

SESSIONS OF CONGRESS, 1st–110th CONGRESSES, 1789–2007

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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. 3, 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	2	May 15, 1797	July 10, 1797	57	.....	.....	.....	.....
	5	July 17, 1798	July 19, 1798	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
	2	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	1	Mar. 4, 1801	Mar. 5, 1801	2	Dec. 23–Dec. 30, 1800	.....	John E. Howard, of Maryland; James Hillhouse, of Connecticut.	.....
	5	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	2	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, 1806	Mar. 5, 1807	165	.....	.....	.....do.....	
11th ...	2	1-E	Oct. 26, 1807	Apr. 25, 1808	182	.....	.....	Stephen R. Bradley, of Vermont; John Milledge, of Georgia.	
11th ...	2	1-E	Nov. 7, 1808	Mar. 3, 1809	117	.....	.....	.....do.....	
11th ...	2	1-E	Mar. 4, 1809	Mar. 7, 1809	4	.....	.....	Andrew Gregg, of Pennsylvania	Do.
11th ...	2	1-E	May 22, 1809	June 28, 1809	38	.....	.....	John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	
11th ...	2	1-E	Nov. 27, 1809	May 1, 1810	156	.....	.....	John Pope, of Kentucky.	
12th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 3, 1810	Mar. 3, 1811	91	.....	.....	William H. Crawford, of Georgia	Henry Clay, of Kentucky.
12th ...	2	1-E	Nov. 4, 1811	July 6, 1812	245	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do. ⁴
13th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 1, 1812	Mar. 3, 1813	122	.....	.....	.....do.....	Langdon Cheves, of South Carolina. ⁴
13th ...	2	1-E	Nov. 2, 1812	Aug. 2, 1813	71	.....	.....	Joseph B. Varnum, of Massachusetts; John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	
13th ...	2	1-E	May 24, 1813	Mar. 3, 1814	134	.....	.....	John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	
13th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 6, 1813	Apr. 18, 1814	134	.....	.....	.....do.....	Henry Clay, of Kentucky.
14th ...	2	1-E	Sept. 19, 1814	Mar. 3, 1815	166	.....	.....	.....do.....	
14th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 4, 1815	Apr. 30, 1816	148	.....	.....	James Barbour, of Virginia.	Do.
15th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 2, 1816	Mar. 3, 1817	92	.....	.....	James Barbour, of Virginia; John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	Do. ⁵
15th ...	2	1-E	Mar. 4, 1817	Mar. 6, 1817	3	.....	.....	John Gaillard, of South Carolina	John W. Taylor, of New York; ⁵ Philip P. Barbour, of Virginia.
16th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 1, 1817	Apr. 20, 1818	141	.....	.....	.....do.....	Henry Clay, of Kentucky.
16th ...	2	1-E	Nov. 16, 1818	Mar. 3, 1819	108	.....	.....	.....do.....	
16th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 6, 1819	May 15, 1820	162	.....	.....	.....do.....	
17th ...	2	1-E	Nov. 13, 1820	Mar. 3, 1821	111	.....	.....	.....do.....	John W. Taylor, of New York.
17th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 3, 1821	May 8, 1822	157	.....	.....	Nathaniel Macon, of North Carolina	Andrew Stevenson, of Virginia.
18th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 2, 1822	Mar. 3, 1823	92	.....	.....	Samuel Smith, of Maryland	
18th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 1, 1823	May 27, 1824	178	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
19th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 6, 1824	Mar. 3, 1825	88	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
19th ...	2	1-E	Mar. 4, 1825	Mar. 9, 1825	6	.....	.....	.....do.....	
20th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 5, 1825	May 22, 1826	169	.....	.....	.....do.....	
20th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 4, 1826	Mar. 3, 1827	90	.....	.....	.....do.....	
20th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 3, 1827	May 26, 1828	175	.....	.....	.....do.....	
21st ...	2	1-E	Dec. 1, 1828	Mar. 3, 1829	93	.....	.....	.....do.....	
21st ...	2	1-E	Mar. 4, 1829	Mar. 17, 1829	14	.....	.....	.....do.....	
22d ...	2	1-E	Dec. 7, 1829	May 31, 1830	176	.....	.....	.....do.....	
22d ...	2	1-E	Dec. 6, 1830	Mar. 3, 1831	88	.....	.....	.....do.....	
22d ...	2	1-E	Dec. 5, 1831	July 16, 1832	225	.....	.....	.....do.....	
23d ...	2	1-E	Dec. 3, 1832	Mar. 2, 1833	91	.....	.....	.....do.....	
23d ...	2	1-E	Dec. 2, 1833	June 30, 1834	211	.....	.....	.....do.....	
24th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 1, 1834	Mar. 3, 1835	93	.....	.....	.....do.....	
24th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 7, 1835	July 4, 1836	211	.....	.....	.....do.....	
25th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 5, 1836	Mar. 3, 1837	89	.....	.....	.....do.....	
25th ...	2	1-E	Mar. 4, 1837	Mar. 10, 1837	7	.....	.....	.....do.....	
26th ...	2	1-E	Sept. 4, 1837	Oct. 16, 1837	43	.....	.....	.....do.....	
26th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 4, 1837	July 9, 1838	218	.....	.....	.....do.....	
26th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 3, 1838	Mar. 3, 1839	91	.....	.....	.....do.....	
26th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 2, 1839	July 21, 1840	233	.....	.....	.....do.....	
27th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 7, 1840	Mar. 3, 1841	87	.....	.....	.....do.....	
27th ...	2	1-E	Mar. 4, 1841	Mar. 15, 1841	12	.....	.....	.....do.....	
								William R. King, of Alabama; Samuel L. Southard, of New Jersey.	Robert M.T. Hunter, of Virginia.

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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, 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.	
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.	Nathaniel P. Banks, of Massachusetts.
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 ..		

36th	S 2 S 1	June 15, 1858 Dec. 6, 1858 Mar. 4, 1859 Dec. 5, 1859	2 88 7 202	Dec. 23, 1858-Jan. 4, 1859 .......do. .....do. .....do.	Benjamin Fitzpatrick, of Alabama; Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana. Benjamin Fitzpatrick, of Alabama. Solomon Foot, of Vermont.	William Pennington, of New Jersey.
37th	S 2 1-E	June 26, 1860 Dec. 3, 1860 Mar. 4, 1861 July 4, 1861 Dec. 2, 1861 Dec. 1, 1862 Mar. 4, 1863 Dec. 7, 1863	3 93 25 34 228 93 11 209	Dec. 23, 1862-Jan. 5, 1863 .......do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do.	Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania.	
38th	S 1	June 26, 1860 Mar. 3, 1860 Mar. 28, 1861 Aug. 6, 1861 July 17, 1862 Mar. 3, 1863 July 14, 1863 July 4, 1864	3 93 25 34 228 93 11 209	Dec. 23, 1862-Jan. 5, 1863 .......do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do.	Schuyler Colfax, of Indiana.	
39th	2 S 1	Dec. 5, 1864 Mar. 4, 1865 Dec. 4, 1865 July 28, 1866	89 8 237	Dec. 23, 1863-Jan. 5, 1864 .. Dec. 22, 1864-Jan. 5, 1865 .. Dec. 6-Dec. 11, 1865 .. Dec. 21, 1865-Jan. 5, 1866 .. Dec. 20, 1866-Jan. 3, 1867 .. Mar. 30-July 3, 1867 .. July 20-Nov. 21, 1867 ..	Solomon Foot, of Vermont; Daniel Clark, of New Hampshire. Lafayette S. Foster, of Connecticut. Benjamin F. Wade, of Ohio.	
40th	2 1	Dec. 3, 1866 Mar. 4, 1867 Dec. 1, 1867	91 273	Dec. 6-Dec. 11, 1865 .. Dec. 21, 1865-Jan. 5, 1866 .. Dec. 20, 1866-Jan. 3, 1867 .. Mar. 30-July 3, 1867 .. July 20-Nov. 21, 1867 ..	Do. Do. ⁷	
41st	S 2	Apr. 1, 1867 Dec. 2, 1867	20 345	Dec. 20, 1867-Jan. 6, 1868 .. July 27-Sept. 21, 1868 .. Sept. 21-Oct. 16, 1868 .. Oct. 16-Nov. 10, 1868 .. Dec. 21, 1868-Jan. 5, 1869 ..	Theodore M. Pomeroy, of New York. ⁷ James G. Blaine, of Maine.	
42d	3 1 S 2 3 1 S	Dec. 7, 1868 Mar. 4, 1869 Apr. 12, 1869 Dec. 6, 1869 Dec. 5, 1870 Mar. 3, 1871 Apr. 20, 1871 May 10, 1871 Dec. 4, 1871 Dec. 2, 1872 Mar. 4, 1873 Dec. 1, 1873 Dec. 7, 1874	87 38 222 89 48 18 90 92 204 87	Dec. 22, 1869-Jan. 10, 1870 .. Dec. 23, 1870-Jan. 4, 1871 .......do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do.	Henry B. Anthony, of Rhode Island .......do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do.	
43d	3 S 1 2	Dec. 7, 1874 Mar. 5, 1875 Dec. 6, 1875 Dec. 4, 1876 Mar. 5, 1877 Oct. 15, 1877 Dec. 2, 1878 Dec. 3, 1879 Mar. 18, 1879 Dec. 1, 1879 Dec. 6, 1880 Mar. 4, 1881 Oct. 10, 1881	20 254 90 13 50 200 92 106 199 88 78 20	Dec. 21, 1871-Jan. 8, 1872 .. Dec. 20, 1872-Jan. 6, 1873 .......do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do.	Matthew H. Carpenter, of Wisconsin. Henry B. Anthony, of Rhode Island. Thomas W. Ferry, of Michigan. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do.	
44th	S 1 2	Mar. 5, 1875 Dec. 6, 1875 Dec. 4, 1876 Mar. 3, 1877 Dec. 3, 1877 June 20, 1878 Mar. 3, 1879 July 1, 1879 June 16, 1880 Mar. 3, 1881 May 20, 1881 Oct. 29, 1881	20 254 90 13 50 200 92 106 199 88 78 20	Dec. 21, 1875-Jan. 5, 1876 .......do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do.	Michael C. Kerr, of Indiana. ⁸ Samuel J. Randall, of Pennsylvania. ⁸.....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do.	
45th	S 1-E	Dec. 5, 1875 Aug. 15, 1876 Mar. 3, 1877 Mar. 17, 1877 Dec. 3, 1877 June 20, 1878 Mar. 3, 1879 July 1, 1879 June 16, 1880 Mar. 3, 1881 May 20, 1881 Oct. 29, 1881	20 254 90 13 50 200 92 106 199 88 78 20	Dec. 21, 1875-Jan. 5, 1876 .......do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do.	Michael C. Kerr, of Indiana. ⁸ Samuel J. Randall, of Pennsylvania. ⁸.....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do.	
46th	1-E	Dec. 5, 1875 Aug. 15, 1876 Mar. 3, 1877 Mar. 17, 1877 Dec. 3, 1877 June 20, 1878 Mar. 3, 1879 July 1, 1879 June 16, 1880 Mar. 3, 1881 May 20, 1881 Oct. 29, 1881	20 254 90 13 50 200 92 106 199 88 78 20	Dec. 21, 1875-Jan. 5, 1876 .......do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do.	Michael C. Kerr, of Indiana. ⁸ Samuel J. Randall, of Pennsylvania. ⁸.....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do.	
47th	3 S S	Dec. 5, 1875 Aug. 15, 1876 Mar. 3, 1877 Mar. 17, 1877 Dec. 3, 1877 June 20, 1878 Mar. 3, 1879 July 1, 1879 June 16, 1880 Mar. 3, 1881 May 20, 1881 Oct. 29, 1881	20 254 90 13 50 200 92 106 199 88 78 20	Dec. 21, 1875-Jan. 5, 1876 .......do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do.	Michael C. Kerr, of Indiana. ⁸ Samuel J. Randall, of Pennsylvania. ⁸.....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do. .....do.	
48th	1	Dec. 5, 1881 Aug. 8, 1882	247	Dec. 22, 1881-Jan. 5, 1882 ..	Thomas F. Bayard, of Delaware; David Davis, of Illinois. David Davis, of Illinois.	J. Warren Keifer, of Ohio.

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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	.....	.....	.....	.....
50th ...	5	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.
51st ...	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 ...	5	Mar. 4, 1889	Apr. 2, 1889	30	.....	.....	.....	.....
52d ...	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.	.....
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;	Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia.
53d ...	2	Dec. 5, 1892	Mar. 3, 1893	89	.....	.....	Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee.	Do.
53d ...	5	Mar. 4, 1893	Apr. 15, 1893	43	.....	.....	.....do.	.....
54th ...	1-E	Aug. 7, 1893	Nov. 3, 1893	89	.....	.....	.....	.....
54th ...	2	Dec. 4, 1893	Aug. 28, 1894	268	.....	.....	.....	.....
54th ...	3	Dec. 3, 1894	Mar. 3, 1895	97	.....	.....	.....	.....
55th ...	1	Dec. 2, 1895	June 11, 1896	193	Dec. 22, 1896–Jan. 5, 1897	Dec. 22, 1896–Jan. 5, 1897	Matt W. Ransom, of North Carolina;	Thomas B. Reed, of Maine.
55th ...	2	Dec. 7, 1896	Mar. 3, 1897	87	.....	.....	Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee.	Do.
55th ...	5	Mar. 4, 1897	Mar. 10, 1897	11	.....	.....	.....do.	.....
55th ...	1-E	Mar. 13, 1897	July 24, 1897	131	.....	.....	.....	.....
56th ...	2	Dec. 6, 1897	July 8, 1898	215	Dec. 18, 1897–Jan. 5, 1898	Dec. 18, 1897–Jan. 5, 1898	.....	.....
56th ...	3	Dec. 5, 1898	Mar. 3, 1899	89	Dec. 21, 1898–Jan. 4, 1899	Dec. 21, 1898–Jan. 4, 1899	.....	.....
56th ...	1	Dec. 4, 1899	June 7, 1900	186	Dec. 20, 1899–Jan. 3, 1900	Dec. 20, 1899–Jan. 3, 1900	.....	.....
57th ...	2	Dec. 3, 1900	Mar. 3, 1901	91	Dec. 21, 1900–Jan. 3, 1901	Dec. 21, 1900–Jan. 3, 1901	do.	David B. Henderson, of Iowa.
57th ...	5	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	Do.
3	Dec. 5, 1903	Mar. 19, 1903	15	Dec. 19, 1903-Jan. 4, 1904	Dec. 19, 1903-Jan. 4, 1904	Do.
4	Dec. 7, 1903	Apr. 28, 1904	144	Dec. 21, 1904-Jan. 4, 1905	Dec. 21, 1904-Jan. 4, 1905	Do.
5	Dec. 3, 1904	Mar. 3, 1905	85	Dec. 21, 1905-Jan. 4, 1906	Dec. 21, 1905-Jan. 4, 1906	Do.
6	Dec. 4, 1905	Mar. 18, 1906	209	Dec. 20, 1906-Jan. 3, 1907	Dec. 20, 1906-Jan. 3, 1907	Do.
7	Dec. 3, 1906	May 3, 1907	181	Dec. 21, 1907-Jan. 6, 1908	Dec. 21, 1907-Jan. 6, 1908	Do.
8	Dec. 2, 1907	Mar. 30, 1908	87	Dec. 19, 1908-Jan. 4, 1909	Dec. 19, 1908-Jan. 4, 1909	Do.
9	Dec. 7, 1908	Mar. 6, 1909	87	Dec. 21, 1909-Jan. 4, 1910	Dec. 21, 1909-Jan. 4, 1910	Do.
10	Mar. 4, 1909	Aug. 5, 1909	144	Dec. 21, 1910-Jan. 5, 1911	Dec. 21, 1910-Jan. 5, 1911	Do.
11	Mar. 15, 1909	June 25, 1910	202	Dec. 21, 1911-Jan. 3, 1912	Dec. 21, 1911-Jan. 3, 1912	Do.
12	Dec. 6, 1909	Aug. 5, 1910	89	Dec. 19, 1912-Jan. 2, 1913	Dec. 19, 1912-Jan. 2, 1913	Do.
13	Dec. 5, 1910	Mar. 3, 1911	141	Dec. 23, 1913-Jan. 12, 1914	Dec. 23, 1913-Jan. 12, 1914	Do.
14	Apr. 4, 1911	Aug. 22, 1911	267	Dec. 23-Dec. 28, 1914	Dec. 23-Dec. 28, 1914	Do.
15	Dec. 4, 1911	Aug. 26, 1912	92	Dec. 17, 1915-Jan. 4, 1916	Dec. 17, 1915-Jan. 4, 1916	Do.
16	Dec. 2, 1912	Mar. 3, 1913	14	Dec. 22, 1916-Jan. 2, 1917	Dec. 22, 1916-Jan. 2, 1917	Do.
17	Mar. 4, 1913	Mar. 17, 1913	239	Dec. 18, 1917-Jan. 3, 1918	Dec. 18, 1917-Jan. 3, 1918	Do.
18	Apr. 7, 1913	Oct. 24, 1914	328	July 1-July 8, 1919	July 1-July 8, 1919	Do.
19	Dec. 1, 1913	Oct. 24, 1914	87	Dec. 20, 1919-Jan. 5, 1920	Dec. 20, 1919-Jan. 5, 1920	Do.
20	Dec. 3, 1914	Mar. 3, 1915	278	Aug. 24-Sept. 21, 1921	Aug. 24-Sept. 21, 1921	Do.
21	Dec. 6, 1915	Sept. 8, 1916	90	Dec. 22, 1921-Jan. 3, 1922	Dec. 22, 1921-Jan. 3, 1922	Do.
22	Dec. 4, 1916	Mar. 3, 1917	12	Dec. 20, 1923-Jan. 3, 1924	Dec. 20, 1923-Jan. 3, 1924	Do.
23	Mar. 5, 1917	Mar. 16, 1917	188	Dec. 20-Dec. 29, 1924	Dec. 20-Dec. 29, 1924	Do.
24	Oct. 6, 1917	Oct. 6, 1917	354	Dec. 22, 1925-Jan. 4, 1926	Dec. 22, 1925-Jan. 4, 1926	Do.
25	Dec. 2, 1918	Nov. 21, 1918	92	Dec. 22, 1926-Jan. 3, 1927	Dec. 22, 1926-Jan. 3, 1927	Do.
26	Dec. 2, 1918	Mar. 3, 1919	185	Dec. 22, 1927-Jan. 4, 1928	Dec. 22, 1927-Jan. 4, 1928	Do.
27	May 19, 1919	Nov. 19, 1919	88	Dec. 22, 1928-Jan. 3, 1929	Dec. 22, 1928-Jan. 3, 1929	Do.
28	Dec. 1, 1919	June 5, 1920	127	June 19-Aug. 19, 1929	June 19-Aug. 19, 1929	Do.
29	Dec. 6, 1920	Mar. 3, 1921	227	Dec. 21, 1929-Jan. 6, 1930	Dec. 21, 1929-Jan. 6, 1930	Do.
30	Mar. 4, 1921	Mar. 15, 1921	292	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
31	Apr. 11, 1921	Nov. 23, 1921	5	July 7, 1930	July 7, 1930	Do.
32	Dec. 5, 1921	Sept. 22, 1922	188	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
33	Nov. 20, 1922	Dec. 4, 1922	93	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
34	Dec. 4, 1922	Dec. 4, 1922	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
35	Dec. 4, 1923	June 3, 1924	209	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
36	Mar. 3, 1924	Mar. 3, 1925	88	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
37	Mar. 4, 1925	Mar. 18, 1925	91	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
38	Dec. 7, 1925	July 3, 1926	222	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
39	Dec. 6, 1926	Mar. 4, 1927	214	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
40	Dec. 5, 1927	May 29, 1928	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
41	Dec. 3, 1928	Mar. 3, 1929	88	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
42	Dec. 3, 1929	Mar. 5, 1929	22	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
43	Apr. 15, 1929	Nov. 22, 1929	222	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
44	Dec. 2, 1929	July 3, 1930	214	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
45	July 7, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
46	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
47	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
48	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
49	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
50	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
51	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
52	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
53	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
54	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
55	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
56	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
57	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
58	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
59	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
60	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
61	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
62	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
63	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
64	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
65	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
66	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
67	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
68	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
69	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
70	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
71	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
72	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
73	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
74	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
75	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
76	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
77	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
78	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
79	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
80	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
81	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
82	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
83	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
84	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
85	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
86	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
87	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
88	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
89	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
90	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
91	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
92	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
93	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
94	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
95	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
96	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
97	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
98	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
99	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
100	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.

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					Senate	House of Representatives		
72d ...	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.
	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.
73d ...	2	Dec. 5, 1932	Mar. 3, 1933	89	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	5	Mar. 4, 1933	Mar. 6, 1933	3	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	1–E	Mar. 9, 1933	Mar. 9, 1933	99	.....	.....	Key Pittman, of Nevada	Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois.
74th ...	2	Jan. 3, 1934	June 15, 1934 ...	167	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	1	Jan. 3, 1935	June 18, 1934 ...	236	.....	.....	.....do.....	Joseph W. Byrns, of Tennessee. ¹¹
	2	Jan. 3, 1935	Aug. 26, 1935 ...	170	.....	.....	.....do.....	William B. Bankhead, of Alabama. ¹¹
75th ...	2–E	Jan. 3, 1936	June 20, 1936 ...	229	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
	1	Jan. 5, 1937	Aug. 21, 1937 ...	37	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	2–E	Nov. 15, 1937	Dec. 21, 1937 ...	165	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do. ¹²
76th ...	3	Jan. 3, 1938	June 16, 1938 ...	215	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	1	Jan. 3, 1939	Aug. 5, 1939	44	.....	.....	.....do.....	Sam Rayburn, of Texas. ¹²
	2–E	Sept. 21, 1939	Nov. 3, 1939	366	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
77th ...	3	Jan. 3, 1940	Jan. 3, 1941	365	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
	1	Jan. 3, 1941	Jan. 2, 1942	346	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
78th ...	2	Jan. 5, 1942	Dec. 16, 1942 ...	350	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
	1	Jan. 6, 1943	Dec. 21, 1943 ...	345	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
	2	Jan. 10, 1944	Dec. 19, 1944 ...	353	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
79th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1945	Dec. 21, 1945 ...	201	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
	2	Jan. 14, 1946	Aug. 2, 1946	351	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
80th ...	15 1	Jan. 3, 1947	Dec. 19, 1947 ...	361	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
	15 2	Jan. 6, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948 ...		.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
					June 20–July 26, 1948	June 20–July 26, 1948	do.....	Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts.
					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. 2, 1950	Do.	...	Do.
83d ...	1	Jan. 3, 1951	Oct. 20, 1951 ...	291	...	Mar. 22—Apr. 2, 1951	Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts.	Styles Bridges, of New Hampshire	Do.
	2	Jan. 8, 1952	July 7, 1952 ...	182	...	Aug. 23—Sept. 12, 1951	...	...	...
	1	Jan. 3, 1953	Aug. 3, 1953 ...	213	...	Apr. 10—Apr. 22, 1952	...	...	...
	2	Jan. 6, 1954	Dec. 2, 1954 ...	331	...	Apr. 2—Apr. 13, 1953	...	...	...
84th ...	1	Jan. 5, 1955	Aug. 2, 1955 ...	210	...	Apr. 15—Apr. 22, 1954	Sam Rayburn, of Texas.	Walter F. George, of Georgia	Do.
85th ...	2	Jan. 3, 1956	July 27, 1956 ...	207	...	Apr. 4—Apr. 13, 1955	Do.	Do.	Do.
86th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1957	Aug. 30, 1957 ...	239	...	Mar. 29—Apr. 9, 1956	Do.	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 7, 1958	Aug. 24, 1958 ...	230	...	Apr. 18—Apr. 29, 1957	Do.	Do.	Do.
	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.
87th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1961	Sept. 27, 1961 ...	268	...	Apr. 14—Apr. 18, 1960	Do. ¹⁶	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 10, 1962	Oct. 13, 1962 ...	277	...	May 27—May 31, 1960	John W. McCormack, of Massachusetts. ¹⁶	Do.	Do.
88th ...	1	Jan. 9, 1963	Dec. 30, 1963 ...	356	...	July 3—Aug. 8, 1960	Do.	Do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 7, 1964	Oct. 3, 1964 ...	270	...	Mar. 30—Apr. 10, 1961	Do.	Do.	Do.
89th ...	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.
90th ...	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.
91st ...	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.
					...	Mar. 23—Apr. 3, 1967	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	June 29—July 10, 1967	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	Aug. 31—Sept. 11, 1967	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	Nov. 22—Nov. 27, 1967	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	Apr. 11—Apr. 22, 1968	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	May 29—June 3, 1968	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	June 3—July 8, 1968	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	Aug. 2—Sept. 4, 1968	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	Feb. 7—Feb. 17, 1969	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	Apr. 3—Apr. 14, 1969	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	May 28—June 2, 1969	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	July 2—July 7, 1969	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	Aug. 13—Sept. 3, 1969	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	Nov. 6—Nov. 12, 1969	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	Nov. 26—Dec. 1, 1969	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	Feb. 10—Feb. 16, 1970	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	Mar. 26—Mar. 31, 1970	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	May 27—June 1, 1970	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	July 1—July 6, 1970	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	Aug. 14—Sept. 9, 1970	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	Oct. 14—Nov. 16, 1970	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	Nov. 25—Nov. 30, 1970	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	Dec. 22—Dec. 28, 1970	Do.	Do.	Do.
					...	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; 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		
93d					June 30–July 6, 1971	July 1–July 6, 1971	Allen J. Ellender, of Louisiana; ¹⁸ James O. Eastland, of Mississippi. ¹⁸	Do.
					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	James O. Eastland, of Mississippi	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	James O. Eastland, of Mississippi	Do.
					June 30–July 17, 1972	June 30–July 17, 1972		
					Aug. 18–Sept. 5, 1972	Aug. 18–Sept. 5, 1972		
	1	Jan. 3, 1973	Dec. 22, 1973 ..	354	Feb. 8–Feb. 15, 1973	Feb. 8–Feb. 19, 1973	James O. Eastland, of Mississippi	Do.
					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	James O. Eastland, of Mississippi	Do.
					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	James O. Eastland, of Mississippi	Do.
					Feb. 8–Feb. 18, 1974	Nov. 15–Nov. 26, 1973		
					Mar. 13–Mar. 19, 1974	Feb. 7–Feb. 13, 1974		
	2	Jan. 21, 1974	Dec. 20, 1974 ..	334	Apr. 11–Apr. 22, 1974	Apr. 11–Apr. 22, 1974	James O. Eastland, of Mississippi	Do.
					May 23–May 28, 1974	May 23–May 28, 1974		
					Aug. 22–Sept. 4, 1974	Aug. 22–Sept. 11, 1974		
					Oct. 17–Nov. 18, 1974	Oct. 17–Nov. 18, 1974	James O. Eastland, of Mississippi	Do.
					Nov. 26–Dec. 2, 1974	Nov. 26–Dec. 3, 1974		
						do.		

94th ...	1	Jan. 14, 1975	Dec. 19, 1975 ...	340	Mar. 26-Apr. 7, 1975	Mar. 26-Apr. 7, 1975	do	Do.
					May 22-June 2, 1975	May 22-June 2, 1975		
					June 27-July 7, 1975	June 26-July 8, 1975		
					Aug. 1-Sept. 3, 1975	Aug. 1-Sept. 3, 1975		
					Oct. 9-Oct. 20, 1975	Oct. 9-Oct. 20, 1975		
					Oct. 23-Oct. 28, 1975	Oct. 23-Oct. 28, 1975		
					Nov. 20-Dec. 1, 1975	Nov. 20-Dec. 1, 1975		
	2	Jan. 19, 1976	Oct. 1, 1976	257	Feb. 6-Feb. 16, 1976	Feb. 11-Feb. 16, 1976	do.	
					Apr. 14-Apr. 26, 1976	Apr. 14-Apr. 26, 1976		
					May 28-June 2, 1976	May 27-June 1, 1976		
					July 2-July 19, 1976	July 2-July 19, 1976		
					Aug. 10-Aug. 23, 1976	Aug. 10-Aug. 23, 1976		
					Sept. 1-Sept. 7, 1976	Sept. 2-Sept. 8, 1976		
95th ...	1	Jan. 4, 1977	Dec. 15, 1977 ...	346	Feb. 11-Feb. 21, 1977	Feb. 9-Feb. 16, 1977	do	Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., of Massachusetts.
					Apr. 7-Apr. 18, 1977	Apr. 6-Apr. 18, 1977		
					May 27-June 6, 1977	May 26-June 1, 1977		
					July 1-July 11, 1977	June 30-July 11, 1977		
					Aug. 6-Sept. 7, 1977	Aug. 5-Sept. 7, 1977		
	2	Jan. 19, 1978	Oct. 15, 1978 ...	270	Feb. 10-Feb. 20, 1978	Feb. 9-Feb. 14, 1978	do.	
					Mar. 23-Apr. 3, 1978	Mar. 22-Apr. 3, 1978		
					May 26-June 5, 1978	May 25-May 31, 1978		
					June 29-July 10, 1978	June 29-July 10, 1978		
					Aug. 25-Sept. 6, 1978	Aug. 17-Sept. 6, 1978		
96th ...	1	Jan. 15, 1979	Jan. 3, 1980	354	Feb. 9-Feb. 19, 1979	Feb. 8-Feb. 13, 1979	Warren G. Magnuson, of Washington ...	Do.
					Apr. 10-Apr. 23, 1979	Apr. 10-Apr. 23, 1979		
					May 24-June 4, 1979	May 24-May 30, 1979		
					June 27-July 9, 1979	June 29-July 9, 1979		
					Aug. 3-Sept. 5, 1979	Aug. 2-Sept. 5, 1979		
					Nov. 20-Nov. 26, 1979	Nov. 20-Nov. 26, 1979		
					Adjourned sine die, Dec. 20, 1979			
	2	Jan. 3, 1980	Dec. 16, 1980 ...	349	Apr. 3-Apr. 15, 1980	Feb. 13-Feb. 19, 1980	Warren G. Magnuson, of Washington; Milton Young, of North Dakota; ¹⁹ Warren G. Magnuson, of Wash- ington. ¹⁹	
					May 22-May 28, 1980	Apr. 2-Apr. 15, 1980		
					July 2-July 21, 1980	May 22-May 28, 1980		
					Aug. 6-Aug. 18, 1980	July 2-July 21, 1980		
					Aug. 27-Sept. 3, 1980	Aug. 1-Aug. 18, 1980		
					Oct. 1-Nov. 12, 1980	Aug. 28-Sept. 3, 1980		
					Nov. 25-Dec. 1, 1980	Oct. 2-Nov. 12, 1980		
97th ...	1	Jan. 5, 1981	Dec. 16, 1981 ...	347	Feb. 6-Feb. 16, 1981	Nov. 21-Dec. 1, 1980	Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina	Do.
					Apr. 10-Apr. 27, 1981	Feb. 6-Feb. 17, 1981		
					June 25-July 8, 1981	Apr. 10-Apr. 27, 1981		
					Aug. 3-Sept. 9, 1981	June 26-July 8, 1981		
					Oct. 7-Oct. 14, 1981	Aug. 4-Sept. 9, 1981		
					Nov. 24-Nov. 30, 1981	Oct. 7-Oct. 13, 1981		
	2	Jan. 25, 1982	Dec. 23, 1982 ...	333	Feb. 11-Feb. 22, 1982	Nov. 23-Nov. 30, 1981	do	
					Apr. 1-Apr. 13, 1982	Feb. 10-Feb. 22, 1982		
					May 27-June 8, 1982	Apr. 6-Apr. 20, 1982		
					July 1-July 12, 1982	May 27-June 2, 1982		
					Aug. 20-Sept. 8, 1982	July 1-July 12, 1982		
					Oct. 1-Nov. 29, 1982	Aug. 20-Sept. 8, 1982		

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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		
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		
99th ...	2	Jan. 23, 1984	Oct. 12, 1984 ...	264	June 29–July 11, 1983	June 30–July 11, 1983	do.	Do.
					Aug. 4–Sept. 12, 1983	Aug. 4–Sept. 12, 1983		
					Oct. 7–Oct. 17, 1983	Oct. 6–Oct. 17, 1983		
					Feb. 9–Feb. 20, 1984	Feb. 9–Feb. 21, 1984		
	1	Jan. 3, 1985	Dec. 20, 1985 ...	352	Apr. 12–Apr. 24, 1984	Apr. 12–Apr. 24, 1984	do.	Do.
					May 24–May 31, 1984	May 24–May 30, 1984		
					June 29–July 23, 1984	June 29–July 23, 1984		
					Aug. 10–Sept. 5, 1984	Aug. 10–Sept. 5, 1984		
	2	Jan. 21, 1986	Oct. 18, 1986 ...	278	Jan. 7–Jan. 21, 1985	Jan. 3–Jan. 21, 1985	do.	Do.
					Feb. 7–Feb. 18, 1985	Feb. 7–Feb. 19, 1985		
					Apr. 4–Apr. 15, 1985	Mar. 7–Mar. 19, 1985		
					May 9–May 14, 1985	Apr. 4–Apr. 15, 1985		
					May 24–June 3, 1985	May 23–June 3, 1985	do.	Do.
					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	do.	Do.
					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	Jan. 6-Jan. 12, 1987 Feb. 5-Feb. 16, 1987 Apr. 10-Apr. 21, 1987 May 21-May 27, 1987 July 1-July 7, 1987 Aug. 7-Sept. 9, 1987 Nov. 20-Nov. 30, 1987	Jan. 8-Jan. 20, 1987 Feb. 11-Feb. 18, 1987 Apr. 9-Apr. 21, 1987 May 21-May 27, 1987 July 1-July 7, 1987 July 15-July 20, 1987 Aug. 7-Sept. 9, 1987 Nov. 10-Nov. 16, 1987 Nov. 20-Nov. 30, 1987	John C. Stennis, of Mississippi	James C. Wright, Jr., of Texas.
	2	Jan. 25, 1988	Oct. 22, 1988	272	Feb. 4-Feb. 15, 1988 Mar. 4-Mar. 14, 1988 Mar. 31-Apr. 11, 1988 Apr. 29-May 9, 1988 May 27-June 6, 1988 June 29-July 6, 1988 July 14-July 25, 1988 Aug. 11-Sept. 7, 1988	Feb. 9-Feb. 16, 1988 Mar. 31-Apr. 11, 1988 May 26-June 1, 1988 June 30-July 7, 1988 July 14-July 26, 1988 Aug. 11-Sept. 7, 1988	do.	
101st ..	1	Jan. 3, 1989	Nov. 22, 1989	324	Jan. 4-Jan. 20, 1989 Jan. 20-Jan. 25, 1989 Feb. 9-Feb. 21, 1989 Mar. 17-Apr. 4, 1989 Apr. 19-May 1, 1989 May 18-May 31, 1989 June 23-July 11, 1989 Aug. 4-Sept. 6, 1989	Jan. 4-Jan. 19, 1989 Feb. 9-Feb. 21, 1989 Mar. 23-Apr. 3, 1989 Apr. 18-Apr. 25, 1989 May 25-May 31, 1989 June 29-July 10, 1989 Aug. 5-Sept. 6, 1989	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	Feb. 8-Feb. 20, 1990 Mar. 9-Mar. 20, 1990 Apr. 5-Apr. 18, 1990 May 24-June 5, 1990 June 28-July 10, 1990 Aug. 4-Sept. 10, 1990	Feb. 7-Feb. 20, 1990 Apr. 4-Apr. 18, 1990 May 25-June 5, 1990 June 28-July 10, 1990 Aug. 4-Sept. 5, 1990	do.	
102d ..	1	Jan. 3, 1991	Jan. 3, 1992	366	Feb. 7-Feb. 19, 1991 Mar. 22-Apr. 9, 1991 Apr. 25-May 6, 1991 May 24-June 3, 1991 June 28-July 8, 1991 Aug. 2-Sept. 10, 1991 Nov. 27, 1991-Jan. 3, 1992	Feb. 6-Feb. 19, 1991 Mar. 22-Apr. 9, 1991 May 23-May 29, 1991 June 27-July 9, 1991 Aug. 2-Sept. 11, 1991 Nov. 27, 1991-Jan. 3, 1992	do	Thomas S. Foley, of Washington.
	2	Jan. 3, 1992	Oct. 9, 1992	281	Jan. 3-Jan. 21, 1992 Feb. 7-Feb. 18, 1992 Apr. 10-Apr. 28, 1992 May 21-June 1, 1992 July 2-July 20, 1992 Aug. 12-Sept. 8, 1992	Jan. 3-Jan. 22, 1992 Apr. 10-Apr. 28, 1992 May 21-May 26, 1992 July 2-July 7, 1992 July 9-July 21, 1992 Aug. 12-Sept. 9, 1992	do.	

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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		
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		
104th ...	1	Jan. 4, 1995	Jan. 3, 1996	365	Aug. 7–Sept. 7, 1993	July 1–July 13, 1993	do.	Newt Gingrich, of Georgia.
					Oct. 7–Oct. 13, 1993	Aug. 6–Sept. 8, 1993		
					Nov. 11–Nov. 16, 1993	Sept. 15–Sept. 21, 1993		
					Feb. 11–Feb. 22, 1994	Oct. 7–Oct. 12, 1993		
					Mar. 26–Apr. 11, 1994	Nov. 10–Nov. 15, 1993		
104th ...	1	Jan. 4, 1995	Jan. 3, 1996	365	May 25–June 7, 1994	Jan. 26–Feb. 1, 1994	Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina	Newt Gingrich, of Georgia.
					July 1–July 11, 1994	Feb. 11–Feb. 22, 1994		
					Aug. 25–Sept. 12, 1994	Mar. 24–Apr. 12, 1994		
					Oct. 8–Nov. 30, 1994	May 26–June 8, 1994		
					Feb. 16–Feb. 22, 1995	June 30–July 12, 1994		

105th...	2	Jan. 3, 1996	Oct. 4, 1996	276	Jan. 10–Jan. 22, 1996 Mar. 29–Apr. 15, 1996 May 23–June 3, 1996 June 28–July 8, 1996 Aug. 2–Sept. 3, 1996 Jan. 9–Jan. 21, 1997 Jan. 21–Feb. 4, 1997 Feb. 13–Feb. 25, 1997 Mar. 21–Apr. 8, 1997 June 26–July 8, 1997 Aug. 1–Sept. 3, 1997 Oct. 9–Oct. 21, 1997 Jan. 28–Feb. 3, 1998 Feb. 5–Feb. 11, 1998 Feb. 12–Feb. 24, 1998 Apr. 1–Apr. 21, 1998 May 22–June 3, 1998 June 25–July 14, 1998 Aug. 7–Sept. 9, 1998 Oct. 21–Dec. 17, 1998 Jan. 6–Jan. 19, 1999 Jan. 19–Feb. 2, 1999 Feb. 12–Feb. 23, 1999 Mar. 25–Apr. 12, 1999 May 27–June 7, 1999 July 1–July 12, 1999 Aug. 5–Sept. 8, 1999 Feb. 10–Feb. 22, 2000 Mar. 9–Mar. 20, 2000 Apr. 13–Apr. 25, 2000 May 25–June 6, 2000 June 30–July 10, 2000 July 27–Sept. 6, 2000 Nov. 3–Nov. 13, 2000 Nov. 14–Dec. 4, 2000 Jan. 6–Jan. 20, 2001 Jan. 20–Jan. 30, 2001 Jan. 31–Feb. 6, 2001 Feb. 14–Feb. 26, 2001 Apr. 4–Apr. 24, 2001 May 26–June 5, 2001 June 28–July 10, 2001 Aug. 2–Sept. 5, 2001 Oct. 17–Oct. 23, 2001 Nov. 19–Nov. 27, 2001 Jan. 29–Feb. 4, 2002 Feb. 14–Feb. 26, 2002 Mar. 20–Apr. 9, 2002 May 24–June 4, 2002 June 28–July 8, 2002 July 27–Sept. 4, 2002	do. do do. do do do	Do.
106th...	1	Jan. 7, 1997	Nov. 13, 1997	311	Jan. 10–Jan. 22, 1996 Mar. 29–Apr. 15, 1996 May 23–June 3, 1996 June 28–July 8, 1996 Aug. 2–Sept. 3, 1996 Jan. 9–Jan. 21, 1997 Jan. 21–Feb. 4, 1997 Feb. 13–Feb. 25, 1997 Mar. 21–Apr. 8, 1997 June 27–July 7, 1997 July 31–Sept. 2, 1997 Oct. 9–Oct. 20, 1997 Feb. 13–Feb. 23, 1998 Apr. 3–Apr. 20, 1998 May 22–June 1, 1998 June 26–July 6, 1998 July 31–Aug. 31, 1998 Adjourned sine die, Oct. 21, 1998. Feb. 12–Feb. 22, 1999 Mar. 25–Apr. 12, 1999 May 27–June 7, 1999 July 1–July 12, 1999 Aug. 5–Sept. 8, 1999 Feb. 10–Feb. 22, 2000 Mar. 9–Mar. 20, 2000 Apr. 13–Apr. 25, 2000 May 25–June 6, 2000 June 30–July 10, 2000 July 27–Sept. 5, 2000 Nov. 2–Nov. 14, 2000 Nov. 14–Dec. 5, 2000 Jan. 8–Jan. 20, 2001 Jan. 15–Feb. 26, 2001 Apr. 6–Apr. 23, 2001 May 26–June 5, 2001 June 29–July 9, 2001 Aug. 3–Sept. 4, 2001 Oct. 18–Oct. 23, 2001 Nov. 16–Nov. 27, 2001 Jan. 29–Feb. 4, 2002 Feb. 15–Feb. 25, 2002 Mar. 22–Apr. 8, 2002 May 23–June 3, 2002 June 28–July 8, 2002 Aug. 1–Sept. 3, 2002	do. do do. do do do	Do.
107th...	1	Jan. 3, 2001	Dec. 20, 2001	352	Jan. 10–Jan. 22, 1996 Mar. 29–Apr. 15, 1996 May 23–June 3, 1996 June 28–July 8, 1996 Aug. 2–Sept. 3, 1996 Jan. 9–Jan. 21, 1997 Jan. 21–Feb. 4, 1997 Feb. 13–Feb. 25, 1997 Mar. 21–Apr. 8, 1997 June 27–July 7, 1997 July 31–Sept. 2, 1997 Oct. 9–Oct. 20, 1997 Feb. 13–Feb. 23, 1998 Apr. 3–Apr. 20, 1998 May 22–June 1, 1998 June 26–July 6, 1998 July 31–Aug. 31, 1998 Adjourned sine die, Oct. 21, 1998. Feb. 12–Feb. 22, 1999 Mar. 25–Apr. 12, 1999 May 27–June 7, 1999 July 1–July 12, 1999 Aug. 5–Sept. 8, 1999 Feb. 10–Feb. 22, 2000 Mar. 9–Mar. 20, 2000 Apr. 13–Apr. 25, 2000 May 25–June 6, 2000 June 30–July 10, 2000 July 27–Sept. 5, 2000 Nov. 2–Nov. 14, 2000 Nov. 14–Dec. 5, 2000 Jan. 8–Jan. 20, 2001 Jan. 15–Feb. 26, 2001 Apr. 6–Apr. 23, 2001 May 26–June 5, 2001 June 29–July 9, 2001 Aug. 3–Sept. 4, 2001 Oct. 18–Oct. 23, 2001 Nov. 16–Nov. 27, 2001 Jan. 29–Feb. 4, 2002 Feb. 15–Feb. 25, 2002 Mar. 22–Apr. 8, 2002 May 23–June 3, 2002 June 28–July 8, 2002 Aug. 1–Sept. 3, 2002	do. do do. do do do	Do.
	2	Jan. 23, 2002	Nov. 22, 2002	304	Jan. 10–Jan. 22, 1996 Mar. 29–Apr. 15, 1996 May 23–June 3, 1996 June 28–July 8, 1996 Aug. 2–Sept. 3, 1996 Jan. 9–Jan. 21, 1997 Jan. 21–Feb. 4, 1997 Feb. 13–Feb. 25, 1997 Mar. 21–Apr. 8, 1997 June 27–July 7, 1997 July 31–Sept. 2, 1997 Oct. 9–Oct. 20, 1997 Feb. 13–Feb. 23, 1998 Apr. 3–Apr. 20, 1998 May 22–June 1, 1998 June 26–July 6, 1998 July 31–Aug. 31, 1998 Adjourned sine die, Oct. 21, 1998. Feb. 12–Feb. 22, 1999 Mar. 25–Apr. 12, 1999 May 27–June 7, 1999 July 1–July 12, 1999 Aug. 5–Sept. 8, 1999 Feb. 10–Feb. 22, 2000 Mar. 9–Mar. 20, 2000 Apr. 13–Apr. 25, 2000 May 25–June 6, 2000 June 30–July 10, 2000 July 27–Sept. 5, 2000 Nov. 2–Nov. 14, 2000 Nov. 14–Dec. 5, 2000 Jan. 8–Jan. 20, 2001 Jan. 15–Feb. 26, 2001 Apr. 6–Apr. 23, 2001 May 26–June 5, 2001 June 29–July 9, 2001 Aug. 3–Sept. 4, 2001 Oct. 18–Oct. 23, 2001 Nov. 16–Nov. 27, 2001 Jan. 29–Feb. 4, 2002 Feb. 15–Feb. 25, 2002 Mar. 22–Apr. 8, 2002 May 23–June 3, 2002 June 28–July 8, 2002 Aug. 1–Sept. 3, 2002	do. do do. do do do	Do.

J. Dennis Hastert, of Illinois.

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					Senate	House of Representatives		
108th...	1	Jan. 7, 2003	Dec. 9, 2003	337	Feb. 14–Feb. 24, 2003	Jan. 8–Jan. 27, 2003	Ted Stevens, of Alaska	J. Dennis Hastert, of Illinois.
					Apr. 11–Apr. 28, 2003	Feb. 13–Feb. 25, 2003		
					May 23–June 2, 2003	Apr. 12–Apr. 29, 2003		
					June 27–July 7, 2003	May 23–June 2, 2003		
					Aug. 1–Sept. 2, 2003	June 27–July 7, 2003		
					Oct. 3–Oct. 14, 2003	July 29–Sept. 3, 2003		
					Nov. 25–Dec. 9, 2003	Nov. 25–Dec. 8, 2003		
	2	Jan. 20, 2004	Dec. 8, 2004	324	Feb. 12–Feb. 23, 2004	Feb. 11–Feb. 24, 2004	do.	
					Mar. 12–Mar. 22, 2004	Apr. 2–Apr. 20, 2004		
					Apr. 8–Apr. 19, 2004	May 20–June 1, 2004		
					May 21–June 1, 2004	June 9–June 14, 2004		
					June 9–June 14, 2004	June 25–July 6, 2004		
					June 25–July 6, 2004	July 22–Sept. 7, 2004		
					July 22–Sept. 7, 2004	Oct. 9–Nov. 16, 2004		
					Oct. 11–Nov. 16, 2004	Nov. 24–Dec. 6, 2004		
					Nov. 24–Dec. 7, 2004	Jan. 6–Jan. 20, 2005	do	Do.
109th...	1	Jan. 4, 2005	Dec. 22, 2005 ...	353	Jan. 6–Jan. 20, 2005	Jan. 20–Jan. 25, 2005		
					Jan. 26–Jan. 31, 2005	Jan. 26–Feb. 1, 2005		
					Feb. 18–Feb. 28, 2005	Feb. 2–Feb. 8, 2005		
					Mar. 20–Apr. 4, 2005	Feb. 17–Mar. 1, 2005		
					Apr. 29–May 9, 2005	Mar. 21–Apr. 5, 2005		
					May 26–June 6, 2005	May 26–June 7, 2005		
					July 1–July 11, 2005	July 1–July 11, 2005		
					July 29–Sept. 1, 2005	Sept. 1–Sept. 2, 2005		
					Sept. 1–Sept. 6, 2005	Oct. 7–Oct. 17, 2005		
					Oct. 7–Oct. 17, 2005	Nov. 18–Dec. 12, 2005		

110th..	2	Jan. 3, 2006	Dec. 9, 2006	341	Jan. 3–Jan. 18, 2006	Jan. 3–Jan. 31, 2006	do.	Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia	Nancy Pelosi, of California.
	1	Jan. 4, 2007			Jan. 17–Feb. 27, 2006 Mar. 16–Mar. 27, 2006 Apr. 7–Apr. 24, 2006 May 26–June 5, 2006 June 29–July 10, 2006 Aug. 4–Sept. 5, 2006 Sept. 30–Nov. 9, 2006 Nov. 16–Dec. 4, 2006 Feb. 17–Feb. 26, 2007 Mar. 29–Apr. 10, 2007 May 25–June 4, 2007 June 29–July 9, 2007	Jan. 3–Jan. 31, 2006 Feb. 1–Feb. 7, 2006 Feb. 8–Feb. 14, 2006 Feb. 16–Feb. 28, 2006 Mar. 16–Mar. 28, 2006 Apr. 6–Apr. 25, 2006 May 25–June 6, 2006 June 29–July 10, 2006 Aug. 2–Sept. 6, 2006 Sept. 30–Nov. 9, 2006 Nov. 15–Dec. 5, 2006 Jan. 24–Jan. 29, 2007 Jan. 31–Feb. 5, 2007 Feb. 16–Feb. 27, 2007 Mar. 30–Apr. 16, 2007 May 24–June 5, 2007 June 28–July 10, 2007			

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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; however, 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 choose a President pro tempore only for the limited periods when the Vice President might be ill or otherwise absent. Since no provision was in place (until the 25th amendment was adopted in 1967) for replacing the Vice President if he died or resigned from office, or if he assumed the Presidency, the President pro tempore would continue under such circumstances to fill the duties of the chair until the next Vice President was elected. Since Mar. 12, 1890, however, Presidents pro tempore have served until "the Senate otherwise ordered." Since 1949, while still elected, the position has gone to the most senior member of the majority party (see footnote 19 for a minority party exception). To gain a more 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 quotes 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 Jan. 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 that same day.

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 was 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 Jan. 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.

²¹The 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.

—999July 16, 1987, 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 which was agreed to on July 16, 1787.

—999September 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.