

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

SENATE.

MONDAY, *December 2, 1889.*

The first Monday of December being the day prescribed by the Constitution of the United States for the annual meeting of Congress, the first session of the Fifty-first Congress commenced this day.

The VICE-PRESIDENT of the United States (Mr. LEVI P. MORTON, of the State of New York) took the chair and called the Senate to order at 12 o'clock noon.

PRAYER.

Rev. J. G. BUTLER, D. D., Chaplain to the Senate, offered the following prayer:

Breathe upon us, O God, the spirit of devotion as we come to the throne of the heavenly grace. We worship Thee, the God of our fathers and our covenant-keeping God. We thank Thee for the kind providence that has kept us during these months of separation, and that again we are brought together to these new responsibilities.

We bless Thee for this land, hallowed by the prayers and tears and blood of our fathers. We pray for Thine abiding blessing, O Lord, upon the Government in all its departments. Remember the President and Vice-President, with those associated with them in cabinet councils. Guide them by Thy divine wisdom. Teach these, our Senators, so to walk in the fear and love of God that Thy peace may keep their hearts and minds. Bless all who make, interpret, and administer the laws of this great nation; and do Thou so order all things, our Father, that the people may be lifted up in intelligence and virtue and piety. Prosper our industries. Make us even more than now a God-fearing and a law-abiding nation, leading the nations of the world in the onward march towards the kingdom that shall never be moved. In our personal relations control us by Thy Spirit. Let the words of our lips and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

Shield these, Thy servants, from the shafts of death, and grant that in all the relations of life they may be controlled by kindly and brotherly love. Guide us ever in the path of duty. Fill us more and more with a sense of Thy presence and of our responsibility to Thee. Help us so to interpret life each day that it may be made a benediction, and that the institutions of government, education, and religion may further the interests of truth and righteousness.

We ask it in the name of Him who hath taught us when we pray to say: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

SWEARING IN OF SENATORS.

Mr. BLAIR. Mr. President, I present the credentials of Hon. William E. Chandler, elected a member of this body by the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire. I ask that they be read, and that the oath of office be then administered to him.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The credentials will be read.

The Chief Clerk read the credentials of William E. Chandler, elected by the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire a Senator from that State for the unexpired portion of the term beginning March 4, 1889.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The credentials will be placed on the files of the Senate if there be no objection. The Chair hears none. The Senator-elect from the State of New Hampshire will come forward and be sworn.

Mr. Chandler was escorted to the Vice-President's desk by Mr. BLAIR, and the oath prescribed by law having been administered to him, he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. ALDRICH presented the credentials of Mr. Nathan F. Dixon, elected a Senator by the Legislature of the State of Rhode Island to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Jonathan Chace; which were read.

Mr. Dixon was escorted to the Vice-President's desk by Mr. ALDRICH, and the oath prescribed by law having been administered to him, he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. PLATT. Mr. President, I present the credentials of Gideon C. Moody, a Senator-elect from the State of South Dakota, and I ask that they may be read. I understand there are other credentials to be presented of Senators-elect from the recently admitted States, and when they shall have been presented I will ask that the oath be administered to them in a body.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The credentials will be read.

The Chief Clerk read the credentials of Mr. Moody, and they were ordered to be placed on file.

Mr. SPOONER. As the Senator from Connecticut has asked that the credentials just presented be laid aside for a moment, I send to the desk the credentials of Richard Franklin Pettigrew, a Senator-elect from the State of South Dakota, and ask that they be read.

The credentials of Mr. Pettigrew were read, and ordered to be filed.

The VICE-PRESIDENT presented the credentials of Watson C. Squire and John B. Allen, Senators-elect from the State of Washington; which were read, and ordered to be filed.

Mr. PLATT. I ask that the oath of office be administered to those Senators-elect whose credentials have just been presented.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The Senators-elect will please come forward and be sworn.

Mr. Moody, Mr. Squire, Mr. Pettigrew, and Mr. Allen were escorted to the Vice-President's desk by Mr. PLATT, Mr. HOAR, Mr. SPOONER, and Mr. DOLPH, respectively, and the oath prescribed by law having been administered to them, they took their seats in the Senate.

Mr. CULLOM. Mr. President, I rise to inform the Senate that I have received a communication stating that ex-Governor Gilbert A. Pierce, one of the Senators-elect from North Dakota, has been unavoidably detained, and will not be present in the Senate until to-morrow.

SENATORS PRESENT.

The Senators-elect having been sworn and taken their seats in the Senate, the following Senators were present:

From the State of—

Alabama—John T. Morgan and James L. Fugh.

Arkansas—James H. Berry and James K. Jones.

California—George Hearst and Leland Stanford.

Colorado—Edward O. Wolcott.

Connecticut—Joseph R. Hawley and Orville H. Platt.

Delaware—George Gray and Anthony Higgins.

Florida—Wilkinson Call and Samuel Pasco.

Georgia—Alfred H. Colquitt.

Illinois—Shelby M. Cullom and Charles B. Farwell.

Indiana—David Turpie.

Iowa—William B. Allison and James F. Wilson.

Kansas—John J. Ingalls and Preston B. Plumb.

Kentucky—James B. Beck and Joseph C. S. Blackburn.

Louisiana—Randall L. Gibson.

Maine—William P. Frye and Eugene Hale.

Maryland—Arthur P. Gorman and Ephraim K. Wilson.
Massachusetts—Henry L. Dawes and George F. Hoar.
Michigan—James McMillan and Francis B. Stockbridge.
Minnesota—William D. Washburn.
Mississippi—James Z. George and E. C. Walthall.
Missouri—Francis M. Cockrell and George G. Vest.
Nebraska—Charles F. Manderson and Algernon S. Paddock.
Nevada—William M. Stewart.
New Hampshire—Henry W. Blair and William E. Chandler.
New Jersey—Rufus Blodgett and John R. McPherson.
New York—William M. Everts and Frank Hiscock.
North Carolina—Matt W. Ransom and Zebulon B. Vance.
Ohio—Henry B. Payne and John Sherman.
Oregon—Joseph N. Dolph and John H. Mitchell.
Pennsylvania—James Donald Cameron and Matthew S. Quay.
Rhode Island—Nelson W. Aldrich and Nathan F. Dixon.
South Carolina—M. C. Butler.
South Dakota—Gideon C. Moody and R. F. Pettigrew.
Tennessee—William B. Bate and Isham G. Harris.
Texas—Richard Coke and John H. Reagan.
Vermont—George F. Edmunds and Justin S. Morrill.
Virginia—John S. Barbour.
Washington—John B. Allen and Watson C. Squire.
West Virginia—John E. Kenna.
Wisconsin—Philetus Sawyer and John C. Spooner.

TERMS OF NEW SENATORS.

Mr. HOAR. I offer a resolution which I desire to have read at the desk, and after it is read I shall move its reference to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The resolution will be read.

The Chief Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate proceed to ascertain the classes to which the Senators from North Dakota, South Dakota, and Washington shall be assigned, in conformity with the resolution of the 14th of May, 1893, and as the Constitution requires.

Ordered, That the Secretary put into the ballot-box three papers of equal size, one of which shall be numbered 1, one of which shall be numbered 2, and one of which shall be numbered 3. The Senator from each of said States whose name comes first in alphabetical order shall thereupon, in the presence of the Senate, draw one of said papers from the box in behalf of his State. The Senators from the States drawing the paper numbered 1 shall thereupon first be assigned to their respective classes. The Senators from the States drawing paper numbered 2 shall next be assigned to their respective classes. The Senators from the States drawing paper numbered 3 shall next be assigned to their respective classes.

The Secretary shall, as soon as said drawing is completed, put into the ballot-box two papers of equal size, one of which shall be numbered 1 and one of which shall be numbered 3. Each of the Senators from the State whose Senators are first to be assigned to their respective classes shall thereupon draw out one paper, and the Senator who shall draw out the paper numbered 1 shall thereupon be inserted in the class of Senators whose term of service will expire March 3, 1893, and the Senator who shall draw out the paper numbered 3 shall thereupon be inserted in the class of Senators whose term of service will expire March 3, 1891.

The Secretary shall then place in the ballot-box three papers of equal size, one of which shall be numbered 1, one of which shall be numbered 2, and one of which shall be numbered 3. Each of the Senators from the State whose Senators are next to be assigned to their respective classes shall thereupon draw out one paper. If either Senator shall draw out paper numbered 1 he shall be assigned to the class whose term will expire March 3, 1893. If either Senator shall draw out paper numbered 2 he shall be assigned to the class whose term will expire March 3, 1895. If either Senator shall draw out paper numbered 3 he shall be assigned to the class whose term will expire March 3, 1891. The Secretary shall then place in the ballot-box two papers of equal size, one of which shall be blank, and the other shall bear the number of the class to which no Senator was assigned at the drawing of the State whose Senators were last assigned, number 1 representing the class whose term will expire March 3, 1893, number 2 representing the class whose term will expire March 3, 1895, and number 3 representing the class whose term will expire March 3, 1891. Each of the Senators from the State whose Senators are next to be assigned to their respective classes shall thereupon draw out one paper. The Senator who shall draw out the paper bearing a number shall be assigned to the class of Senators represented by the number he has drawn. The Secretary shall then place in the ballot-box two papers of equal size, bearing, respectively, the numbers of the other two classes. The Senator who has drawn the blank shall thereupon draw out one of said papers, and shall be assigned to the class representing the number he has drawn.

Mr. HOAR. Mr. President, I move that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. I believe it has been the custom of the Senate since the organization of the Government, with few exceptions, to assign such Senators to their respective classes as soon as they had taken the oath; but now, for the first time in our history, the Senators of three new States enter substantially at the same time. I think, therefore, that this resolution, which is somewhat complicated in its mechanism, should be printed, so that all Senators can look at it; and it should then go to the committee before it is finally acted upon.

I will state, however, in explanation of the resolution, that it proceeds upon the theory that the three States, which, as is certified by the proclamation of the President, are now admitted to the Union, stand on an entire equality with reference to their opportunity to be assigned to a shorter or longer term. They are all admitted in pursuance of the same act of Congress. They are all admitted by virtue of proceedings which took place in the States on the same day. The fact that the proclamation evidencing the admission of the two Dakotas preceded that of the State of Washington by a few days, is owing to

the accident of the greater distance of one of the States from the seat of Government, so that the evidence of their proceedings did not reach the Department of State at the same time. It has seemed to me that that accidental circumstance gives no just title to priority to one State over another.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The question is on the motion to refer the resolution which has just been read to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. It will be so referred unless there be objection.

Mr. HARRIS. Let it be printed and referred.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. It will be so ordered if there be no objection.

Mr. VEST. I beg to make an inquiry of the Senator from Massachusetts. There was some confusion upon this side of the Chamber, and I could not catch exactly all the statements in that resolution, all its provisions. Is there anything in it with regard to the State of Montana?

Mr. HOAR. There is nothing.

Mr. VEST. Nothing?

Mr. HOAR. I do not understand that the Senators of the State of Montana are here, or are likely to be here very soon. They are not elected.

Mr. VEST. That is very true; yet at the same time I would suggest that provision should be made for an event which is very certain to happen, and which it is known must happen, in regard to a State which is already a member of the Union by Presidential proclamation. Of course, however, the matter can be considered hereafter.

Mr. HOAR. The State of Montana will lose nothing by not being included in this resolution. She will be provided for in the ordinary simple resolution when her Senators arrive.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The question is on the motion to refer the resolution to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. EDMUNDS and Mr. HOAR. And that it be printed.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. That the resolution be printed and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The motion was agreed to.

HOUR OF MEETING.

Mr. DOLPH submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the hour of the daily meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock meridian until otherwise ordered.

NOTIFICATION TO THE HOUSE.

Mr. ALLISON submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. EDMUNDS submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of two members be appointed, to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives, to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

By unanimous consent, the Vice-President was authorized to appoint the committee on the part of the Senate; and Messrs. EDMUNDS and HARRIS were appointed.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON MEAT PRODUCTS.

Mr. VEST. Mr. President, I offer a resolution, and ask for the immediate action of the Senate upon it.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The resolution will be read.

The Chief Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the special committee heretofore created to examine and report as to the transportation and sale of the meat product of the United States be continued during the present session, with the same powers and duties specified in the resolution which was originally adopted for the creation of such committee; and that the committee be also empowered to meet and transact its business during the sessions of the Senate, at such times and places as it may deem necessary.

Mr. HOAR. Mr. President, I will not object to the resolution of the honorable Senator from Missouri, which relates to the matter of the ordinary organization of the Senate, but I hope the old custom may be observed of not entering upon any general business until after we have heard from the President of the United States.

Mr. VEST. Under the terms of the resolution last adopted by the Senate in regard to this special committee, it would expire to-day unless this resolution were adopted. It was ordered to report on the first day of this session. The committee was in session this morning; it has not terminated its business, and this resolution is absolutely necessary in order to give it existence from this time on.

Mr. HOAR. I do not object to the Senator's resolution.

Mr. VEST. That is my only reason for having invaded the ordinary routine business.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution of the Senator from Missouri? The Chair hears none.

The resolution was agreed to.

CODE OF JOINT RULES.

Mr. ALDRICH. I am directed by the Committee on Rules to offer a resolution, and to ask for its present consideration.
The VICE-PRESIDENT. The resolution will be read.
The Chief Clerk read as follows:

Resolved by the Senate of the United States (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Committee on Rules of the Senate and the Committee on Rules of the House of Representatives are hereby constituted a joint select committee to prepare and report a code of joint rules for conducting the business between the two Houses.

Mr. EDMUNDS. That had better go over and be printed, Mr. President.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The resolution will lie over and be printed.
FOUR HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF DISCOVERY OF AMERICA.

Mr. ALDRICH. I am also directed by the Committee on Rules to offer the resolution which I send to the desk.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The resolution will be read.

The Chief Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That a select committee of nine Senators be appointed, to be called the Quadro-Centennial Committee, to whom shall be referred all matters connected with the proposed celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America.

Mr. ALDRICH. I ask that the resolution may be printed and lie on the table.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. It will lie over and be printed, if there be no objection. The Chair hears no objection, and it is so ordered.

Mr. CULLOM. I move that the Senate do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 12 o'clock and 32 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, December 3, 1889, at 12 o'clock m.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, December 2, 1889.

In accordance with constitutional provision, the members-elect of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress met in their Hall at the Capitol, and were called to order at 12 o'clock m. by Hon. J. B. CLARK, Clerk of the last House.

The CLERK. The House will come to order. The hour having arrived fixed by law for the meeting of the Fifty-first Congress, the Clerk will now proceed to call the roll, and members will please respond when their names are called.

The roll was then called, showing the presence of the following Members and Delegates:

ALABAMA.

Richard H. Clarke.
Hilary A. Herbert.
William C. Oates.
Louis W. Turpin.

James E. Cobb.
John H. Bankhead.
William H. Forney.
Joseph Wheeler.

ARKANSAS.

W. H. Cate.
Clifton R. Breckinridge.
Thomas C. McRae.

John H. Rogers.
Samuel W. Peel.

CALIFORNIA.

John J. De Haven.
Marion Biggs.
Joseph McKenna.

W. W. Morrow.
Thomas J. Clunie.
William Vandever.

COLORADO.

Hosea Townsend.

CONNECTICUT.

William Edgar Simonds.
W. F. Willcox.

Charles A. Russell.
Frederick Miles.

DELAWARE.

John B. Penington.

FLORIDA.

R. H. M. Davidson.

Robert Bullock.

GEORGIA.

Rufus E. Lester.
Henry G. Turner.
Charles F. Crisp.
Thomas W. Grimes.
John D. Stewart.

James H. Blount.
J. C. Clements.
H. H. Carlton.
A. D. Candier.
George T. Barnes.

ILLINOIS.

Abner Taylor.
Frank Lawler.
W. E. Mason.
George E. Adams.
A. J. Hopkins.
Robert R. Hitt.
T. J. Henderson.
Charles Augustus Hill.
Lewis E. Payson.
Philip Sidney Post.

W. H. Gest.
Scott Wike.
William M. Springer.
Jonathan H. Rowell.
Joseph G. Cannon.
George W. Fithian.
Edward Lane.
W. S. Forman.
James R. Williams.
George W. Smith.

INDIANA.

William F. Parrett.
Jason B. Brown.
William S. Holman.
George W. Cooper.
Thomas M. Browne.
William D. Bynum.

Elijah V. Brookshire.
Joseph B. Cheadle.
William D. Owen.
Augustus N. Martin.
C. A. O. McClellan.
Benjamin F. Slately.

John H. Gear.
W. I. Hayes.
D. B. Henderson.
Joseph H. Sweney.
Daniel Kerr.
John F. Lacey.

IOWA.

E. H. Conger.
James P. Flick.
Joseph R. Reed.
J. P. Dolliver.
Isaac S. Struble.

KANSAS.

Edmund N. Morrill.
E. H. Funston.
Bishop W. Perkins.
Harrison Kelley.

John A. Anderson.
Erastus J. Turner.
Samuel Ritter Peters.

KENTUCKY.

William J. Stone.
William T. Ellis.
I. H. Goodnight.
A. B. Montgomery.
Asher Graham Caruth.
John Griffin Carlisle.

William C. P. Breckinridge.
J. B. McCreary.
Thomas H. Paynter.
John H. Wilson.
H. F. Finley.

LOUISIANA.

Theodore S. Wilkinson.
H. Dudley Coleman.
Andrew Price.

Newton C. Blanchard.
Charles J. Boatner.
S. M. Robertson.

MAINE.

Thomas B. Reed.
Nelson Dingley, Jr.

Seth L. Milliken.
Charles A. Boutelle.

MARYLAND.

Charles H. Gibson.
Herman Stump.
Harry Welles Rusk.

Henry Stockbridge, Jr.
Barnes Compton.
Louis E. McComas.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Charles S. Randall.
Elijah A. Morse.
John F. Andrew.
Joseph H. O'Neill.
N. P. Banks.
Henry Cabot Lodge.

William Cogswell.
F. T. Greenhalge.
John W. Chandler.
Joseph H. Walker.
Rodney Wallace.
F. W. Rockwell.

MICHIGAN.

J. Logan Chipman.
Edward P. Allen.
James O'Donnell.
Julius C. Burrows.
Charles E. Belknap.
Mark S. Brewer.

Justin R. Whiting.
Aaron T. Bliss.
Byron M. Cutcheon.
F. W. Wheeler.
Samuel M. Stephenson.

MINNESOTA.

Mark H. Dunnell.
John Lind.
Darwin S. Hall.

S. P. Snider.
Sol. G. Comstock.

MISSISSIPPI.

John M. Allen.
James Bright Morgan.
Thomas C. Catchings.
Clarke Lewis.

C. L. Anderson.
T. R. Stockdale.
C. E. Hooker.

MISSOURI.

W. H. Hatch.
C. H. Mansur.
Alexander M. Dockery.
Robert P. C. Wilson.
John C. Tarsney.
John T. Heard.
Richard H. Norton.

F. G. Niedringhaus.
Nathan Frank.
William M. Kinsey.
R. P. Bland.
W. J. Stone.
W. H. Wade.
J. P. Walker.

MONTANA.

Thomas H. Carter.

NEBRASKA.

George W. E. Dorsey.

NEVADA.

Horace F. Bartine.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Orren C. Moore.

NEW JERSEY.

Chris. A. Bergen.
James Buchanan.
J. A. Geissenhainer.
Samuel Fowler.

C. D. Beckwith.
Herman Lehlbach.
William McAdoo.

NEW YORK.

James W. Covert.
Felix Campbell.
William C. Wallace.
John M. Clancy.
T. F. Magner.
E. J. Dunphy.
J. H. McCarthy.
Amos J. Cummings.
Francis B. Spinola.
John Quinn.
Roswell P. Flower.
A. P. Fitch.
W. G. Stahlnecker.
Moses D. Stivers.
J. H. Ketcham.
Charles J. Knapp.

J. A. Quackenbush.
Charles Tracey.
John Sanford.
John H. Moffitt.
Fred. Lansing.
James S. Sherman.
James J. Belden.
Milton De Lano.
T. S. Flood.
John Raines.
Charles S. Baker.
John G. Sawyer.
J. M. Farquhar.
J. M. Wiley.
W. G. Laidlaw.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Thomas G. Skinner.
H. P. Cheatham.
C. W. McClammy.
B. H. Bunn.
John M. Brower.

A. Rowland.
John S. Henderson.
W. H. H. Cowles.
Hamilton G. Ewart.

NORTH DAKOTA.

H. C. Hansbrough.