

15th Congress Committees

1st Session (Dec 1817 - 1818)

Cmte to consider if any legislative measures necessary for admitting MS as state. Dec 1, 1817. Barbour, King, Williams (TN)

Jt cmte to wait on PUS. Dec 1, 1817. Tichenor, Macon.

Cmte on enrolled bills. Dec 1, 1817. Wilson. **Dec 22** Noble appointed in place of Wilson, absent. **Dec 29** Noble excused; Wilson elected. **March 13** on motion by Tait, elect Noble to replace Wilson who absent. **April 20** Fromentin appointed in place of Noble who absent.

Cmte 42nd rule. Dec 1, 1817. Lacock, Dickerson, Daggett.

Cmte 22nd rule. Dec 1, 1817. Crittenden, Dickerson, Ruggles.

Jt cmte on library. Dec 1, 1817. Dickerson, King, Tait.

Cmte on Daggett's resolution for distribution of certain documents. Dec 8, 1817. Daggett, Roberts (move for commitment), Barbour. **Dec 11** refer HR resolution for distribution of certain laws to members of congress.

Cmte on Barbour's proposed constitutional amendment on internal improvements. Dec 10, 1817. Barbour, King, Lacock, Macon, Eppes.

standing Committees. Appointed Dec 11, 1817. 5 members each. On Dec 12, on motion by Campbell, standing cmtes given with leave to report by bill or otherwise and also Barbour, Sanford, Campbell, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts move to refer parts of PUS's message to their cmtes. Dec 15 Lacock [to DC cmte], Noble, Tait move to refer parts of PUS's message to their cmtes.

Cmte on foreign relations. Barbour, Macon, Troup, King, Lacock. **March 23** refer PUS's message transmitting correspondence between State Dept & Spain. **March 30** refer documents referred to in report of Sec of State made March 14 communicated today by PUS. **April 4** refer HR bill in addition to law for punishment of certain crimes.

Cmte on finance. Campbell, Eppes, King, Talbot, Macon. **Dec 12** refer HR bill to abolish internal duties. **Dec 15** refer Hr bill supplement to law establishing mint. **Dec 31** refer HR bill to remit duty on painting given to Phila Hospital. **Jan 22** refer HR bill making appropriations for payment of arrearages which have been incurred for support of military establishment previous to Jan 1, 1817; HR bill making appropriations for military service for 1818. **Jan 29** on Williams (MS)'s motion, refer PUS's message of Jan

20, r.e. heirs of Caron de Beaumarchais (Feb 2 cmte discharged & referred to select cmte, see below). **Feb 17** refer PUS's message of this day, r.e. discriminating tariffs. **March 20** refer HR bill for payment of certain certificates. **March 31** refer HR bill for relief of Gad Worthington; HR bill for relief of houses of Thomas & John Clifford of Phila & Charles Wrigman of Balt. **April 10** refer HR bill authorizing payment on account of Treasury notes which have been lost or destroyed. **April 13** refer HR bill for relief of John Dillon; HR bill for relief of Jonas Harrison. **April 15** refer HR bill to regulate collection of duties, etc. **April 18** refer HR bill supplement to acts making appropriations for 1818.

Cmte on commerce & manufacturers. Sanford, Horsey, Morril, Burrill, Dickerson. **April 2** refer HR bill for relief of Joseph Thorn. **April 3** refer HR bill to change name of Erie district in OH. **April 6** refer HR bill to est port of entry & delivery at Cape Vincent; refer HR bill to abolish port of delivery at mouth of Slade's creek in NC. **April 8** refer HR bill for relief of Seth Sprague. **April 15** refer HR bill to increase duties on iron in bars and bolts, iron in pigs, castings, nails, & alum; bill to increase duties on certain manufactured articles imported into US; bill making port of Bath MA port of entry, etc.; bill providing for deposit of wines & distilled spirits in public warehouses. **April 17** refer HR bill to continue in force law to regulate duties on imports and tonnage. Sanford report immediately without amendment. **April 18** refer HR amendments to bill concerning tonnage & discriminating duties.

Cmte on military affairs. Troup, Williams (TN), Tichenor, Lacock, Taylor. **Dec 31** refer HR bill to provide for certain surviving officers & soldiers of revolutionary army; refer PUS's 1st message on surviving officers & soldiers of revolutionary army (discharged pension cmte). **March 4** recommit bill regulating pay of brevet officers. **April 6** refer HR amendments to bill directing manner of appointing Indian agents. **April 7** refer HR bill respecting org of army, etc.; refer HR bill for relief of John Work. **April 10** refer PUS's message, comply with request for list of Indian agents. **April 13** refer HR bill for relief of volunteer mounted cavalry; refer HR bill for relief of company of rangers. **April 18** refer HR bill for relief of B. and P. Jourdan.

Cmte on militia. Storer, Noble, Roberts, Macon, Ruggles. **April 10** refer HR bill to increase pay of militia while in actual service.

Cmte on naval affairs. Tait, Sanford, Crittenden, Daggett, Williams (MS). **Feb 26** refer HR bill making appropriations for navy for 1818. **March 27** refer HR bill to establish flag of US. **April 4** refer bill for John Taylor from cmte on pensions. **April 9** refer HR res for survey of Chesapeake bay.

Cmte on public lands. Morrow, Fisk, Taylor, Williams (MS), Hunter. **Dec 24** refer Morril's resolution to direct commissioner of General Land Office to furnish each soldier who may receive bounty land a description of the lot. **Dec 31** refer HR bill for relief of Samuel Aiken; HR bill for relief of Joel Earwood; Hr bill for additional land offices in MO. **Feb 24** refer PUS's message, r.e. info requested by Senate on Jan 19. **March 20** refer HR bill for MI delegate; HR bill for relief of General Moses Porter. **March 26** refer HR bill authorizing legal reps of William Daniel to file proper register of land office for Spanish patent; HR bill confirming claim of Tobias Rheams; HR bill for relief of Narcissus Broutin & others; HR bill for relief of Daniel Burnet, Gibson Clark, etc. **April 2** refer HR amendments to bill extending time for locating VA military land warrants. **April 3** refer HR bill for legal reps of George Pearson. **April 4** refer HR bill for relief of certain friendly Creek Indians of mixed blood. **April 7** refer HR bill to enable people of IL to form constitution, etc. **April 8** refer HR bill to continue law relating to settlers on US lands. **April 14** refer HR bill for relief of James Mackay of MO; refer HR bill for relief of Jonathan D. Essary. **April 18** refer HR bill to suspend sale of certain lands in LA & MO; HR bill changing pay of receivers & register of land offices.

Cmte on claims. Roberts, Morril, Ruggles, Goldsborough, Wilson. **Dec 31** refer HR bill for relief of Henry & Winslow Lewis. **Jan 5** refer HR bill for relief of John Anderson; HR bill for relief of John Thompson (addition to law). **Jan 9** recommit bill for relief of John Thompson, on motion by Roberts. **Feb 3** refer HR bill for relief of Israel Smith. **Feb 5** refer Troup's bill for relief of Richard M. Johnson. **March 20** refer HR bill for relief of Abraham Byington. **March 26** refer HR bill for relief of John Bate. **April 4** refer HR bill for relief of Sarah Dewees; HR bill for relief of John Rogers. **April 6** refer HR bill for relief of major general Jacob Brown; refer HR bill for relief of Loring Austin & George R. Wells. **April 7** refer HR bill for relief of John Anderson. **April 8** refer HR bill for relief of Benjamin Birdsall & William Foster; refer HR bill for relief of Thomas Miller & Stephen Baker; refer HR bill for relief of Frederick Brown. **April 10** refer HR bill for relief of Benjamin Berry; HR bill for relief of Mary Sullivan; HR bill for relief of Jonathan Amory, Jr and representatives of Thomas C. Amory; HR bill for relief of widow & kids of Jacob Graeff. **April 13** refer HR bill for relief of Henry Gist &

Benjamin Johnson. **April 14** refer HR bill for relief of John B. Dabney. **April 18** refer HR bill to regulate & fix pay of clerks in different offices; HR bill for relief of Madame Poidevin.

Cmte on judiciary. Crittenden, Burrill, Otis, Smith, Leake. **Jan 21** refer resolution for distribution of certain laws. **Jan 27** refer HR bill to supply vacancies under commissions of bankruptcy. **Feb 3** refer HR bill to provide for delivering up of persons held to labor or service who shall escape into another territory; recommit bill for salaries of DC judges with instructions to consider increase in salaries generally. **Feb 5** recommit bill for separate govt for eastern part of MS territory. **Feb 26** refer HR bill for alt time of holding district courts in VA. **March 11** refer HR bill altering times for NY courts; HR bill respecting NY district courts; HR bill alt times for ME district court. **March 20** refer HR bill to provide for due execution of laws of US in MS. **March 27** refer HR bill in addition to law for punishment of certain crimes. **April 3** refer HR bill providing for publication of laws of US. **April 18** refer HR bill supplement to acts relative to direct taxes & internal duties.

Cmte on PO and post roads. Wilson, Ashmun, Fisk, Ruggles, Stokes. **Jan 21** Fromentin appointed to cmte in place of Fisk, resigned. **March 26** on motion by Wilson, Morril elected to take place of Ashmun who absent with leave; refer HR bill extending franking privilege to vaccine agents. **April 2** refer HR bill making further appropriations for Cumberland road. **April 15** refer HR bill to increase compensation of deputy postmasters. **April 18** refer HR bill to est & alter certain post roads.

Cmte on pensions. Noble, Storer, Lacock, Vandyke, Talbot. **Dec 24** refer HR bill for relief of Noah Miller. **Dec 31** discharged from further consideration of PUS's 1st message on surviving officers & soldiers of revolutionary army. **Feb 10** refer HR bill for relief of Arthur St. Clair. **March 26** refer HR bill for John Taylor. **April 4** discharge cmte of consideration of bill for John Taylor & refer cmte on naval affairs. **April 18** refer HR bill for relief of major general John Stark; HR bill for relief of Cornelilia Mason.

Cmte on DC. Goldsborough, Daggett, Eppes, Barbour, Stokes. **Jan 9** refer HR bill to incorporate the Columbia insurance company of Alexandria. **Jan 12** refer Hr bill making further provisions for repairing public bldgs. **Feb 11** refer PUS's message, r.e. White house & other public bldgs. **March 20** refer HR bill to provide for erection of courthouse, jail, etc in Alexandria. **April 8** refer HR bill making appropriations for public bldgs & furnishing Capitol & PUS's house; HR bill to provide for erecting additional bldgs

for accommodation of exec depts.

- ✓ Cmte of parts of PUS's message relating to roads & inland navigation. Dec 15, 1817. Lacock, King, Barbour, Otis, Morrow.
- ✓ Cmte on MS convention's memorial, r.e. boundaries of MS. Dec 16, 1817. Leake, Troup, Williams (TN).
- ✓ Cmte on Morrow's motion to consider what provisions necessary for ascertaining & establishing northern boundary of OH. Dec 17, 1817. Morrow, Talbot, Taylor, King, Noble.
- ✓ Cmte on Quakers' memorial, internal slave trade. Dec 18, 1817. Goldsborough, Horsey, Smith, Burrill, Eppes.
- ✓ Cmte on Constitutional amendment, r.e. districts. Dec 24, 1817. Dickerson, King, Daggett, Macon, Stokes.
- ✓ Cmte on HR bill to authorize TN to issue grants of land and perfect title to certain lands. Dec 29, 1817. Campbell, Stokes, Macon, Williams (TN), Morrow.
- ✓ Cmte on Sanford's motion for directing publication of journal & proceedings of Constitutional convention now in office of Sec of State. Jan 2, 1818. Sanford, King, Macon, Eppes, Tait.
- ✓ Cmte on Tait's bill in addition to act making appropriation for repairing roads therein mentioned. Jan 13, 1818. Tait, Campbell, Leake.
- ✓ Cmte, select, on PUS's message of Jan 20, r.e. Caron de Beaumarchais. Feb 2, 1818. King, Macon, Campbell, Barbour, Daggett.
- ✓ Cmte of conference on bill making appropriations for military service for 1818. Feb 6, 1818. Campbell, Williams (TN), Barbour.
- ✓ Cmte on Barbour's bill to promote progress in useful arts. Feb 11, 1818. Barbour, Daggett, King. Feb 25 refer Burrill's bill on subject.
- ✓ Cmte on HR bill to fix compensation of Secretary of Senate and clerk of HR & their clerks. Feb 20, 1818. Roberts, Daggett, Fromentin.
- ✓ Cmte on bill for distribution of public laws. Feb 24, 1818. Williams (TN), Roberts, Wilson.
- ✓ Cmte on Talbot's motion, r.e. Indian land titles. March 4, 1818. Talbot, King, Morrow, Campbell, Macon. March 20 cmte discharged.

Jt Cmte on adjournment of session. March 5, 1818. Daggett,
Gaillard, Tichenor.

Cmte on memorial of Gales & Seaton. March 17, 1818. Eppes, King, Burrill.

Cmte on Roberts's motion to consider expediency of making further provisions for preventing intro of slaves into US from foreign kingdoms, places, or territories. March 17, 1818. Roberts, Burrill, Daggett, Macon, Smith.

Jt cmte on necessary business. April 1, 1818. Dickerson, Roberts, Burrill.

Cmte on resolutions authorizing subscription for 500 copies of Statistical annals proposed to be published by Adam Seybert. April 6, 1818. Barbour, King, Daggett, Hunter, Dickerson. April 10 report bill. April 15 bill pass. April 18 notified HR pass.

Cmte of conference on bill directing manner of appointing Indian agents. April 7, 1818. Williams (TN), Lacock, Taylor.

Cmte of Conference on bill to make valid certain acts of justices of peace in DC. April 13, 1818. Daggett, Goldsborough, Burrill.

Jt cmte to wait on PUS. April 20, 1818. Macon, King.

2nd Session (Nov 1818 - March 1819)

Jt cmte to wait on PUS. Nov 16, 1818. Macon, Daggett.

Jt cmte on enrolled bills. Nov 16, 1818. Noble. March 3, 1819 Johnson replace Noble who absent with leave.

Cmte 22nd rule (engrossed bills). Nov 16, 1818. Ruggles, Dickerson, Morril.

Cmte 42nd rule. Nov 16, 1818. Lacock, Daggett, Dickerson.

Jt cmte on library. Nov 17, 1818. Dickerson, King, Fromentin.

Thursday, Nov 19. On motion by Barbour, give standing cmtes leave to report by bill or otherwise. And refer parts of PUS's message to appropriate cmtes.

Appoint standing cmtes **Nov 20, 1818.**

Cmte on foreign relations. Macon, Barbour, King, Lacock, Daggett. **Feb 11** refer PUS's message of this day, r.e. Prussia. **Feb 19** refer Otis's bill to protect US commerce from piracy. **March 2** refer HR bill authorizing PUS to take possession of East & West FL & to establish temporary govt.

- Cmte on finance. Eppes, Talbot, King, Macon, Eaton. **Dec 9** refer Sec of T's report on mint. **Dec 10** refer HR bill making partial appropriations for military service for 1819. **Dec 22** refer HR bill directing payment of certain bills drawn by General Armstrong in favor of William Morgan. **Jan 5** refer HR bill to authorize payment on T notes which have been lost or destroyed. **Jan 13** refer HR bill making appropriations for military service for 1819. **Jan 25** refer HR bill supplement to law to provide for prompt settlement of public accounts. **Feb 9** refer HR bill providing additional penalties for false entries for the benefit of drawback, bounty or exportation. **Feb 15** refer HR bill making appropriations for govt for 1819. **Feb 17** refer HR bill for relief of William & James Crooks. **Feb 25** refer HR bill for relief of Benjamin Wells; HR bill for relief of George M. Brook & Edmund P. Kennedy. **Feb 27** refer HR bill to regulate duties on certain wines; HR bill to enforce provisions of BUS charter. **March 1** refer HR bill for relief of Robert Kid, Seth, Webber, & Thomas Page.
- Cmte on commerce & manufacturers. Sanford, Dickerson, Burrill, Horsey, Morril. **Dec 22** refer HR bill regulating passenger ships. **March 1** refer HR bill authorizing the bldg of lighthouses, beacon, & buoys.
- Cmte on military affairs. Williams (TN), Lacock, Tichenor, Taylor, Storer. **Nov 27** refer HR bill to increase # of clerks in Dept of War. **Jan 8** refer annual reports of Sec of Navy. **Feb 9** refer HR bill authorizing Sec of war to appoint additional agent for paying pensions in TN. **Feb 11** refer HR bill authorizing Sec of War to convey a lot or parcel of land belonging to US lying in Jefferson county VA. **March 1** refer HR bill for relief of James Orr.
- Cmte on militia. Ruggles, Noble, Roberts, Macon, Storer. **Nov 26** refer Sec of War's report on militia. **March 1** refer HR bill for relief of John M'Causland.
- Cmte on naval affairs. Sanford, Tait, Williams (MS), Daggett, Crittenden. **Nov 30** refer PUS's message transmitting report from Sec of navy. **Dec 4** refer PUS's message of April 20, 1818, r.e. rules, regulations, etc. of navy. **Dec 16** refer HR bill authorizing distribution of \$ among representatives of Edward Preble & officers & crew of brig Syren. **Dec 24** refer HR bill making appropriations for support of navy for 1819. **Jan 18** refer HR bill authorizing payment to officers & crews of gunboats # 149 & 154. **Feb 22** refer HR resolution declaring manner in which vessels of navy named.

Cmte on public lands. Morrow, Williams (MS), Taylor, Hunter, Johnson. **Nov 25** refer HR res, re IL statehood. **Dec 4** refer HR bill for relief of Mehitabel Cole. **Dec 8** refer Sec of T's report on land claims in FL, with draft of bill. **Dec 10** refer HR bill for relief of William Barton. **Dec 18** refer HR bill for relief of Samuel H. Harper. **Dec 22** refer HR bill for relief of legal reps of Alexander Montgomery. **Jan 5** refer HR bill authorizing election of delegate from MI territory. **Jan 22** refer HR bill to allow further time to complete the issuing and locating of military land warrants; HR bill explanatory of law for final judgment of land titles in LA & MO. **Feb 11** refer HR bill authorizing TN to issue grants & perfect titles to certain lands therein described... **Feb 16** refer HR bill for relief of Henry Batman. **Feb 25** refer Thomas's bill granting donation of land to IL for seat of govt. **March 1** refer HR bill confirming certain claims to land in IL; refer HR bill to est new land office in IL.

Cmte on claims. Goldsborough, Wilson, Roberts, Ruggles, Morril. **Dec 10** refer HR bill for relief of William King; HR bill for relief of heirs of Adolphus Bughart. **Dec 11** refer HR bill for relief of Frederick Brown. **Dec 18** refer HR bill for relief of Thomas B. Farish. **Dec 22** refer HR bill for relief of Dr. Mattrom Ball. **Dec 24** refer HR bill for relief of Daniel Renner & Nathaniel H. Heath. **Jan 5** refer HR bill for relief of Harold Smyth; HR bill for relief of Samuel F. Hooker; HR bill for relief of Sampson S. King. **Jan 13** refer HR bill for relief of Thomas Hall Jersey; HR bill for relief of Daniel Moss. **Jan 18** refer HR bill for relief of Henry Davis; HR bill for relief of Benjamin Pool; HR bill for relief of Adam Kinsley; HR bill for relief of heirs & legatees of Thomas Turner; HR bill for relief of Kensie & Forsyth. **Jan 22** refer HR bill for relief of M. Poirey; HR bill for relief of M. de Vienne. **Jan 27** refer HR bill for relief of Robert M'Calla & Matthew H. Jouett. **Feb 11** refer HR bill for relief of Isaac Minis & others. **Feb 15** refer HR bill for relief of Joseph Wheaton. **Feb 18** refer HR bill for relief of Patrick Callan. **Feb 22** refer HR bill for relief of Thomas Wilson (Supplement).

Cmte on judiciary Burrill, Crittenden, Otis, Smith, Leake. **Nov 27** refer HR bill for PA western district court. Refer HR bill to est judicial district in western VA. **Dec 7** refer Daggett's bill to extend judicial system. **Dec 10** refer Daggett's bill for more effectual punishment of certain crimes. **Dec 21** refer bill to establish judicial district in western Va with letter & proceedings of delegation in VA assembly/

Cmte on post office & post roads. Wilson, Palmer, Mellon, Ruggles. **Nov 27** refer res to transport certain documents free. **Jan 25** refer HR bill authorizing pmg to contract as in other cases for carrying mail in steam boats between New Orleans & Louisville. **March 1** refer HR bill to alter & est certain post roads.

Cmte on pensions. Lacock, Noble, Van Dyke, Talbot, Storer. **Nov 30** refer HR bill concerning invalid pensions. **Dec 4** refer HR bill for relief of major general John Stark. **Dec 11** refer HR bill concerning invalids. **Dec 16** refer HR bill concerning widow of militia. **Dec 18** refer HR bill to extend for 5 years pensions granted to widows & kids of those killed in War of 1812. **Jan 27** refer HR bill regulating pay of invalid pensioners; refer HR bill for relief of Phoebe Stuart. **Feb 1** refer HR bill for relief of Hannah Ring & Luther Frink with instructions to inquire into making general law on subject. **Feb 16** refer HR bill concerning allowance of pensions upon a relinquishment of bounty lands. **March 1** refer HR bill extending term of half-pay pensions to widows & kids of certain officers, seamen, & marines who died in public service. **March 3** refer HR bill concerning invalid pensions. Stokes report for cmte immediately without amendment.

Cmte on DC. Goldsborough, Daggett, Barbour, Eppes, Hanson. **Nov 27** refer PUS's message relaying report on public bldgs. **Dec 18** refer HR bill to incorporate company to build bridge over eastern branch of Potomac. **Jan 7** refer HR bill authorizing corporation of Washington city to open & extend certain streets; refer HR bill to authorize Rockville & Washington Turnpike company to extend & made turnpike road to or from boundary of Washington city thru DC; HR bill to incorporate Medical Society of DC; HR bill to incorporate Provident Association of clerks in civil dept of US govt. **Jan 22** refer HR bill supplement to law to authorize Washington Turnpike Company to extend & make turnpike from Georgetown thru district to boundary. **Feb 27** HR bill making appropriations for public bldgs, etc.

Cmte on so much of PUS's message as relates to Indian tribes. Nov 20, 1818. Morrow, Williams (TN), Williams (MS), Taylor, Crittenden.

Cmte, select, on memorial of William Lambert. Nov 24, 1818. Dickerson, King, Burrell. **Feb 27** refer HR bill authorizing PUS to have astronomical observations made to determine longitude for of Capitol.

Cmte, select, on Goldsborough's res to erect monument over the remains of GW. Nov 30, 1818. Goldsborough, Roberts (mover), Burrell. Jan 8 recommitted with instructions to report bill

appropriating \$ for erection of an equestrian statue.

Cmte, select, on Dickerson's constitutional amendment, election of reps & electors by district. Dec 4, 1818. Dickerson, Edwards, King, Barbour, Macon.

Jt Cmte on congressional printing. Dec 9, 1818. Wilson, Lacock, Burrill. Dec 17 report resolution.

Cmte, select, on AL memorial, r.e. statehood. Dec 11, 1818. Tait, Morrow, Williams (MS), Edwards, Williams (TN). **Feb 17** refer HR bill to enable MO to form constitution, etc. **Feb 22** refer HR bill establishing a separate territorial govt for souther MO.

Cmte on Eaton's motion to inquire what needed amendments to law to prevent importation of slaves. Dec 15, 1818. Eaton, Burrill, Smith, Macon, Horsey. Also refer bill respecting transportation of persons of color for sale, etc.

Cmte on Lacock's motion as amended by Eaton to investigate Seminole Wars. Dec 18, 1818. Lacock, Eaton, Forsyth, King, Burrill. **Dec 28** refer PUS's message of this day. **Jan 4** refer PUS's message of this day. **Feb 17** Eppes replace Forsyth who recently appointed to a foreign mission.

Cmte, select, on Daniel Pettibone's petition, r.e. patent. Dec 29, 1818. King, Daggett, Tichenor.

Cmte to whom recommitted, on Otis's motion, constitutional amendment for election of reps & electors. Jan 15, 1819. Dickerson, King, Macon, Edwards, Barbour. [Barbour's motion to recommit with instructions to modify it that in the event of the happening of any of the contingencies in the constitution by which the election devolves on HR the choice of PUS shall be made by plurality of votes & not by states failed by vote of 6 to 32.]

Cmte on petition of Ferdinand L. Ameling. Jan 26, 1819. Johnson, Roberts, Burrill.

Jt cmte on necessary business. Feb 15, 1819. Burrill, Morrow, Gaillard.

Jt cmte to wait on PUS. March 3, 1819. Macon, Daggett.