

PRESIDENTS PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE
FROM THE FIRST CONGRESS TO THE END OF THE FIRST
SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH CONGRESS

[In earlier years the appointment or election of a President pro tempore was held by the Senate to be for the occasion only, so that more than one appears in several sessions and in others none were chosen. Since Mar. 12, 1890, however, they have served until "the Senate otherwise ordered."]

Congress	Name of President pro tempore	State	Elected
First	John Langdon	New Hampshire	Apr. 6, 1789.
Second	Richard Henry Lee	Virginia	Aug. 7, 1789
Do	John Langdon	New Hampshire	Apr. 18, 1792.
			Nov. 5, 1792.
			Mar. 1, 1793.
Third	Ralph Izard	South Carolina	May 31, 1794.
Do	Henry Tazewell	Virginia	Feb. 20, 1795. ¹
Fourth .....	.....do .....	.....do	Dec. 7, 1795.
Do	Samuel Livermore	New Hampshire	May 6, 1796.
Do	William Bingham	Pennsylvania	Feb. 16, 1797.
Fifth	William Bradford	Rhode Island	July 6, 1797.
Do	Jacob Read	South Carolina	Nov. 22, 1797.
Do	Theodore Sedgwick	Massachusetts	June 27, 1798.
Do	John Laurance	New York	Dec. 6, 1798.
Do	James Ross	Pennsylvania	Mar. 1, 1799.
Sixth	Samuel Livermore	New Hampshire	Dec. 2, 1799.
Do	Uriah Tracy	Connecticut	May 14, 1800.
Do	John E. Howard	Maryland	Nov. 21, 1800.
Do	James Hillhouse	Connecticut	Feb. 28, 1801.
Seventh	Abraham Baldwin	Georgia	Dec. 7, 1801.
Do	Stephen R. Bradley	Vermont	Apr. 17, 1802.
			Dec. 14, 1802.
			Feb. 25, 1803.
			Mar. 2, 1803.
Eighth	John Brown	Kentucky	Oct. 17, 1803.
Do	Jesse Franklin	North Carolina	Jan. 23, 1804.
Do	Joseph Anderson	Tennessee	Mar. 10, 1804.
			Jan. 15, 1805.
			Feb. 28, 1805.
			Mar. 2, 1805.
Ninth	Samuel Smith	Maryland	Dec. 2, 1805.
			Mar. 18, 1806.
			Mar. 2, 1807.
Tenth .....	.....do .....	.....do	Apr. 16, 1808.
Do	Stephen R. Bradley	Vermont	Dec. 28, 1808.
Do	John Milledge	Georgia	Jan. 30, 1809.
Eleventh	Andrew Gregg	Pennsylvania	June 26, 1809.
Do	John Gaillard	South Carolina	Feb. 28, 1810.
			Apr. 17, 1810.
			Feb. 23, 1811.
Twelfth	John Pope	Kentucky	Feb. 23, 1811.
Do	William H. Crawford	Georgia	Mar. 24, 1812.
Thirteenth	Joseph B. Varnum	Massachusetts	Dec. 6, 1813.
Do	John Gaillard	South Carolina	Apr. 18, 1814.
			Nov. 25, 1814, upon the death of Vice President Elbridge Gerry. ²

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Congress	Name of President pro tempore	State	Elected
Fourteenthdodo	Mar. 6, 1817.
Fifteenth .....	.....do .....	.....do	Mar. 31, 1818. ³
Do	James Barbour	Virginia	Feb. 15, 1819.
Sixteenth	John Gaillard	South Carolina	Jan. 25, 1820.
Seventeenth .....	.....do .....	.....do	Feb. 1, 1822. Feb. 19, 1823. May 21, 1824.
Eighteenth .....	.....do .....	.....do	Mar. 9, 1825. ⁴
Nineteenth .....	.....do .....	.....do	May 20, 1826. Jan. 2, 1827. Mar. 2, 1827.
Twentieth	Samuel Smith	Maryland	May 15, 1828. ⁵
Twenty-first .....	.....do .....	.....do	Mar. 13, 1829. ⁴ May 29, 1830. Mar. 1, 1831. ⁶
Twenty-second	Littleton W. Tazewell	Virginia	July 9, 1832.
Do	Hugh L. White	Tennessee	Dec. 3, 1832.
Twenty-third .....	.....do .....	.....do	(⁷)
Do	George Poindexter	Mississippi	June 28, 1834.
Do	John Tyler	Virginia	Mar. 3, 1835.
Twenty-fourth	William R. King	Alabama	July 1, 1836. Jan. 28, 1837.
Twenty-fifth .....	.....do .....	.....do	Mar. 7, 1837. ⁴ Oct. 13, 1837. July 2, 1838. Feb. 25, 1839.
Twenty-sixth .....	.....do .....	.....do	(⁷) July 3, 1840. Mar. 3, 1841.
Twenty-seventh .....	.....do .....	.....do	Mar. 4, 1841. ⁴
Do	Samuel L. Southard	New Jersey	Mar. 11, 1841. ⁸
Do	Willie P. Mangum	North Carolina	May 31, 1842.
Twenty-eighth .....	.....do .....	.....do	(⁷)
Twenty-ninth	Ambrose H. Sevier	Arkansas	Dec. 27, 1845. ⁹
Do	David R. Atchison	Missouri	Aug. 8, 1846. Jan. 11, 1847. Mar. 3, 1847. Feb. 2, 1848. June 1, 1848. June 26, 1848. July 29, 1848. Dec. 26, 1848. Mar. 2, 1849.
Thirtieth .....	.....do .....	.....do	Mar. 5, 1849. ⁴ Mar. 16, 1849.
Thirty-first .....	.....do .....	.....do	May 6, 1850. July 11, 1850.
Thirty-second .....	.....do .....	.....do	(¹⁰)
Do	David R. Atchison	Missouri	Dec. 20, 1852.
Thirty-third .....	.....do .....	.....do	Mar. 4, 1853. ⁴
Do	Lewis Cass	Michigan	Dec. 4, 1854.
Do	Jesse D. Bright	Indiana	Dec. 5, 1854.
Thirty-fourth	Charles E. Stuart	Michigan	June 9, 1856. ¹¹
Do	Jesse D. Bright	Indiana	June 11, 1856.
Do	James M. Mason	Virginia	Jan. 6, 1857. ¹²
Thirty-fifth .....	.....do .....	.....do	Mar. 4, 1857. ⁴
Do	Thomas J. Rusk	Texas	Mar. 14, 1857. ⁴
Do	Benjamin Fitzpatrick	Alabama	Dec. 7, 1857. Mar. 29, 1858. June 14, 1858. Jan. 25, 1859. Mar. 9, 1859. ⁴ Dec. 19, 1859. Feb. 20, 1860. ⁴ June 26, 1860.
Thirty-sixth .....	.....do .....	.....do	June 12, 1860. June 26, 1860. Feb. 16, 1861.
Do	Jesse D. Bright	Indiana	
Do	Benjamin Fitzpatrick	Alabama	
Do	Solomon Foot	Vermont	

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Congress	Name of President pro tempore	State	Elected
Thirty-seventh	Solomon Footdo	Mar. 23, 1861. ⁴ July 18, 1861. Jan. 15, 1862. Mar. 31, 1862. June 19, 1862. Feb. 18, 1863.
Thirty-eighth .....	.....do .....	.....do	Mar. 4, 1863. ⁴ Dec. 18, 1863. Feb. 23, 1864. Mar. 11, 1864. Apr. 11, 1864. Apr. 26, 1864.
Do	Daniel Clark	New Hampshire	Feb. 9, 1865.
Thirty-ninth	Layfayette S. Foster ..	Connecticut	Mar. 7, 1865. ¹³
Do	Benjamin F. Wade	Ohio	Mar. 2, 1867.
Fortieth .....	.....do .....	.....do	(⁷)
Forty-first	Henry B. Anthony	Rhode Island	Mar. 23, 1869. Apr. 9, 1869. May 28, 1870. July 1, 1870. July 14, 1870. Mar. 10, 1871. Apr. 17, 1871. May 23, 1871. ⁴ Dec. 21, 1871. Feb. 23, 1872. June 8, 1872. Dec. 4, 1872. Dec. 13, 1872. Dec. 20, 1872. Jan. 24, 1873.
Forty-second .....	.....do .....	.....do	Mar. 12, 1873. ⁴ Mar. 26, 1873. ⁴ Dec. 11, 1873. Dec. 23, 1874. Jan. 25, 1875. Feb. 15, 1875.
Forty-third	Matthew H. Carpenter.	Wisconsin	Mar. 9, 1875. ⁴ Mar. 19, 1875. Dec. 20, 1875.
Do	Henry B. Anthony	Rhode Island	Mar. 5, 1877. ⁴ Feb. 26, 1878. Apr. 17, 1878. Mar. 3, 1879. Apr. 15, 1879. Apr. 7, 1880. May 6, 1880.
Forty-fourth	Thomas W. Ferry	Michigan	Oct. 10, 1881. ⁴ Oct. 13, 1881. ¹⁴ Mar. 3, 1883.
Forty-fifth .....	.....do .....	.....do	Jan. 14, 1884. Dec. 7, 1885. ¹⁵ Feb. 26, 1887.
Forty-sixth	Allen G. Thurman	Ohio	(⁷)
Forty-seventh	Thomas F. Bayard	Delaware	Mar. 7, 1889. ⁴ Apr. 2, 1889. ⁴ Dec. 5, 1889. Feb. 28, 1890. Apr. 3, 1890. ¹⁶ Mar. 2, 1891.
Do	David Davis	Illinois	
Do	George F. Edmunds ..	Vermont	
Forty-eighth .....	.....do .....	.....do	
Forty-ninth	John Sherman	Ohio	
Do	John J. Ingalls	Kansas	
Fiftieth .....	.....do .....	.....do	
Fifty-first .....	.....do .....	.....do	
Do	Charles F. Manderson	Nebraska	
Fifty-second .....	.....do .....	.....do	
Fifty-third .....	.....do .....	.....do	(¹⁷)
Do	Isham G. Harris	Tennessee	Mar. 22, 1893. ⁴
Do	Matt W. Ransom	North Carolina	Jan. 7, 1895. ¹⁸
Do	Isham G. Harris	Tennessee	Jan. 10, 1895.
Fifty-fourth	William P. Frye	Maine	Feb. 7, 1896.
Fifty-fifth .....	.....do .....	.....do	
Fifty-sixth .....	.....do .....	.....do	
Fifty-seventhdodo	Mar. 7, 1901. ⁴
Fifty-eighthdodo	
Fifty-ninthdodo	
Sixtiethdodo	Dec. 5, 1907.

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Congress	Name of President pro tempore	State	Elected
Sixty-firstdodo	
Sixty-seconddodo	(19)
Do	Augustus O. Bacon	Georgia	August 14, 1911. ²⁰
Do	Charles Curtis	Kansas	Dec. 4, 1911. ²¹
Do	Augustus O. Bacon	Georgia	Jan. 15, 1912. ²²
Do	Jacob H. Gallinger	New Hampshire	Feb. 12, 1912. ²³
Do	Henry Cabot Lodge	Massachusetts	Mar. 25, 1912. ²⁴
Do	.....do	.....do	May 25, 1912.
Sixty-third	James P. Clarke	Arkansas	Mar. 13, 1913. ⁴
Sixty-fourth	.....do	.....do	Dec. 6, 1915. ²⁵
Do	Willard Saulsbury	Delaware	Dec. 14, 1916.
Sixty-fifth	.....do	.....do	
Sixty-sixth	Albert B. Cummins	Iowa	May 19, 1919.
Sixty-seventh	.....do	.....do	Mar. 7, 1921. ⁴
Sixty-eighth	.....do	.....do	
Sixty-ninth	.....do	.....do	
Do	George H. Moses	New Hampshire	Mar. 6, 1925. ⁴
Seventieth	.....do	.....do	Dec. 15, 1927.
Seventy-first	.....do	.....do	
Seventy-second	.....do	.....do	
Seventy-third	Key Pittman	Nevada	Mar. 9, 1933.
Seventy-fourth	.....do	.....do	Jan. 7, 1935.
Seventy-fifth	.....do	.....do	
Seventy-sixth	.....do	.....do	(26)
Do	William H. King	Utah	Nov. 19, 1940.
Seventy-seventh	Pat Harrison	Mississippi	Jan. 6, 1941. ²⁷
Do	Carter Glass	Virginia	July 10, 1941.
Seventy-eighth	.....do	.....do	Jan. 14, 1943.
Seventy-ninth	Kenneth McKellar	Tennessee	Jan. 6, 1945.
Eightieth	Arthur H. Vandenberg	Michigan	Jan. 4, 1947.
Eighty-first	Kenneth McKellar	Tennessee	Jan. 3, 1949.
Eighty-second	.....do	.....do	
Eighty-third	Styles Bridges	New Hampshire	Jan. 3, 1953.
Eighty-fourth	Walter F. George	Georgia	Jan. 5, 1955.
Eighty-fifth	Carl Hayden	Arizona	Jan. 3, 1957.
Eighty-sixth	.....do	.....do	
Eighty-seventh	.....do	.....do	
Eighty-eighth	.....do	.....do	Jan. 9, 1963.
Eighty-ninth	.....do	.....do	
Ninetieth	.....do	.....do	
Ninety-first	Richard B. Russell	Georgia	Jan. 3, 1969. ²⁸
Ninety-second	.....do	.....do	
Do	Allen J. Ellender	Louisiana	Jan. 22, 1971. ²⁹
Do	James O. Eastland	Mississippi	July 28, 1972.
Ninety-third	.....do	.....do	
Ninety-fourth	.....do	.....do	
Ninety-fifth	.....do	.....do	
Ninety-sixth	Warren G. Magnuson	Washington	Jan. 15, 1979.
Do	Milton R. Young	North Dakota	Dec. 4, 1980. ³⁰
Ninety-seventh	Strom Thurmond	South Carolina	Jan. 5, 1981.
Ninety-eighth	.....do	.....do	
Ninety-ninth	.....do	.....do	Jan. 3, 1985.
One-hundredth	John C. Stennis	Mississippi	Jan. 6, 1987.
One-hundred-first	Robert C. Byrd	West Virginia	Jan. 3, 1989.
One-hundred-second	.....do	.....do	
One-hundred-third	.....do	.....do	
One-hundred-fourth	Strom Thurmond	South Carolina	Jan. 4, 1995.
One-hundred-fifth	.....do	.....do	
One-hundred-sixth	.....do	.....do	
One-hundred-seventh	Robert C. Byrd	West Virginia	Jan. 3, 2001. ³¹
Do	Strom Thurmond	South Carolina	Jan. 3, 2001. ³²
Do	Robert C. Byrd	West Virginia	June 6, 2001.
One-hundred-eighth	Ted Stevens	Alaska	Jan. 7, 2003.
One-hundred-ninth	.....do	.....do	
One-hundred-tenth	Robert C. Byrd	West Virginia	Jan. 4, 2007.
One-hundred-elev-enth.	.....do	.....do	(33)
Do	Daniel K. Inouye	Hawaii	June 28, 2010.
One-hundred-twelfthdodo	(34)
Do	Patrick J. Leahy	Vermont	Dec. 17, 2012.
One-hundred-thirteenth.dodo	

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Congress	Name of President pro tempore	State	Elected
One-hundred-fourteenth.	Orrin Hatch	Utah	Jan. 6, 2015.
One-hundred-fifteenth.	.....do .....	.....do	Jan. 3, 2017.
One-hundred-sixteenth.	Charles E. Grassley	Iowa	Jan. 3, 2019.

¹Samuel Livermore was elected Feb. 20, 1795, but declined.

²Vice President Gerry died in preceding Congress.

³Continuing from preceding session.

⁴Special session of the Senate.

⁵Nathaniel Macon, of North Carolina, was first elected on the same day, but declined to serve.

⁶Littleton W. Tazewell, of Virginia, was first elected, but declined to serve.

⁷Continuing from preceding session.

⁸Special session of the Senate. Resigned as President pro tempore May 31, 1842.

⁹Served as President pro tempore 1 day, under designation by the Vice President.

¹⁰Resigned as President pro tempore Dec. 20, 1852.

¹¹Resigned June 11, 1856.

¹²Served Jan. 5, 1856, by request of President pro tempore Bright.

¹³Special session of the Senate. Elected "to serve in the absence of the Vice President" and served until Mar. 2, 1867.

¹⁴Special session of the Senate. Resigned Mar. 3, 1883.

¹⁵Resigned as President pro tempore, effective Feb. 26, 1887.

¹⁶Resigned as President pro tempore, effective Mar. 2, 1891; in March 1890, the Senate adopted a resolution stating that Presidents pro tempore would hold office continuously until the election of another President pro tempore, rather than being elected for the period in which the vice president was absent. The new system has continued to the present.

¹⁷Resigned as President pro tempore Mar. 22, 1893.

¹⁸Resigned as President pro tempore Jan. 10, 1895.

¹⁹Resigned as President pro tempore Apr. 27, 1911.

²⁰Bacon served as President pro tempore Aug. 14 but was actually elected on Aug. 13.

²¹Elected to serve Dec. 4 to 12, 1911.

²²Elected to serve Jan. 15 to 17, Mar. 11 and 12, Apr. 8, May 10, May 30 to June 3, June 13 to July 5, Aug. 1 to 10, and Aug. 27 to Dec. 15, 1912; Jan. 5 to 18 and Feb. 2 to 15, 1913.

²³Elected to serve Feb. 12 to 14, Apr. 26 and 27, May 7, July 6 to 31, Aug. 12 to 26, 1912; Dec. 16, 1912, to Jan. 4, 1913; Jan. 19 to Feb. 1 and Feb. 16 to Mar. 3, 1913.

²⁴Elected to serve Mar. 25 and 26, 1912.

²⁵Died Oct. 1, 1916.

²⁶Died Nov. 10, 1940.

²⁷Died June 22, 1941.

²⁸Died Jan. 21, 1971.

²⁹Died July 27, 1972.

³⁰Elected to serve for one day only (Dec. 5, 1980). Magnuson resumed the post.

³¹Elected to serve Jan. 3 to Jan. 20, 2001.

³²Elected to serve beginning Jan. 20, 2001, after Republicans regained control of the Senate. Thurmond was designated President pro tempore emeritus of the United States Senate (S. Res. 103, 107-1, June 6, 2001) after Democrats regained control of Senate.

³³Died June 28, 2010.

³⁴Died Dec. 17, 2012.