1896	254do.
2	Dec. 1, 1896	Mar. 3, 1897	90do.
S	Mar. 5, 1897	Mar. 17, 1897	13do.
I-E	Oct. 15, 1897	Dec. 3, 1897	50do.
3	Dec. 3, 1897	June 20, 1898	200do.
3	Dec. 2, 1898	Mar. 3, 1899	92do.
I-E	Mar. 18, 1899	July 1, 1899	106do.
3	Dec. 1, 1899	June 16, 1880	199do.
2	Dec. 6, 1880	Mar. 3, 1881	88do.
3	Mar. 4, 1881	May 20, 1881	78do.
S	Oct. 10, 1881	Oct. 29, 1881	20do.
1	Dec. 5, 1881	Aug. 8, 1882	247do.	Thomas F. Bayard, of Delaware; David Davis, of Illinois.
3	Dec. 7, 1882	Mar. 3, 1883	87do.	David Davis, of Illinois
1	Apr. 1, 1883	Apr. 10, 1883	18do.
S	May 10, 1883	May 27, 1883	18do.
3	Dec. 4, 1883	June 10, 1884	190do.
3	Dec. 2, 1884	Mar. 3, 1885	92do.
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1	Dec. 1, 1885	June 23, 1886	204do.
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3	Dec. 2, 1892	Mar. 3, 1893	92do.
S	Mar. 4, 1893	June 26, 1893	23do.
1	Dec. 1, 1893	June 23, 1894	204do.
2	Dec. 7, 1894	Mar. 3, 1895	87do.
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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.	
51st ...	2	Dec. 3, 1888	Mar. 3, 1889	91	Dec. 21, 1888–Jan. 2, 1889	Dec. 21, 1888–Jan. 2, 1889	.....do.	
51st ...	3	Dec. 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.
52d ...	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, 1892–Jan. 4, 1893	Dec. 22, 1892–Jan. 4, 1893	Charles F. Manderson, of Nebraska;	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;	
54th ...	2	Dec. 4, 1893	Aug. 28, 1894	268	Dec. 21, 1893–Jan. 3, 1894	Dec. 21, 1893–Jan. 3, 1894	Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee.	Thomas B. Reed, of Maine.
54th ...	3	Dec. 5, 1894	Mar. 3, 1895	97	Dec. 23, 1894–Jan. 3, 1895	Dec. 23, 1894–Jan. 3, 1895	William P. Frye, of Maine	
55th ...	1	Dec. 2, 1895	June 11, 1896	193	Dec. 22, 1896–Jan. 5, 1897	Dec. 22, 1896–Jan. 5, 1897	.....do.	Do.
55th ...	2	Dec. 7, 1896	Mar. 3, 1897	87				
55th ...	3	Mar. 4, 1897	Mar. 10, 1897	11				
55th ...	1-E	Mar. 15, 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		David B. Henderson, of Iowa.
57th ...	2	Dec. 3, 1900	Mar. 3, 1901	91				
57th ...	3	Mar. 4, 1901	Mar. 9, 1901	6				

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	Do.
4	Nov. 9, 1903	Dec. 7, 1903	29	Dec. 21, 1904—Jan. 4, 1905	Dec. 21, 1904—Jan. 4, 1905	Do.
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	Do.
8	Dec. 4, 1905	June 30, 1906	91	Dec. 21, 1908—Jan. 4, 1909	Dec. 21, 1908—Jan. 4, 1909	Do.
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	Do.
11	Dec. 7, 1908	Mar. 3, 1909	87	Dec. 21, 1911—Jan. 3, 1912	Dec. 21, 1911—Jan. 3, 1912	Do.
12	Mar. 4, 1909	Aug. 5, 1909	144	Dec. 19, 1912—Jan. 2, 1913	Dec. 19, 1912—Jan. 2, 1913	Do.
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	Do.
16	Apr. 4, 1911	Aug. 22, 1911	141	Dec. 22, 1916—Jan. 2, 1917	Dec. 22, 1916—Jan. 2, 1917	Do.
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, 1913—Jan. 12, 1914	Dec. 23, 1913—Jan. 12, 1914	Do.
19	Mar. 4, 1913	Mar. 17, 1913	14	Dec. 23—Dec. 28, 1914	Dec. 23—Dec. 28, 1914	Do.
20	Apr. 7, 1913	Dec. 1, 1913	329	Dec. 17, 1915—Jan. 4, 1916	Dec. 17, 1915—Jan. 4, 1916	Do.
21	Dec. 1, 1913	Oct. 24, 1914	238	Dec. 22, 1916—Jan. 2, 1917	Dec. 22, 1916—Jan. 2, 1917	Do.
22	Dec. 7, 1913	Mar. 3, 1915	87	Dec. 18, 1917—Jan. 3, 1918	Dec. 18, 1917—Jan. 3, 1918	Do.
23	Dec. 6, 1914	Sept. 8, 1916	278	Dec. 1—July 8, 1919	Dec. 1—July 8, 1919	Do.
24	Dec. 4, 1916	Mar. 3, 1917	90	Dec. 20, 1919—Jan. 5, 1920	Dec. 20, 1919—Jan. 5, 1920	Do.
25	Dec. 4, 1917	Mar. 16, 1917	12	Aug. 24—Sept. 21, 1921	Aug. 24—Sept. 21, 1921	Do.
26	Apr. 2, 1917	Oct. 6, 1917	354	Dec. 22, 1921—Jan. 3, 1922	Dec. 22, 1921—Jan. 3, 1922	Do.
27	Dec. 2, 1918	Nov. 21, 1918	88	Dec. 20, 1923—Jan. 3, 1924	Dec. 20, 1923—Jan. 3, 1924	Do.
28	May 19, 1919	Mar. 3, 1919	92	Dec. 20—Dec. 29, 1924	Dec. 20—Dec. 29, 1924	Do.
29	Dec. 1, 1919	June 5, 1920	185	Dec. 22, 1925—Jan. 4, 1926	Dec. 22, 1925—Jan. 4, 1926	Do.
30	Dec. 6, 1920	Mar. 3, 1921	88	Dec. 22, 1926—Jan. 3, 1927	Dec. 22, 1926—Jan. 3, 1927	Do.
31	Apr. 11, 1921	Mar. 15, 1921	12	Dec. 22, 1928—Jan. 3, 1929	Dec. 22, 1928—Jan. 3, 1929	Do.
32	Dec. 5, 1921	Nov. 23, 1921	227	June 19—Aug. 19, 1929	June 19—Aug. 19, 1929	Do.
33	Dec. 20, 1922	Sept. 22, 1922	292	Dec. 21, 1929—Jan. 6, 1930	Dec. 21, 1929—Jan. 6, 1930	Do.
34	Dec. 4, 1922	Dec. 4, 1922	95	Dec. 21, 1930	Dec. 21, 1930	Do.
35	Dec. 3, 1923	Mar. 5, 1923	188	Dec. 22, 1931—Jan. 3, 1932	Dec. 22, 1931—Jan. 3, 1932	Do.
36	Dec. 3, 1923	June 3, 1923	93	Dec. 22, 1932—Jan. 3, 1933	Dec. 22, 1932—Jan. 3, 1933	Do.
37	Mar. 4, 1925	Mar. 3, 1925	15	Dec. 22, 1933—Jan. 3, 1934	Dec. 22, 1933—Jan. 3, 1934	Do.
38	Dec. 7, 1925	Mar. 18, 1925	209	Dec. 22, 1934—Jan. 3, 1935	Dec. 22, 1934—Jan. 3, 1935	Do.
39	Dec. 6, 1926	July 3, 1926	88	Dec. 22, 1935—Jan. 3, 1936	Dec. 22, 1935—Jan. 3, 1936	Do.
40	Dec. 5, 1927	May 29, 1928	177	Dec. 22, 1936—Jan. 3, 1937	Dec. 22, 1936—Jan. 3, 1937	Do.
41	Dec. 3, 1928	Mar. 3, 1929	91	Dec. 22, 1938—Jan. 3, 1939	Dec. 22, 1938—Jan. 3, 1939	Do.
42	Apr. 15, 1929	Nov. 5, 1929	22	Dec. 22, 1939	Dec. 22, 1939	Do.
43	Dec. 2, 1929	Nov. 22, 1929	214	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
44	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1931	Dec. 2, 1931	Do.
45	Dec. 2, 1931	Dec. 2, 1931	15	Dec. 2, 1932	Dec. 2, 1932	Do.
46	Dec. 2, 1932	Dec. 2, 1932	15	Dec. 2, 1933	Dec. 2, 1933	Do.
47	Dec. 2, 1933	Dec. 2, 1933	15	Dec. 2, 1934	Dec. 2, 1934	Do.
48	Dec. 2, 1934	Dec. 2, 1934	15	Dec. 2, 1935	Dec. 2, 1935	Do.
49	Dec. 2, 1935	Dec. 2, 1935	15	Dec. 2, 1936	Dec. 2, 1936	Do.
50	Dec. 2, 1936	Dec. 2, 1936	15	Dec. 2, 1937	Dec. 2, 1937	Do.
51	Dec. 2, 1937	Dec. 2, 1937	15	Dec. 2, 1938	Dec. 2, 1938	Do.
52	Dec. 2, 1938	Dec. 2, 1938	15	Dec. 2, 1939	Dec. 2, 1939	Do.
53	Dec. 2, 1939	Dec. 2, 1939	15	Dec. 2, 1940	Dec. 2, 1940	Do.
54	Dec. 2, 1940	Dec. 2, 1940	15	Dec. 2, 1941	Dec. 2, 1941	Do.
55	Dec. 2, 1941	Dec. 2, 1941	15	Dec. 2, 1942	Dec. 2, 1942	Do.
56	Dec. 2, 1942	Dec. 2, 1942	15	Dec. 2, 1943	Dec. 2, 1943	Do.
57	Dec. 2, 1943	Dec. 2, 1943	15	Dec. 2, 1944	Dec. 2, 1944	Do.
58	Dec. 2, 1944	Dec. 2, 1944	15	Dec. 2, 1945	Dec. 2, 1945	Do.
59	Dec. 2, 1945	Dec. 2, 1945	15	Dec. 2, 1946	Dec. 2, 1946	Do.
60	Dec. 2, 1946	Dec. 2, 1946	15	Dec. 2, 1947	Dec. 2, 1947	Do.
61	Dec. 2, 1947	Dec. 2, 1947	15	Dec. 2, 1948	Dec. 2, 1948	Do.
62	Dec. 2, 1948	Dec. 2, 1948	15	Dec. 2, 1949	Dec. 2, 1949	Do.
63	Dec. 2, 1949	Dec. 2, 1949	15	Dec. 2, 1950	Dec. 2, 1950	Do.
64	Dec. 2, 1950	Dec. 2, 1950	15	Dec. 2, 1951	Dec. 2, 1951	Do.
65	Dec. 2, 1951	Dec. 2, 1951	15	Dec. 2, 1952	Dec. 2, 1952	Do.
66	Dec. 2, 1952	Dec. 2, 1952	15	Dec. 2, 1953	Dec. 2, 1953	Do.
67	Dec. 2, 1953	Dec. 2, 1953	15	Dec. 2, 1954	Dec. 2, 1954	Do.
68	Dec. 2, 1954	Dec. 2, 1954	15	Dec. 2, 1955	Dec. 2, 1955	Do.
69	Dec. 2, 1955	Dec. 2, 1955	15	Dec. 2, 1956	Dec. 2, 1956	Do.
70	Dec. 2, 1956	Dec. 2, 1956	15	Dec. 2, 1957	Dec. 2, 1957	Do.
71	Dec. 2, 1957	Dec. 2, 1957	15	Dec. 2, 1958	Dec. 2, 1958	Do.
72	Dec. 2, 1958	Dec. 2, 1958	15	Dec. 2, 1959	Dec. 2, 1959	Do.
73	Dec. 2, 1959	Dec. 2, 1959	15	Dec. 2, 1960	Dec. 2, 1960	Do.
74	Dec. 2, 1960	Dec. 2, 1960	15	Dec. 2, 1961	Dec. 2, 1961	Do.
75	Dec. 2, 1961	Dec. 2, 1961	15	Dec. 2, 1962	Dec. 2, 1962	Do.
76	Dec. 2, 1962	Dec. 2, 1962	15	Dec. 2, 1963	Dec. 2, 1963	Do.
77	Dec. 2, 1963	Dec. 2, 1963	15	Dec. 2, 1964	Dec. 2, 1964	Do.
78	Dec. 2, 1964	Dec. 2, 1964	15	Dec. 2, 1965	Dec. 2, 1965	Do.
79	Dec. 2, 1965	Dec. 2, 1965	15	Dec. 2, 1966	Dec. 2, 1966	Do.
80	Dec. 2, 1966	Dec. 2, 1966	15	Dec. 2, 1967	Dec. 2, 1967	Do.
81	Dec. 2, 1967	Dec. 2, 1967	15	Dec. 2, 1968	Dec. 2, 1968	Do.
82	Dec. 2, 1968	Dec. 2, 1968	15	Dec. 2, 1969	Dec. 2, 1969	Do.
83	Dec. 2, 1969	Dec. 2, 1969	15	Dec. 2, 1970	Dec. 2, 1970	Do.
84	Dec. 2, 1970	Dec. 2, 1970	15	Dec. 2, 1971	Dec. 2, 1971	Do.
85	Dec. 2, 1971	Dec. 2, 1971	15	Dec. 2, 1972	Dec. 2, 1972	Do.
86	Dec. 2, 1972	Dec. 2, 1972	15	Dec. 2, 1973	Dec. 2, 1973	Do.
87	Dec. 2, 1973	Dec. 2, 1973	15	Dec. 2, 1974	Dec. 2, 1974	Do.
88	Dec. 2, 1974	Dec. 2, 1974	15	Dec. 2, 1975	Dec. 2, 1975	Do.
89	Dec. 2, 1975	Dec. 2, 1975	15	Dec. 2, 1976	Dec. 2, 1976	Do.
90	Dec. 2, 1976	Dec. 2, 1976	15	Dec. 2, 1977	Dec. 2, 1977	Do.
91	Dec. 2, 1977	Dec. 2, 1977	15	Dec. 2, 1978	Dec. 2, 1978	Do.
92	Dec. 2, 1978	Dec. 2, 1978	15	Dec. 2, 1979	Dec. 2, 1979	Do.
93	Dec. 2, 1979	Dec. 2, 1979	15	Dec. 2, 1980	Dec. 2, 1980	Do.
94	Dec. 2, 1980	Dec. 2, 1980	15	Dec. 2, 1981	Dec. 2, 1981	Do.
95	Dec. 2, 1981	Dec. 2, 1981	15	Dec. 2, 1982	Dec. 2, 1982	Do.
96	Dec. 2, 1982	Dec. 2, 1982	15	Dec. 2, 1983	Dec. 2, 1983	Do.
97	Dec. 2, 1983	Dec. 2, 1983	15	Dec. 2, 1984	Dec. 2, 1984	Do.
98	Dec. 2, 1984	Dec. 2, 1984	15	Dec. 2, 1985	Dec. 2, 1985	Do.
99	Dec. 2, 1985	Dec. 2, 1985	15	Dec. 2, 1986	Dec. 2, 1986	Do.
100	Dec. 2, 1986	Dec. 2, 1986	15	Dec. 2, 1987	Dec. 2, 1987	Do.
101	Dec. 2, 1987	Dec. 2, 1987	15	Dec. 2, 1988	Dec. 2, 1988	Do.
102	Dec. 2, 1988	Dec. 2, 1988	15	Dec. 2, 1989	Dec. 2, 1989	Do.
103	Dec. 2, 1989	Dec. 2, 1989	15	Dec. 2, 1990	Dec. 2, 1990	Do.
104	Dec. 2, 1990	Dec. 2, 1990	15	Dec. 2, 1991	Dec. 2, 1991	Do.
105	Dec. 2, 1991	Dec. 2, 1991	15	Dec. 2, 1992	Dec. 2, 1992	Do.
106	Dec. 2, 1992	Dec. 2, 1992	15	Dec. 2, 1993	Dec. 2, 1993	Do.
107	Dec. 2, 1993	Dec. 2, 1993	15	Dec. 2, 1994	Dec. 2, 1994	Do.
108	Dec. 2, 1994	Dec. 2, 1994	15	Dec. 2, 1995	Dec. 2, 1995	Do.
109	Dec. 2, 1995	Dec. 2, 1995	15	Dec. 2, 1996	Dec. 2, 1996	Do.
110	Dec. 2, 1996	Dec. 2, 1996	15	Dec. 2, 1997	Dec. 2, 1997	Do.
111	Dec. 2, 1997	Dec. 2, 1997	15	Dec. 2, 1998	Dec. 2, 1998	Do.
112	Dec. 2, 1998	Dec. 2, 1998	15	Dec. 2, 1999	Dec. 2, 1999	Do.
113	Dec. 2, 1999	Dec. 2, 1999	15	Dec. 2, 2000	Dec. 2, 2000	Do.
114	Dec. 2, 2000	Dec. 2, 2000	15	Dec. 2, 2001	Dec. 2, 2001	Do.
115	Dec. 2, 2001	Dec. 2, 2001	15	Dec. 2, 2002	Dec. 2, 2002	Do.
116	Dec. 2, 2002	Dec. 2, 2002	15	Dec. 2, 2003	Dec. 2, 2003	Do.
117	Dec. 2, 2003	Dec. 2, 2003	15	Dec. 2, 2004	Dec. 2, 2004	Do.
118	Dec. 2, 2004	Dec. 2, 2004	15	Dec. 2, 2005	Dec. 2, 2005	Do.
119	Dec. 2, 2005	Dec. 2, 2005	15	Dec. 2, 2006	Dec. 2, 2006	Do.
120	Dec. 2, 2006	Dec. 2, 2006	15	Dec. 2, 2007	Dec. 2, 2007	Do.
121	Dec. 2, 2007	Dec. 2, 2007	15	Dec. 2, 2008	Dec. 2, 2008	Do.
122	Dec. 2, 2008	Dec. 2, 2008	15	Dec. 2, 2009	Dec. 2, 2009	Do.
123	Dec. 2, 2009	Dec. 2, 2009	15	Dec. 2, 2010	Dec. 2, 2010	Do.
124	Dec. 2, 2010	Dec. 2, 2010	15	Dec. 2, 2011	Dec. 2, 2011	Do.
125	Dec. 2, 2011	Dec. 2, 2011	15	Dec. 2, 2012	Dec. 2, 2012	Do.
126	Dec. 2, 2012	Dec. 2, 2012	15	Dec. 2, 2013	Dec. 2, 2013	Do.
127	Dec. 2, 2013	Dec. 2, 2013	15	Dec. 2, 2014	Dec. 2, 2014	Do.
128	Dec. 2, 2014	Dec. 2, 2014	15	Dec. 2, 2015	Dec. 2, 2015	Do.
129	Dec. 2, 2015	Dec. 2, 2015	15	Dec. 2, 2016	Dec. 2, 2016	Do.
130	Dec. 2, 2016	Dec. 2, 2016	15	Dec. 2, 2017	Dec. 2, 2017	Do.
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132	Dec. 2, 2018	Dec. 2, 2018	15	Dec. 2, 2019	Dec. 2, 2019	Do.
133	Dec. 2, 2019	Dec. 2, 2019	15	Dec. 2, 2020	Dec. 2, 2020	Do.
134	Dec. 2, 2020	Dec. 2, 2020	15	Dec. 2, 2021	Dec. 2, 2021	Do.
135	Dec. 2, 2021	Dec. 2, 2021	15	Dec. 2, 2022	Dec. 2, 2022	Do.
136	Dec. 2, 2022	Dec. 2, 2022	15	Dec. 2, 2023	Dec. 2, 202	

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	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. 3, 1933	89			do.	
73d	S	Mar. 4, 1933	Mar. 6, 1933	3				
	1–E	Mar. 9, 1933	Mar. 9, 1933	99			Key Pittman, of Nevada	Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois.
	2	Jan. 3, 1934	June 18, 1934	167			do.	
74th	1	Jan. 3, 1935	Aug. 26, 1935	236			do.	Joseph W. Byrns, of Tennessee. ¹¹
	2	Jan. 3, 1936	June 20, 1936	170			do.	William B. Bankhead, of Alabama. ¹¹
	2–E	Jan. 3, 1937	Aug. 21, 1937	229			do.	Do.
75th	1	Nov. 15, 1937	Dec. 21, 1937	37			do.	
	3	Jan. 3, 1938	June 16, 1938	165			do.	Do. ¹²
	1	Jan. 3, 1939	Aug. 5, 1939	215			do.	
76th	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; ¹³ William H. King, of Utah. ¹³	Sam Rayburn, of Texas. ¹²
	1	Jan. 3, 1941	Jan. 2, 1942	365			Pat Harrison, of Mississippi; ¹⁴ Carter Glass, of Virginia. ¹⁴	Do.
77th	2	Jan. 5, 1942	Dec. 16, 1942	346			do.	
	1	Jan. 6, 1943	Dec. 21, 1943	350	July 8–Sept. 14, 1943	July 8–Sept. 14, 1943	do.	
	2	Jan. 10, 1944	Dec. 19, 1944	345	Apr. 1–Apr. 12, 1944	Apr. 1–Apr. 12, 1944	do.	
78th	1	Jan. 10, 1944	Dec. 19, 1944	345	June 23–Aug. 1, 1944	June 23–Aug. 1, 1944	do.	
	2	Jan. 3, 1945	Dec. 21, 1945	353	Sept. 21–Nov. 14, 1944	Sept. 21–Nov. 14, 1944	do.	
	2	Jan. 14, 1946	Aug. 2, 1946	201	Aug. 1–Sept. 5, 1945	July 21–Sept. 5, 1945	Kenneth McKellar, of Tennessee	Do.
79th	15 1	Jan. 3, 1947	Dec. 19, 1947	351	July 27–Nov. 17, 1947	July 27–Nov. 17, 1947	do.	Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts.
	15 2	Jan. 6, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948	361	June 20–July 26, 1948	June 20–July 26, 1948	Arthur H. Vandenberg, of Michigan	
	15 3	Jan. 14, 1948	Aug. 7–Dec. 31, 1948	361	Aug. 7–Dec. 31, 1948	Aug. 7–Dec. 31, 1948	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; ¹⁷ Allen J. Ellender, of Louisiana. ¹⁷	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		
					June 30–July 6, 1971	July 1–July 6, 1971		
93d					Aug. 6–Sept. 8, 1971	Aug. 6–Sept. 8, 1971	Allen J. Ellender, of Louisiana; ¹⁸ James O. Eastland, of Mississippi. ¹⁸	Do.
					Oct. 21–Oct. 26, 1971	Oct. 7–Oct. 12, 1971		
					Nov. 24–Nov. 29, 1971	Oct. 21–Oct. 26, 1971		
	2	Jan. 18, 1972	Oct. 18, 1972 ..	275	Feb. 9–Feb. 14, 1972	Nov. 19–Nov. 29, 1971		
					Mar. 30–Apr. 4, 1972	Feb. 9–Feb. 16, 1972	James O. Eastland, of Mississippi	Do.
					May 25–May 30, 1972	Mar. 29–Apr. 10, 1972		
					June 30–July 17, 1972	May 24–May 30, 1972		
					Aug. 18–Sept. 5, 1972	June 30–July 17, 1972		
	1	Jan. 3, 1973	Dec. 22, 1973 ..	354	Feb. 8–Feb. 15, 1973	Aug. 18–Sept. 5, 1972	James O. Eastland, of Mississippi	Do.
					Apr. 18–Apr. 30, 1973	Feb. 8–Feb. 19, 1973		
					May 23–May 29, 1973	Apr. 19–Apr. 30, 1973		
					June 3–Sept. 5, 1973	May 24–May 29, 1973		
					Oct. 18–Oct. 23, 1973	June 30–July 10, 1973do.	
					Nov. 21–Nov. 26, 1973	Aug. 3–Sept. 5, 1973		
					Feb. 8–Feb. 18, 1974	Oct. 4–Oct. 9, 1973		
	2	Jan. 21, 1974	Dec. 20, 1974 ..	334	Mar. 13–Mar. 19, 1974	Oct. 18–Oct. 23, 1973		
					Apr. 11–Apr. 22, 1974	Nov. 15–Nov. 26, 1973		
					May 23–May 28, 1974	Feb. 7–Feb. 13, 1974		
					Aug. 22–Sept. 11, 1974	Apr. 11–Apr. 22, 1974		
					Oct. 17–Nov. 18, 1974	May 23–May 28, 1974		
					Nov. 26–Dec. 2, 1974	Aug. 22–Sept. 11, 1974		
						Oct. 17–Nov. 18, 1974		

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					Senate	House of Representatives		
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, 1983do.	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, 1984do.	Do.
					Aug. 10–Sept. 5, 1984	Aug. 10–Sept. 5, 1984		
					Jan. 7–Jan. 18, 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, 1985do.	
					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; ²⁰ Thomas S. Foley, of Washington. ²⁰
	2	Jan. 23, 1990	Oct. 28, 1990 ..	260	<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.	
102d ..	1	Jan. 3, 1991	Jan. 3, 1992	366	<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	Thomas S. Foley, of Washington.
	2	Jan. 3, 1992	Oct. 9, 1992	281	<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.	

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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		
104th ...	2	Jan. 25, 1994	Dec. 1, 1994	311	Feb. 11–Feb. 22, 1994	Jan. 26–Feb. 1, 1994do.	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		
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					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.

¹ 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.
² 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.
³ 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, the Senate has elected only one President pro tempore per 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 opposed to a minority party as in the past). 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.
⁴ Henry Clay resigned as Speaker on Oct. 19, 1814. He was succeeded by Langdon Cheves who was elected on that same day.
⁵ 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.
⁶ Andrew Stevenson resigned as Speaker on June 2, 1834. He was succeeded by John Bell who was elected on that same day.
⁷ 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.
⁸ 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.
⁹ William P. Frye resigned as President pro tempore on Apr. 27, 1911.

- ¹⁰ 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.
- ¹¹ Speaker Joseph W. Byrns died on June 4, 1936. He was succeeded by William B. Bankhead who was elected Speaker on that same day.
- ¹² Speaker William B. Bankhead died on Sept. 15, 1940. He was succeeded by Sam Rayburn who was elected Speaker on that same day.
- ¹³ 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.
- ¹⁴ 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.
- ¹⁵ 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.
- ¹⁶ 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.
- ¹⁷ 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.
- ¹⁸ 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.
- ¹⁹ 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.
- ²⁰ 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.
- ²¹ 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.