

JOINT SESSIONS AND MEETINGS, ADDRESSES TO THE SENATE OR THE HOUSE, AND INAUGURATIONS

1st–111th CONGRESSES, 1789–2009¹

The parliamentary difference between a joint session and a joint meeting has evolved over time. In recent years the distinctions have become clearer: a joint session is more formal, and occurs upon the adoption of a concurrent resolution; a joint meeting occurs when each body adopts a unanimous consent agreement to recess to meet with the other legislative body. Joint sessions typically are held to hear an address from the President of the United States or to count electoral votes. Joint meetings typically are held to hear an address from a foreign dignitary or visitors other than the President.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives usually presides over joint sessions and joint meetings; however, the President of the Senate does preside over joint sessions where the electoral votes are counted, as required by the Constitution.

In the earliest years of the Republic, 1789 and 1790, when the national legislature met in New York City, joint gatherings were held in the Senate Chamber in Federal Hall. In Philadelphia, when the legislature met in Congress Hall, such meetings were held in the Senate Chamber, 1790–1793, and in the Hall of the House of Representatives, 1794–1799. Once the Congress moved to the Capitol in Washington in 1800, the Senate Chamber again was used for joint gatherings through 1805. Since 1809, with few exceptions, joint sessions and joint meetings have occurred in the Hall of the House.

Presidential messages on the state of the Union were originally known as the “Annual Message,” but since the 80th Congress, in 1947, have been called the “State of the Union Address.” After President John Adams’s Annual Message on November 22, 1800, these addresses were read by clerks to the individual bodies until President Woodrow Wilson resumed the practice of delivering them to joint sessions on December 2, 1913.

In some instances more than one joint gathering has occurred on the same day. For example, on January 6, 1941, Congress met in joint session to count electoral votes for President and Vice President, and then met again in joint session to receive President Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s Annual Message.

Whereas in more recent decades, foreign dignitaries invited to speak before Congress have typically done so at joint meetings, in earlier times (and with several notable exceptions), such visitors were received by the Senate and the House separately, or by one or the other singly, a tradition begun with the visit of General Lafayette of France in 1824. At that time a joint committee decided that each body would honor Lafayette separately, establishing the precedent. (See footnote 7 for more details.) Not all such occasions included formal addresses by such dignitaries (e.g., Lafayette’s reception by the Senate in their chamber, at which he did not speak before they adjourned to greet him), hence the “occasions” listed in the third column of the table include not only addresses, but also remarks (defined as brief greetings or off-the-cuff comments often requested of the visitor at the last minute) and receptions. Relatively few foreign dignitaries were received by Congress before World War I.

Congress has hosted inaugurations since the first occasion in 1789. They always have been formal joint gatherings, and sometimes they also were joint sessions. Inaugurations were joint sessions when both houses of Congress were in session, and they processed to the ceremony as part of the business of the day. In many cases, however, one or both houses were not in session or were in recess at the time of the ceremony. In this table, inaugurations that were not joint sessions are listed in the second column. Those that were joint sessions are so identified and described in the third column.

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|----------------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| NEW YORK CITY | | | |
| 1st CONGRESS | | | |
| Apr. 6, 1789 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Apr. 30, 1789 |do | Inauguration and church service ² | President George Washington; Right Reverend Samuel Provoost, Senate-appointed Chaplain. |
| Jan. 8, 1790 |do | Annual Message | President George Washington. |
| PHILADELPHIA | | | |
| Dec. 8, 1790 |do |do | Do. |
| 2d CONGRESS | | | |
| Oct. 25, 1791 |do |do | Do. |
| Nov. 6, 1792 |do |do | Do. |
| Feb. 13, 1793 |do | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 3d CONGRESS | | | |
| Mar. 4, 1793 | Inauguration | Senate Chamber | President George Washington. |
| Dec. 3, 1793 | Joint session | Annual Message | Do. |
| Nov. 19, 1794 |do |do | Do. |
| 4th CONGRESS | | | |
| Dec. 8, 1795 |do |do | Do. |
| Dec. 7, 1796 |do |do | Do. |
| Feb. 8, 1797 |do | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 5th CONGRESS | | | |
| Mar. 4, 1797 | Inauguration | Hall of the House | President John Adams. |
| May 16, 1797 | Joint session | Relations with France | Do. |
| Nov. 23, 1797 |do | Annual Message | Do. |
| Dec. 8, 1798 |do |do | Do. |
| 6th CONGRESS | | | |
| Dec. 3, 1799 |do |do | Do. |
| Dec. 26, 1799 |do | Funeral procession and oration in memory of George Washington. ³ | Representative Henry Lee. |
| WASHINGTON | | | |
| Nov. 22, 1800 |do | Annual Message | President John Adams. |
| Feb. 11, 1801 |do | Counting electoral votes ⁴ | N.A. |
| 7th CONGRESS | | | |
| Mar. 4, 1801 | Inauguration | Senate Chamber | President Thomas Jefferson. |
| 8th CONGRESS | | | |
| Feb. 13, 1805 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 9th CONGRESS | | | |
| Mar. 4, 1805 | Inauguration | Senate Chamber | President Thomas Jefferson. |
| 10th CONGRESS | | | |
| Feb. 8, 1809 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 11th CONGRESS | | | |
| Mar. 4, 1809 | Inauguration | Hall of the House | President James Madison. |
| 12th CONGRESS | | | |
| Feb. 10, 1813 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 13th CONGRESS | | | |
| Mar. 4, 1813 | Inauguration | Hall of the House | President James Madison. |
| 14th CONGRESS | | | |
| Feb. 12, 1817 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes ⁵ | N.A. |
| 15th CONGRESS | | | |
| Mar. 4, 1817 | Inauguration | In front of Brick Capitol | President James Monroe. |
| 16th CONGRESS | | | |
| Feb. 14, 1821 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes ⁶ | N.A. |
| 17th CONGRESS | | | |
| Mar. 5, 1821 | Inauguration | Hall of the House | President James Monroe. |
| 18th CONGRESS | | | |
| Dec. 9, 1824 | Senate | Reception | General Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, of France. |
| Dec. 10, 1824 | House ⁷ | Address | Speaker Henry Clay; General Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, of France. |

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| Feb. 9, 1825 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes ⁸ | N.A. |
| 19th CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1825 | Inauguration | Hall of the House | President John Quincy Adams. |
| 20th CONGRESS Feb. 11, 1829 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 21st CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1829 | Inauguration | East Portico ⁹ | President Andrew Jackson. |
| 22d CONGRESS Feb. 13, 1833 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 23d CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1833 | Inauguration | Hall of the House ¹⁰ | President Andrew Jackson. |
| Dec. 31, 1834 | Joint session | Lafayette eulogy | Representative and former President John Quincy Adams; ceremony attended by President Andrew Jackson. |
| 24th CONGRESS Feb. 8, 1837 |do | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 25th CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1837 | Inauguration | East Portico | President Martin Van Buren. |
| 26th CONGRESS Feb. 10, 1841 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 27th CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1841 | Inauguration | East Portico | President William Henry Harrison. |
| 28th CONGRESS Feb. 12, 1845 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 29th CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1845 | Inauguration | East Portico | President James Knox Polk. |
| 30th CONGRESS Feb. 14, 1849 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 31st CONGRESS Mar. 5, 1849 | Inauguration | East Portico | President Zachary Taylor. |
| July 10, 1850 | Joint session | Oath of office to President Millard Fillmore. ¹¹ | N.A. |
| 32d CONGRESS Jan. 5, 1852 | Senate | Reception | Louis Kossuth, exiled Governor of Hungary. |
| Jan. 7, 1852 | House | Remarks and Reception | Do. |
| Feb. 9, 1853 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 33d CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1853 | Inauguration | East Portico | President Franklin Pierce. |
| 34th CONGRESS Feb. 11, 1857 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 35th CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1857 | Inauguration | East Portico | President James Buchanan. |
| 36th CONGRESS Feb. 13, 1861 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 37th CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1861 | Inauguration | East Portico | President Abraham Lincoln. |
| Feb. 22, 1862 | Joint session | Reading of Washington's farewell address. | John W. Forney, Secretary of the Senate. |
| 38th CONGRESS Feb. 8, 1865 |do | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 39th CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1865 | Inauguration | East Portico | President Abraham Lincoln. |
| Feb. 12, 1866 | Joint session | Memorial to Abraham Lincoln | George Bancroft, historian; ceremony attended by President Andrew Johnson. |
| 40th CONGRESS June 9, 1868 | House | Address | Anson Burlingame, Envoy to the U.S. from China, and former Representative. |

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| Feb. 10, 1869 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 41st CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1869 | Inauguration | East Portico | President Ulysses S. Grant. |
| 42d CONGRESS Mar. 6, 1872 | House | Address | Tomomi Iwakura, Ambassador from Japan. |
| Feb. 12, 1873 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes ¹² | N.A. |
| 43d CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1873 | Inauguration | East Portico | President Ulysses S. Grant. |
| Dec. 18, 1874 | Joint meeting | Reception and Remarks | Speaker James G. Blaine; David Kalakaua, King of the Hawaiian Islands. ¹³ |
| 44th CONGRESS Feb. 1, 1877 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes ¹⁴ | N.A. |
| Feb. 10, 1877 | | | |
| Feb. 12, 1877 | | | |
| Feb. 19, 1877 | | | |
| Feb. 20, 1877 | | | |
| Feb. 21, 1877 | | | |
| Feb. 24, 1877 | | | |
| Feb. 26, 1877 | | | |
| Feb. 28, 1877 | | | |
| Mar. 1, 1877 | | | |
| Mar. 2, 1877 | | | |
| 45th CONGRESS Mar. 5, 1877 | Inauguration | East Portico | President Rutherford B. Hayes. |
| 46th CONGRESS Feb. 2, 1880 | House | Address | Charles Stewart Parnell, member of Parliament from Ireland. |
| Feb. 9, 1881 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 47th CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1881 | Inauguration | East Portico | President James A. Garfield. |
| Feb. 27, 1882 | Joint session | Memorial to James A. Garfield | James G. Blaine, former Speaker, Senator, and Secretary of State; ceremony attended by President Chester A. Arthur. |
| 48th CONGRESS Feb. 11, 1885 |do | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Feb. 21, 1885 |do | Completion of Washington Monument | Representative John D. Long; Representative-elect John W. Daniel, ¹⁵ ceremony attended by President Chester A. Arthur. |
| 49th CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1885 | Inauguration | East Portico | President Grover Cleveland. |
| 50th CONGRESS Feb. 13, 1889 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 51st CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1889 | Inauguration | East Portico | President Benjamin Harrison. |
| Dec. 11, 1889 | Joint session | Centennial of George Washington's first inauguration. | Melville W. Fuller, Chief Justice of the United States; ceremony attended by President Benjamin Harrison. |
| 52d CONGRESS Feb. 8, 1893 |do | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 53d CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1893 | Inauguration | East Portico | President Grover Cleveland. |
| 54th CONGRESS Feb. 10, 1897 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 55th CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1897 | Inauguration | In front of original Senate Wing of Capitol. | President William McKinley. |

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| 56th CONGRESS Dec. 12, 1900 | Joint meeting | Centennial of the Capital City | Representatives James D. Richardson and Sereno E. Payne, and Senator George F. Hoar; ceremony attended by President William McKinley. |
| Feb. 13, 1901 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 57th CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1901 | Inauguration | East Portico | President William McKinley. |
| Feb. 27, 1902 | Joint session | Memorial to William McKinley | John Hay, Secretary of State; ceremony attended by President Theodore Roosevelt and Prince Henry of Prussia. |
| 58th CONGRESS Feb. 8, 1905 |do | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 59th CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1905 | Inauguration | East Portico | President Theodore Roosevelt. |
| 60th CONGRESS Feb. 10, 1909 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 61st CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1909 | Inauguration | Senate Chamber ¹⁶ | President William Howard Taft. |
| Feb. 9, 1911 | House | Address | Count Albert Apponyi, Minister of Education from Hungary. |
| 62d CONGRESS Feb. 12, 1913 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Feb. 15, 1913 |do | Memorial for Vice President James S. Sherman. ¹⁷ | Senators Elihu Root, Thomas S. Martin, Jacob H. Gallinger, John R. Thornton, Henry Cabot Lodge, John W. Kern, Robert M. LaFollette, John Sharp Williams, Charles Curtis, Albert B. Cummins, George T. Oliver, James A. O'Gorman; Speaker Champ Clark; President William Howard Taft. |
| 63d CONGRESS Mar. 4, 1913 | Inauguration | East Portico | President Woodrow Wilson. |
| Apr. 8, 1913 | Joint session | Tariff message | Do. |
| June 23, 1913 |do | Currency and bank reform message | Do. |
| Aug. 27, 1913 |do | Mexican affairs message | Do. |
| Dec. 2, 1913 |do | Annual Message | Do. |
| Jan. 20, 1914 |do | Trusts message | Do. |
| Mar. 5, 1914 |do | Panama Canal tolls | Do. |
| Apr. 20, 1914 |do | Mexico message | Do. |
| Sept. 4, 1914 |do | War tax message | Do. |
| Dec. 8, 1914 |do | Annual Message | Do. |
| 64th CONGRESS Dec. 7, 1915 |do |do | Do. |
| Aug. 29, 1916 |do | Railroad message (labor-management dispute). | Do. |
| Dec. 5, 1916 |do | Annual Message | Do. |
| Jan. 22, 1917 | Senate | Planning ahead for peace | Do. |
| Feb. 3, 1917 | Joint session | Severing diplomatic relations with Germany. | Do. |
| Feb. 14, 1917 |do | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Feb. 26, 1917 |do | Arming of merchant ships | President Woodrow Wilson. |
| 65th CONGRESS Mar. 5, 1917 | Inauguration | East Portico | Do. |
| Apr. 2, 1917 | Joint session | War with Germany | Do. |
| May 1, 1917 | Senate | Address | René Raphaël Viviani, Minister of Justice from France; Jules Jusserand, Ambassador from France; address attended by Marshal Joseph Jacques Césaire Joffre, member of French Commission to U.S. |
| May 3, 1917 | House |do | Do. |
| May 5, 1917 |do |do | Arthur James Balfour, British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. |
| May 8, 1917 | Senate |do | Do. |
| May 31, 1917 |do |do | Ferdinando di'Savoia, Prince of Udine, Head of Italian Mission to U.S. |
| June 2, 1917 | House |do | Ferdinando di'Savoia, Prince of Udine, Head of Italian Mission to U.S.; Guglielmo Marconi, member of Italian Mission to U.S. |

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| June 22, 1917 | Senate | Address | Baron Moncheur, Chief of Political Bureau of Belgian Foreign Office at Havre. |
| June 23, 1917 | House |do | Boris Bakhmetieff, Ambassador from Russia. ¹⁸ |
| June 26, 1917 | Senate |do | Do. |
| June 27, 1917 | House |do | Baron Moncheur, Chief of Political Bureau of Belgian Foreign Office at Havre. |
| Aug. 30, 1917 | Senate |do | Kikujirō Ishii, Ambassador from Japan. |
| Sept. 5, 1917 | House |do | Do. |
| Dec. 4, 1917 | Joint session | Annual Message/War with Austria-Hungary. | President Woodrow Wilson. |
| Jan. 4, 1918 |do | Federal operation of transportation systems. | Do. |
| Jan. 5, 1918 | Senate | Address | Milenko Vesnic, Head of Serbian War Mission. |
| Jan. 8, 1918 | House | Address | Milenko Vesnic, Head of Serbian War Mission. |
| Do | Joint session | Program for world's peace | President Woodrow Wilson. |
| Feb. 11, 1918 |do | Peace message | Do. |
| May 27, 1918 |do | War finance message | Do. |
| Sept. 24, 1918 | Senate | Address and Reception ¹⁹ | Jules Jusserand, Ambassador from France; Vice President Thomas R. Marshall. |
| Sept. 30, 1918 |do | Support of woman suffrage | President Woodrow Wilson. |
| Nov. 11, 1918 | Joint session | Terms of armistice signed by Germany | Do. |
| Dec. 2, 1918 |do | Annual Message | Do. |
| Feb. 9, 1919 |do | Memorial to Theodore Roosevelt | Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Sr.; ceremony attended by former President William Howard Taft. |
| 66th CONGRESS | | | |
| June 23, 1919 | Senate | Address | Epitácio da Silva Pessoa, President-elect of Brazil. |
| July 10, 1919 |do | Versailles Treaty | President Woodrow Wilson. |
| Aug. 8, 1919 | Joint session | Cost of living message | Do. |
| Sept. 18, 1919 |do | Address | President pro tempore Albert B. Cummins; Speaker Frederick H. Gillett; Representative and former Speaker Champ Clark; General John J. Pershing. |
| Oct. 28, 1919 | Senate |do | Albert I, King of the Belgians. |
| Do | House |do | Do. |
| Feb. 9, 1921 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 67th CONGRESS | | | |
| Mar. 4, 1921 | Inauguration | East Portico | President Warren G. Harding. |
| Apr. 12, 1921 | Joint session | Federal problem message | Do. |
| July 12, 1921 | Senate | Adjusted compensation for veterans of the World War ²⁰ . | Do. |
| Dec. 6, 1921 | Joint session | Annual Message | Do. |
| Feb. 28, 1922 |do | Maintenance of the merchant marine | Do. |
| Aug. 18, 1922 |do | Coal and railroad message | Do. |
| Nov. 21, 1922 |do | Promotion of the American merchant marine. | Do. |
| Dec. 8, 1922 |do | Annual Message ²¹ | Do. |
| Feb. 7, 1923 |do | British debt due to the United States | Do. |
| 68th CONGRESS | | | |
| Dec. 6, 1923 |do | Annual Message | President Calvin Coolidge. |
| Feb. 27, 1924 |do | Memorial to Warren G. Harding | Charles Evans Hughes, Secretary of State; ceremony attended by President Calvin Coolidge. |
| Dec. 15, 1924 |do | Memorial to Woodrow Wilson | Dr. Edwin Anderson Alderman, President of the University of Virginia; ceremony attended by President Calvin Coolidge. |
| Feb. 11, 1925 |do | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 69th CONGRESS | | | |
| Mar. 4, 1925 | Inauguration | East Portico | President Calvin Coolidge. |
| Feb. 22, 1927 | Joint session | George Washington birthday message | Do. |
| 70th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 25, 1928 | House | Reception and Address | William Thomas Cosgrave, President of Executive Council of Ireland. |
| Feb. 13, 1929 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 71st CONGRESS | | | |
| Mar. 4, 1929 | Inauguration | East Portico | President Herbert Hoover. |

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| Oct. 7, 1929 | Senate | Address | James Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. |
| Jan. 13, 1930 |do | Reception | Jan Christiaan Smuts, former Prime Minister of South Africa. |
| 72d CONGRESS | | | |
| Feb. 22, 1932 | Joint session | Bicentennial of George Washington's birth. | President Herbert Hoover. |
| May 31, 1932 | Senate | Emergency character of economic situation in U.S. | Do. |
| Feb. 6, 1933 | Joint meeting | Memorial to Calvin Coolidge | Arthur Prentice Rugg, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts; ceremony attended by President Herbert Hoover. |
| Feb. 8, 1933 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| 73d CONGRESS | | | |
| Mar. 4, 1933 | Inauguration | East Portico | President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. |
| Jan. 3, 1934 | Joint session | Annual Message | President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. |
| May 20, 1934 |do | 100th anniversary, death of Lafayette ... | André de Laboulaye, Ambassador of France; President Franklin Delano Roosevelt; ceremony attended by Count de Chambrun, great-grandson of Lafayette. |
| 74th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 4, 1935 |do | Annual Message | President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. |
| May 22, 1935 |do | Veto message | Do. |
| Jan. 3, 1936 |do | Annual Message | Do. |
| 75th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 6, 1937 |do | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Do |do | Annual Message | President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. |
| Jan. 20, 1937 | Inauguration | East Portico | President Franklin Delano Roosevelt; Vice President John Nance Garner. ²² |
| Apr. 1, 1937 | Senate | Address | John Buchan, Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General of Canada. |
| Do | House |do | Do. |
| Jan. 3, 1938 | Joint session | Annual Message | President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. |
| 76th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 4, 1939 |do |do | Do. |
| Mar. 4, 1939 |do | Sesquicentennial of the 1st Congress ... | Do. |
| May 8, 1939 | Senate | Address | Anastasio Somoza Garcia, President of Nicaragua. |
| Do | House |do | Do. |
| June 9, 1939 | Joint meeting | Reception ²³ | George VI and Elizabeth, King and Queen of the United Kingdom. |
| Sept. 21, 1939 | Joint session | Neutrality address | President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. |
| Jan. 3, 1940 |do | Annual Message | Do. |
| May 16, 1940 |do | National defense message | Do. |
| 77th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 6, 1941 |do | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Do |do | Annual Message | President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. |
| Jan. 20, 1941 |do | Inauguration, East Portico | President Franklin Delano Roosevelt; Vice President Henry A. Wallace. |
| Dec. 8, 1941 |do | War with Japan | President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. |
| Dec. 26, 1941 | Joint meeting ²⁴ | Address | Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. |
| Jan. 6, 1942 | Joint session | Annual Message | President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. |
| May 11, 1942 | Senate | Address | Manuel Prado, President of Peru. |
| Do | House |do | Do. |
| June 2, 1942 |do |do | Manuel Luis Quezon, President of the Philippines. ²⁵ |
| June 4, 1942 | Senate |do | Do. |
| June 15, 1942 |do |do | George II, King of Greece. ²⁶ |
| Do | House |do | Do. |
| June 25, 1942 | Senate |do | Peter II, King of Yugoslavia. ²⁶ |
| Do | House |do | Do. |
| Aug. 6, 1942 | Senate ²⁷ |do | Wilhelmina, Queen of the Netherlands. ²⁶ |
| Nov. 24, 1942 | House |do | Carlos Arroyo del Río, President of Ecuador. |
| Nov. 25, 1942 | Senate |do | Do. |
| Dec. 10, 1942 | House |do | Fulgencio Batista, President of Cuba. |
| 78th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 7, 1943 | Joint session | Annual Message | President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. |
| Feb. 18, 1943 | Senate | Remarks | Madame Chiang Kai-shek, of China. |
| Do | House | Address | Do. |

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| May 6, 1943 | Senate |do | Enrique Peñaranda, President of Bolivia. |
| Do | House |do | Do. |
| May 13, 1943 | Senate |do | Edvard Beneš, President of Czechoslovakia. ²⁶ |
| Do | House |do | Do. |
| May 19, 1943 | Joint meeting | Address | Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. |
| May 27, 1943 | Senate | Remarks | Edwin Barclay, President of Liberia. |
| Do | House | Address | Do. |
| June 10, 1943 | Senate |do | President Higinio Morínigo M., President of Paraguay. |
| Do | House |do | Do. |
| Oct. 15, 1943 | Senate |do | Elie Lescot, President of Haiti. |
| Nov. 18, 1943 | Joint meeting | Moscow Conference | Cordell Hull, Secretary of State. |
| Jan. 20, 1944 | Senate | Address | Isaías Medina Angarita, President of Venezuela. |
| Do | House |do | Do. |
| 79th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 6, 1945 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Jan. 6, 1945 |do | Annual Message | President Roosevelt was not present. His message was read before the Joint Ses- sion of Congress. |
| Jan. 20, 1945 | Inauguration | South Portico, The White House ²⁸ | President Franklin Delano Roosevelt; Vice President Harry S. Truman. |
| Mar. 1, 1945 | Joint session | Yalta Conference | President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. |
| Apr. 16, 1945 |do | Prosecution of the War | President Harry S. Truman. |
| May 21, 1945 |do | Bestowal of Congressional Medal of Honor on Tech. Sgt. Jake William Lindsey. | General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; President Harry S. Truman. |
| June 18, 1945 | Joint meeting | Address | General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force. |
| July 2, 1945 | Senate | United Nations Charter | President Harry S. Truman. |
| Oct. 5, 1945 | Joint meeting | Address | Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Commander- in-Chief, Pacific Fleet. |
| Oct. 23, 1945 | Joint session | Universal military training message | President Harry S. Truman. |
| Nov. 13, 1945 | Joint meeting | Address | Clement R. Attlee, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. |
| May 25, 1946 | Joint session | Railroad strike message | President Harry S. Truman. |
| July 1, 1946 |do | Memorial to Franklin Delano Roosevelt | John Winant, U.S. Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations; ceremony attended by President Harry S. Truman and Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt. |
| 80th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 6, 1947 |do | State of the Union Address ²⁹ | President Harry S. Truman. |
| Mar. 12, 1947 |do | Greek-Turkish aid policy | Do. |
| May 1, 1947 | Joint meeting | Address | Miguel Alemán, President of Mexico. |
| Nov. 17, 1947 | Joint session | Aid to Europe message | President Harry S. Truman. |
| Jan. 7, 1948 |do | State of the Union Address | Do. |
| Mar. 17, 1948 |do | National security and conditions in Eu- rope. | Do. |
| Apr. 19, 1948 |do | 50th anniversary, liberation of Cuba | President Harry S. Truman; Guillermo Belt, Ambassador of Cuba. |
| July 27, 1948 |do | Inflation, housing, and civil rights | President Harry S. Truman. |
| 81st CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 5, 1949 |do | State of the Union Address | Do. |
| Jan. 6, 1949 |do | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Jan. 20, 1949 |do | Inauguration, East Portico | President Harry S. Truman; Vice Presi- dent Alben W. Barkley. |
| May 19, 1949 | Joint meeting | Address | Eurico Gaspar Dutra, President of Brazil. |
| Aug. 9, 1949 | House |do | Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines. |
| Do | Senate |do | Do. |
| Oct. 13, 1949 |do |do | Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India. |
| Do | House |do | Do. |
| Jan. 4, 1950 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Harry S. Truman. |
| Apr. 13, 1950 | Senate | Address | Gabriel González Videla, President of Chile. |
| May 4, 1950 |do |do | Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan. |
| Do | House |do | Do. |
| May 31, 1950 | Joint meeting | Address | Dean Acheson, Secretary of State. |
| July 28, 1950 | Senate |do | Chōjirō Kuriyama, member of Japanese Diet. |

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| July 31, 1950 | House |do | Tokutarō Kitamura, member of Japanese Diet. |
| Aug. 1, 1950 |do |do | Robert Gordon Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia. |
| Do | Senate |do | Do. |
| 82d CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 8, 1951 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Harry S. Truman. |
| Feb. 1, 1951 | Joint meeting ³⁰ | North Atlantic Treaty Organization | General Dwight D. Eisenhower. |
| Apr. 2, 1951 | Joint meeting | Address | Vincent Auriol, President of France. |
| Apr. 19, 1951 |do | Return from Pacific Command | General Douglas MacArthur. |
| June 21, 1951 |do | Address | Galo Plaza, President of Ecuador. |
| July 2, 1951 | Senate | Addresses | Tadao Kuraishi, and Aisuke Okamoto, members of Japanese Diet. |
| Aug. 23, 1951 |do | Address | Zentarō Kosaka, member of Japanese Diet. |
| Sept. 24, 1951 | Joint meeting |do | Alcide de Gasperi, Prime Minister of Italy. |
| Jan. 9, 1952 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Harry S. Truman. |
| Jan. 17, 1952 | Joint meeting | Address | Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. |
| Apr. 3, 1952 |do |do | Juliana, Queen of the Netherlands. |
| May 22, 1952 |do | Korea | General Matthew B. Ridgway. |
| June 10, 1952 | Joint session | Steel industry dispute | President Harry S. Truman. |
| 83d CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 6, 1953 |do | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Jan. 20, 1953 |do | Inauguration, East Portico | President Dwight D. Eisenhower; Vice President Richard M. Nixon. |
| Feb. 2, 1953 |do | State of the Union Address | President Dwight D. Eisenhower. |
| Jan. 7, 1954 |do |do | Do. |
| Jan. 29, 1954 | Joint meeting | Address | Celal Bayar, President of Turkey. |
| May 4, 1954 |do |do | Vincent Massey, Governor General of Canada. |
| May 28, 1954 |do |do | Haile Selassie I, Emperor of Ethiopia. |
| July 28, 1954 |do |do | Syngman Rhee, President of South Korea. |
| Nov. 12, 1954 | Senate | Remarks | Shigeru Yoshida, Prime Minister of Japan. |
| Nov. 17, 1954 |do | Address ³¹ | Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Vice President of India. |
| Nov. 18, 1954 |do | Remarks | Pierre Mendès-France, Premier of France. |
| 84th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 6, 1955 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Dwight D. Eisenhower. |
| Jan. 27, 1955 | Joint meeting | Address | Paul E. Magliore, President of Haiti. |
| Mar. 16, 1955 | Senate |do | Robert Gordon Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia. |
| Do | House |do | Do. |
| Mar. 30, 1955 | Senate |do | Mario Scelba, Prime Minister of Italy. |
| Do | House |do | Do. |
| May 4, 1955 | Senate |do | P. Phibunsongkhram, Prime Minister of Thailand. |
| Do | House |do | Do. |
| June 30, 1955 | Senate |do | U Nu, Prime Minister of Burma. |
| Do | House |do | Do. |
| Jan. 5, 1956 | Senate |do | Juscelino Kubitschek de Oliveira, President-elect of Brazil. |
| Feb. 2, 1956 |do |do | Anthony Eden, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. |
| Do | House |do | Do. |
| Feb. 29, 1956 | Joint meeting |do | Giovanni Gronchi, President of Italy. |
| Mar. 15, 1956 | Senate |do | John Aloysius Costello, Prime Minister of Ireland. |
| Do | House |do | Do. |
| Apr. 30, 1956 | Senate |do | João Goulart, Vice President of Brazil. |
| May 17, 1956 | Joint meeting |do | Sukarno, President of Indonesia. |
| 85th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 5, 1957 | Joint session | Middle East message | President Dwight D. Eisenhower. |
| Jan. 7, 1957 |do | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Jan. 10, 1957 |do | State of the Union Address | President Dwight D. Eisenhower. |
| Jan. 21, 1957 |do | Inauguration, East Portico | President Dwight D. Eisenhower; Vice President Richard M. Nixon. |
| Feb. 27, 1957 | House | Address | Guy Mollet, Premier of France. |
| Do | Senate |do | Do. |
| May 9, 1957 | Joint meeting | Address | Ngo Dinh Diem, President of Vietnam. |
| May 28, 1957 | House |do | Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of West Germany. |
| Do | Senate |do | Do. |

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| June 20, 1957 |do |do | Nobusuke Kishi, Prime Minister of Japan. |
| Do | House |do | Do. |
| July 11, 1957 | Senate |do | Hussey Shaheed Suhrawardy, Prime Minister of Pakistan. |
| Jan. 9, 1958 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Dwight D. Eisenhower. |
| June 5, 1958 | Joint meeting | Address | Theodor Heuss, President of West Germany. |
| June 10, 1958 | Senate |do | Harold Macmillan, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. |
| June 18, 1958 | Joint meeting |do | Carlos F. Garcia, President of the Philippines. |
| June 25, 1958 | House |do | Muhammad Daoud Khan, Prime Minister of Afghanistan. |
| Do | Senate |do | Do. |
| July 24, 1958 |do |do | Kwame Nkrumah, Prime Minister of Ghana. |
| July 25, 1958 | House |do | Do. |
| July 29, 1958 | Senate |do | Amintore Fanfani, Prime Minister of Italy. |
| Do | House |do | Do. |
| 86th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 9, 1959 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Dwight D. Eisenhower. |
| Jan. 21, 1959 | Joint meeting | Address | Arturo Frondizi, President of Argentina. |
| Feb. 12, 1959 | Joint session | Sesquicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth. | Fredric March, actor; Carl Sandburg, poet. |
| Mar. 11, 1959 | Joint meeting | Address | Jose Maria Lemus, President of El Salvador. |
| Mar. 18, 1959 |do |do | Sean T. O'Kelly, President of Ireland. |
| May 12, 1959 |do |do | Baudouin, King of the Belgians. |
| Jan. 7, 1960 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Dwight D. Eisenhower. |
| Mar. 30, 1960 | Senate | Address | Harold Macmillan, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. |
| Apr. 6, 1960 | Joint meeting |do | Alberto Lleras-Camargo, President of Colombia. |
| Apr. 25, 1960 |do |do | Charles de Gaulle, President of France. |
| Apr. 28, 1960 |do |do | Mahendra, King of Nepal. |
| June 29, 1960 |do |do | Bhumibol Adulyadej, King of Thailand. |
| 87th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 6, 1961 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Jan. 20, 1961 |do | Inauguration, East Portico | President John F. Kennedy; Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson. |
| Jan. 30, 1961 |do | State of the Union Address | President John F. Kennedy. |
| Apr. 13, 1961 | Senate | Remarks | Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of West Germany. |
| Apr. 18, 1961 | House | Address | Constantine Karamanlis, Prime Minister of Greece. |
| May 4, 1961 | Joint meeting |do | Habib Bourguiba, President of Tunisia. |
| May 25, 1961 | Joint session | Urgent national needs: foreign aid, defense, civil defense, and outer space. | President John F. Kennedy. |
| June 22, 1961 | Senate | Remarks | Hayato Ikeda, Prime Minister of Japan. |
| Do | House | Address | Do. |
| July 12, 1961 | Joint meeting |do | Mohammad Ayub Khan, President of Pakistan. |
| July 26, 1961 | House |do | Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, Prime Minister of Nigeria. |
| Sept. 21, 1961 | Joint meeting |do | Manuel Prado, President of Peru. |
| Jan. 11, 1962 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President John F. Kennedy. |
| Feb. 26, 1962 | Joint meeting | Friendship 7; 1st United States orbital space flight. | Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Jr., USMC; Friendship 7 astronaut. |
| Apr. 4, 1962 |do | Address | João Goulart, President of Brazil. |
| Apr. 12, 1962 |do |do | Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi, Shahanshah of Iran. |
| 88th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 14, 1963 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President John F. Kennedy. |
| May 21, 1963 | Joint meeting | Flight of Faith 7 Spacecraft | Maj. Gordon L. Cooper, Jr., USAF, Faith 7 astronaut. |
| Oct. 2, 1963 | Senate | Address | Haile Selassie I, Emperor of Ethiopia. |
| Nov. 27, 1963 | Joint session | Assumption of office | President Lyndon B. Johnson. |
| Jan. 8, 1964 |do | State of the Union Address | Do. |
| Jan. 15, 1964 | Joint meeting | Address | Antonio Segni, President of Italy. |
| May 28, 1964 |do |do | Eamon de Valera, President of Ireland. |
| 89th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 4, 1965 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Lyndon B. Johnson. |
| Jan. 6, 1965 |do | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Jan. 20, 1965 | Joint session ³² | Inauguration, East Portico | President Lyndon B. Johnson; Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey. |

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| Mar. 15, 1965 | Joint session | Voting rights | President Lyndon B. Johnson. |
| Sept. 14, 1965 | Joint meeting | Flight of Gemini 5 Spacecraft | Lt. Col. Gordon L. Cooper, Jr., USAF; and Charles Conrad, Jr., USN; Gemini 5 astronauts. |
| Jan. 12, 1966 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Lyndon B. Johnson. |
| Sept. 15, 1966 | Joint meeting | Address | Ferdinand E. Marcos, President of the Philippines. |
| 90th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 10, 1967 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Lyndon B. Johnson. |
| Apr. 28, 1967 | Joint meeting | Vietnam policy | General William C. Westmoreland. |
| Aug. 16, 1967 | Senate | Address | Kurt George Kiesinger, Chancellor of West Germany. |
| Oct. 27, 1967 | Joint meeting |do | Gustavo Diaz Ordaz, President of Mexico. |
| Jan. 17, 1968 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Lyndon B. Johnson. |
| 91st CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 6, 1969 |do | Counting electoral votes ³³ | N.A. |
| Jan. 9, 1969 | Joint meeting | Apollo 8: 1st flight around the moon .. | Col. Frank Borman, USAF; Capt. James A. Lowell, Jr., USN; Lt. Col. William A. Anders, USAF; Apollo 8 astronauts. |
| Jan. 14, 1969 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Lyndon B. Johnson. |
| Jan. 20, 1969 | Joint session ³² .. | Inauguration, East Portico | President Richard M. Nixon; Vice President Spiro T. Agnew. |
| Sept. 16, 1969 | Joint meeting | Apollo 11: 1st lunar landing | Neil A. Armstrong; Col. Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., USAF; and Lt. Col. Michael Collins, USAF; Apollo 11 astronauts. |
| Nov. 13, 1969 | House | Executive-Legislative branch relations and Vietnam policy. | President Richard M. Nixon. |
| Do | Senate |do | Do. |
| Jan. 22, 1970 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | Do. |
| Feb. 25, 1970 | Joint meeting | Address | Georges Pompidou, President of France. |
| June 3, 1970 |do |do | Rafael Caldera, President of Venezuela. |
| Sept. 22, 1970 |do | Report on prisoners of war | Col. Frank Borman, Representative to the President on Prisoners of War. |
| 92d CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 22, 1971 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Richard M. Nixon. |
| Sept. 9, 1971 |do | Economic policy | Do. |
| Do | Joint meeting | Apollo 15: lunar mission | Col. David R. Scott, USAF; Col. James B. Irwin, USAF; and Lt. Col. Alfred M. Worden, USAF; Apollo 15 astronauts. |
| Jan. 20, 1972 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Richard M. Nixon. |
| June 1, 1972 |do | European trip report | Do. |
| June 15, 1972 | Joint meeting | Address | Luis Echeverria Alvarez, President of Mexico. |
| 93d CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 6, 1973 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Jan. 20, 1973 | Inauguration | East Portico | President Richard M. Nixon; Vice President Spiro T. Agnew. |
| Dec. 6, 1973 | Joint meeting | Oath of office to, and Address by Vice President Gerald R. Ford. | Vice President Gerald R. Ford; ceremony attended by President Richard M. Nixon. |
| Do | Senate | Remarks and Reception | Vice President Gerald R. Ford. |
| Jan. 30 1974 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Richard M. Nixon. |
| Aug. 12, 1974 |do | Assumption of office | President Gerald R. Ford. |
| Oct. 8, 1974 |do | Economy | Do. |
| Dec. 19, 1974 | Senate | Address ³⁴ | Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller. |
| 94th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 15, 1975 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Gerald R. Ford. |
| Apr. 10, 1975 |do | State of the World message | Do. |
| June 17, 1975 | Joint meeting | Address | Walter Scheel, President of West Germany. |
| Nov. 5, 1975 |do |do | Anwar El Sadat, President of Egypt. |
| Jan. 19, 1976 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Gerald R. Ford. |
| Jan. 28, 1976 | Joint meeting | Address | Yitzhak Rabin, Prime Minister of Israel. |
| Mar. 17, 1976 |do |do | Liam Cosgrave, Prime Minister of Ireland. |
| May 18, 1976 | Joint meeting | Address | Valery Giscard d'Estaing, President of France. |
| June 2, 1976 |do |do | Juan Carlos I, King of Spain. |
| Sept. 23, 1976 |do |do | William R. Tolbert, Jr., President of Liberia. |

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| 95th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 6, 1977 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Jan. 12, 1977 |do | State of the Union Address | President Gerald R. Ford. |
| Jan. 20, 1977 | Inauguration | East Portico | President Jimmy Carter; Vice President Walter F. Mondale. |
| Feb. 17, 1977 | House | Address | José López Portillo, President of Mexico. |
| Feb. 22, 1977 | Joint meeting | Address | Pierre Elliot Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada. |
| Apr. 20, 1977 | Joint session | Energy | President Jimmy Carter. |
| Jan. 19, 1978 |do | State of the Union Address | Do. |
| Sept. 18, 1978 |do | Middle East Peace agreements | President Jimmy Carter; joint session attended by Anwar El Sadat, President of Egypt, and by Menachem Begin, Prime Minister of Israel. |
| 96th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 23, 1979 |do | State of the Union Address | Do. |
| June 18, 1979 |do | Salt II agreements | Do. |
| Jan. 23, 1980 |do | State of the Union Address | Do. |
| 97th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 6, 1981 |do | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Jan. 20, 1981 | Joint session ³² .. | Inauguration, West Front | President Ronald Reagan; Vice President George Bush. |
| Feb. 18, 1981 | Joint session | Economic recovery | President Ronald Reagan. |
| Apr. 28, 1981 |do | Economic recovery—inflation | Do. |
| Jan. 26, 1982 |do | State of the Union Address | Do. |
| Jan. 28, 1982 | Joint meeting | Centennial of birth of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. | Dr. Arthur Schlesinger, historian; Senator Jennings Randolph; Representative Claude Pepper; Averell Harriman, former Governor of New York ³⁵ ; former Representative James Roosevelt, son of President Roosevelt. |
| Apr. 21, 1982 |do | Address | Beatrix, Queen of the Netherlands. |
| 98th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 25, 1983 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Ronald Reagan. |
| Apr. 27, 1983 |do | Central America | Do. |
| Oct. 5, 1983 | Joint meeting | Address | Karl Carstens, President of West Germany. |
| Jan. 25, 1984 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Ronald Reagan. |
| Mar. 15, 1984 | Joint meeting | Address | Dr. Garrett FitzGerald, Prime Minister of Ireland. |
| Mar. 22, 1984 |do |do | François Mitterand, President of France. |
| May 8, 1984 |do | Centennial of birth of Harry S. Truman | Representatives Ike Skelton and Alan Wheat; former Senator Stuart Symington; Margaret Truman Daniel, daughter of President Truman; and Senator Mark Hatfield. |
| May 16, 1984 |do | Address | Miguel de la Madrid, President of Mexico. |
| 99th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 7, 1985 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Jan. 21, 1985 | Inauguration | Rotunda ³⁶ | President Ronald Reagan; Vice President George Bush. |
| Feb. 6, 1985 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Ronald Reagan. |
| Feb. 20, 1985 | Joint meeting | Address | Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. |
| Mar. 6, 1985 |do |do | Bettino Craxi, President of the Council of Ministers of Italy. |
| Mar. 20, 1985 |do |do | Raul Alfonsín, President of Argentina. |
| June 13, 1985 |do |do | Rajiv Gandhi, Prime Minister of India. |
| Oct. 9, 1985 |do |do | Lee Kuan Yew, Prime Minister of Singapore. |
| Nov. 21, 1985 | Joint session | Geneva Summit | President Ronald Reagan. |
| Feb. 4, 1986 |do | State of the Union Address | Do. |
| Sept. 11, 1986 | Joint meeting | Address | Jose Sarney, President of Brazil. |
| Sept. 18, 1986 |do |do | Corazon C. Aquino, President of the Philippines. |
| 100th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 27, 1987 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Ronald Reagan. |
| Nov. 10, 1987 | Joint meeting | Address | Chaim Herzog, President of Israel. |
| Jan. 25, 1988 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President Ronald Reagan. |
| Apr. 27, 1988 | Joint meeting | Address | Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada. |
| June 23, 1988 |do |do | Robert Hawke, Prime Minister of Australia. |

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| 101st CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 4, 1989 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Jan. 20, 1989 | Inauguration | West Front | President George Bush; Vice President Dan Quayle. |
| Feb. 9, 1989 | Joint session | Building a Better America | President George Bush. |
| Mar. 2, 1989 | Joint meeting | Bicentennial of the 1st Congress | President Pro Tempore Robert C. Byrd; Speaker James C. Wright, Jr.; Representatives Lindy Boggs, Thomas S. Foley, and Robert H. Michel; Senators George Mitchell and Robert Dole; Howard Nemerov, Poet Laureate of the United States; David McCullough, historian; Anthony M. Frank, Postmaster General; former Senator Nicholas Brady, Secretary of the Treasury. |
| Apr. 6, 1989 | Senate ³⁷ | Addresses on the 200th anniversary commemoration of Senate's first legislative session. | Former Senators Thomas F. Eagleton and Howard H. Baker, Jr.. |
| June 7, 1989 | Joint meeting | Address | Benazir Bhutto, Prime Minister of Pakistan. |
| Oct. 4, 1989 |do |do | Carlos Salinas de Gortari, President of Mexico. |
| Oct. 18, 1989 |do |do | Roh Tae Woo, President of South Korea. |
| Nov. 15, 1989 |do |do | Lech Walesa, chairman of Solidarność labor union, Poland. |
| Jan. 31, 1990 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President George Bush. |
| Feb. 21, 1990 | Joint meeting | Address | Vaclav Havel, President of Czechoslovakia. |
| Mar. 7, 1990 |do |do | Giulio Andreotti, President of the Council of Ministers of Italy. |
| Mar. 27, 1990 |do | Centennial of birth of Dwight D. Eisenhower. | Senator Robert Dole; Walter Cronkite, television journalist; Winston S. Churchill, member of British Parliament and grandson of Prime Minister Churchill; Clark M. Clifford, former Secretary of Defense; James D. Robinson III, chairman of Eisenhower Centennial Foundation; Arnold Palmer, professional golfer; John S.D. Eisenhower, former Ambassador to Belgium and son of President Eisenhower; Representatives Beverly Byron, William F. Goodling, and Pat Roberts. |
| June 26, 1990 |do | Address | Nelson Mandela, Deputy President of the African National Congress, South Africa. |
| Sept. 11, 1990 | Joint session | Invasion of Kuwait by Iraq | President George Bush. |
| 102d CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 29, 1991 |do | State of the Union Address | Do. |
| Mar. 6, 1991 |do | Conclusion of Persian Gulf War | Do. |
| Apr. 16, 1991 | Joint meeting | Address | Violeta B. de Chamorro, President of Nicaragua. |
| May 8, 1991 | House ³⁸ |do | General H. Norman Schwarzkopf. |
| May 16, 1991 | Joint meeting | Address | Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom; joint meeting also attended by Prince Philip. |
| Nov. 14, 1991 |do |do | Carlos Saul Menem, President of Argentina. |
| Jan. 28, 1992 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President George Bush. |
| Apr. 30, 1992 | Joint meeting | Address | Richard von Weizsäcker, President of Germany. |
| June 17, 1992 |do |do | Boris Yeltsin, President of Russia. |
| 103d CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 6, 1993 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Jan. 20, 1993 | Inauguration | West Front | President William J. Clinton; Vice President Albert Gore. |
| Feb. 17, 1993 | Joint session | Economic Address ³⁹ | President William J. Clinton. |
| Sept. 22, 1993 |do | Health care reform | Do. |
| Jan. 25, 1994 |do | State of the Union Address | Do. |
| May 18, 1994 | Joint meeting | Address | Narasimha Rao, Prime Minister of India. |
| July 26, 1994 |do | Addresses | Hussein I, King of Jordan; Yitzhak Rabin, Prime Minister of Israel. |
| Oct. 6, 1994 |do | Address | Nelson Mandela, President of South Africa. |
| 104th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 24, 1995 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President William J. Clinton. |

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| July 26, 1995 | Joint meeting | Address | Kim Yong-sam, President of South Korea. ⁴⁰ |
| Oct. 11, 1995 |do | Close of the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of World War II. | Speaker Newt Gingrich; Vice President Albert Gore; President Pro Tempore Strom Thurmond; Representatives Henry J. Hyde and G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery; Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Robert Dole; former Representative Robert H. Michel; General Louis H. Wilson (ret.), former Commandant of the Marine Corps. |
| Dec. 12, 1995 |do | Address | Shimon Peres, Prime Minister of Israel. |
| Jan. 30, 1996 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President William J. Clinton. |
| Feb. 1, 1996 | Joint meeting | Address | Jacques Chirac, President of France. |
| July 10, 1996 |do |do | Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel. |
| Sept. 11, 1996 |do |do | John Bruton, Prime Minister of Ireland. |
| 105th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 9, 1997 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Jan. 20, 1997 | Inauguration | West Front | President William J. Clinton; Vice President Albert Gore. |
| Feb. 4, 1997 | Joint session | State of the Union Address ⁴¹ | President William J. Clinton. |
| Feb. 27, 1997 | Joint meeting | Address | Eduardo Frei, President of Chile. |
| Jan. 27, 1998 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President William J. Clinton. |
| June 10, 1998 | Joint meeting | Address | Kim Dae-jung, President of South Korea. |
| July 15, 1998 |do |do | Emil Constantinescu, President of Romania. |
| 106th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 19, 1999 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President William J. Clinton. |
| Jan. 27, 2000 |do |do | Do. |
| Sept. 14, 2000 | Joint meeting | Address | Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister of India. |
| 107th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 6, 2001 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Jan. 20, 2001 | Inauguration | West Front | President George W. Bush; Vice President Richard B. Cheney. |
| Feb. 27, 2001 | Joint session | Budget message ³⁹ | President George W. Bush. |
| Sept. 6, 2001 | Joint meeting | Address | Vicente Fox, President of Mexico. |
| Sept. 20, 2001 | Joint session | War on terrorism | President George W. Bush; joint session attended by Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, by Tom Ridge, Governor of Pennsylvania, by George Pataki, Governor of New York, and by Rudolph Giuliani, Mayor of New York City. |
| Jan. 29, 2002 |do | State of the Union Address | President George W. Bush; joint session attended by Hamid Karzai, Chairman of the Interim Authority of Afghanistan. |
| 108th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 28, 2003 |do |do | President George W. Bush. |
| July 17, 2003 | Joint meeting | Address | Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom; joint meeting attended by Mrs. George W. Bush. |
| Jan. 20, 2004 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President George W. Bush. |
| Feb. 4, 2004 | Joint meeting | Address | Jose Maria Aznar, President of the Government of Spain. |
| June 15, 2004 |do |do | Hamid Karzai, President of Afghanistan. |
| Sept. 23, 2004 |do |do | Ayad Allawi, Interim Prime Minister of Iraq. |
| 109th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 6, 2005 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes ⁴² | N.A. |
| Jan. 20, 2005 | Inauguration | West Front | President George W. Bush; Vice President Richard B. Cheney. |
| Feb. 2, 2005 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President George W. Bush. |
| Apr. 6, 2005 | Joint meeting | Address | Viktor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine. |
| July 19, 2005 |do |do | Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India. |
| Jan. 31, 2006 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President George W. Bush. |
| Mar. 1, 2006 | Joint meeting | Address | Silvio Berlusconi, Prime Minister of Italy. |
| Mar. 15, 2006 | Joint meeting | Address | Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of Liberia. |
| May 24, 2006 |do |do | Ehud Olmert, Prime Minister of Israel. |
| June 7, 2006 |do |do | Dr. Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of Latvia. |
| July 26, 2006 |do |do | Nouri Al-Maliki, Prime Minister of Iraq. |
| 110th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 23, 2007 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President George W. Bush. |

JOINT SESSIONS AND MEETINGS, ADDRESSES TO THE SENATE OR THE HOUSE, AND INAUGURATIONS—CONTINUED

[See notes at end of table]

| Congress & Date | Type | Occasion, topic, or inaugural location | Name and position of dignitary (where applicable) |
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| Mar. 7, 2007 | Joint meeting | Address | Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein, King of Jordan. |
| Nov. 7, 2007 |do |do | Nicolas Sarkozy, President of France. |
| Jan. 28, 2008 | Joint session | State of the Union Address | President George W. Bush. |
| Apr. 30, 2008 | Joint meeting | Address | Bertie Ahern, Prime Minister of Ireland. |
| 111th CONGRESS | | | |
| Jan. 8, 2009 | Joint session | Counting electoral votes | N.A. |
| Jan. 20, 2009 | Inauguration | West Front | President Barack H. Obama; Vice President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. |
| Feb. 24, 2009 | Joint session | Address | President Barack H. Obama. |
| Mar. 4, 2009 | Joint meeting |do | Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. |
| Sept. 9, 2009 | Joint session | Health care reform | President Barack H. Obama. |

¹ Closing date for this table was September 9, 2009.² The oath of office was administered to George Washington outside on the gallery in front of the Senate Chamber, after which the Congress and the President returned to the chamber to hear the inaugural address. They then proceeded to St. Paul's Chapel for the "divine service" performed by the Chaplain of the Congress. Adjournment of the ceremony did not occur until the Congress returned to Federal Hall.³ Funeral oration was delivered at the German Lutheran Church in Philadelphia.⁴ Because of a tie in the electoral vote between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, the House of Representatives had to decide the election. Thirty-six ballots were required to break the deadlock, with Jefferson's election as President and Burr's as Vice President on February 17. The Twelfth Amendment was added to the Constitution to prevent the 1800 problem from recurring.⁵ During most of the period while the Capitol was being reconstructed following the fire of 1814, the Congress met in the "Brick Capitol," constructed on the site of the present Supreme Court building. This joint session took place in the Representatives' chamber on the 2d floor of the building.⁶ The joint session to count electoral votes was dissolved because the House and Senate disagreed on Missouri's status regarding statehood. The joint session was reconvened the same day and Missouri's votes were counted.⁷ While this occasion has historically been referred to as the first joint meeting of Congress, the Journals of the House and Senate indicate that Lafayette actually addressed the House of Representatives, with some of the Senators present as guests of the House (having been invited at the last minute to attend). Similar occasions, when members of the one body were invited as guests of the other, include the Senate address by Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands on Aug. 6, 1942, and the House address by General H. Norman Schwarzkopf on May 8, 1991.⁸ Although Andrew Jackson won the popular vote by a substantial amount and had the highest number of electoral votes from among the several candidates, he did not receive the required majority of the electoral votes. The responsibility for choosing the new President therefore devolved upon the House of Representatives. As soon as the Senators left the chamber, the balloting proceeded, and John Quincy Adams was elected on the first ballot.⁹ The ceremony was moved outside to accommodate the extraordinarily large crowd of people who had come to Washington to see the inauguration.¹⁰ The ceremony was moved inside because of cold weather.¹¹ Following the death of President Zachary Taylor, Vice President Millard Fillmore took the Presidential oath of office in a special joint session in the Hall of the House.¹² The joint session to count electoral votes was dissolved three times so that the House and Senate could resolve several electoral disputes.¹³ Because of a severe cold and hoarseness, the King could not deliver his speech, which was read by former Representative Elisha Hunt Allen, then serving as Chancellor and Chief Justice of the Hawaiian Islands.¹⁴ The contested election between Rutherford B. Hayes and Samuel J. Tilden created a constitutional crisis. Tilden won the popular vote by a close margin, but disputes concerning the electoral vote returns from four states deadlocked the proceedings of the joint session. Anticipating this development, the Congress had created a special commission of five Senators, five Representatives, and five Supreme Court Justices to resolve such disputes. The Commission met in the Supreme Court Chamber (the present Old Senate Chamber) as each problem arose. In each case, the Commission accepted the Hayes electors, securing his election by one electoral vote. The joint session was convened on 15 occasions, with the last on March 2, just three days before the inauguration.¹⁵ The speech was written by former Speaker and Senator Robert C. Winthrop, who could not attend the ceremony because of ill health.¹⁶ Because of a blizzard, the ceremony was moved inside, where it was held as part of the Senate's special session. President William Howard Taft took the oath of office and gave his inaugural address after Vice President James S. Sherman's inaugural address and the swearing-in of the new senators.¹⁷ Held in the Senate Chamber.¹⁸ Bakhmetieff represented the provisional government of Russia set up after the overthrow of the monarchy in March 1917 and recognized by the United States. The Bolsheviks took over in November 1917.¹⁹ The address and reception were in conjunction with the presentation to the Senate by France of two Sèvres vases in appreciation of the United States' involvement in World War I. The vases are today in the Senate lobby, just off the Senate floor. Two additional Sèvres vases were given without ceremony to the House of Representatives, which today are in the Rayburn Room, not far from the floor of the House.²⁰ Senators later objected to President Harding's speech (given with no advance notice to most of the Senators) as an unconstitutional effort to interfere with the deliberations of the Senate, and Harding did not repeat visits of this kind.²¹ This was the first Annual Message broadcast live on radio.²² This was the first inauguration held pursuant to the Twentieth Amendment, which changed the date from March 4 to January 20. The Vice Presidential oath, which previously had been given earlier on the same day in the Senate Chamber, was added to the inaugural ceremony as well, but the Vice Presidential inaugural address was discontinued.²³ A joint reception for the King and Queen of the United Kingdom was held in the Rotunda, authorized by Senate Concurrent Resolution 17, 76th Congress. Although the concurrent resolution was structured to establish a joint meeting, the Senate, in fact, adjourned rather than recessed as called for by the resolution.²⁴ Held in the Senate Chamber.²⁵ At this time, the Philippines was still a possession of the United States, although it had been made a self-governing commonwealth in 1935, in preparation for full independence in 1946. From 1909 to 1916, Quezon had served in the U.S. House of Representatives as the resident commissioner from the Philippines.²⁶ In exile.

²⁷For this Senate Address by Queen Wilhelmina, the members of the House of Representatives were invited as guests. This occasion has sometimes been mistakenly referred to as a joint meeting.

²⁸The oaths of office were taken in simple ceremonies at the White House because the expense and festivity of a Capitol ceremony were thought inappropriate because of the war. The Joint Committee on Arrangements of the Congress was in charge, however, and both the Senate and the House of Representatives were present.

²⁹This was the first time the term "State of the Union Address" was used for the President's Annual Message. Also, it was the first time the address was shown live on television.

³⁰This was an informal meeting in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library of Congress.

³¹Presentation of new ivory gavel to the Senate.

³²According to the Congressional Record, the Senate adjourned prior to the inaugural ceremonies, even though the previously adopted resolution had stated the adjournment would come immediately following the inauguration. The Senate Journal records the adjournment as called for in the resolution, hence this listing as a joint session.

³³The joint session to count electoral votes was dissolved so that the House and Senate could each resolve the dispute regarding a ballot from North Carolina. The joint session was reconvened the same day and the North Carolina vote was counted.

³⁴Rockefeller was sworn in as Vice President by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, after which, by unanimous consent, he was allowed to address the Senate.

³⁵Because the Governor had laryngitis, his speech was read by his wife, Pamela.

³⁶The ceremony was moved inside because of extremely cold weather.

³⁷These commemorative addresses were given in the Old Senate Chamber during a regular legislative session.

³⁸For this House Address by General Schwarzkopf, the members of the Senate were invited as guests.

³⁹This speech was mislabeled in many sources as a State of the Union Address.

⁴⁰President Kim Yong-sam was in Washington for the dedication of the Korean Veterans' Memorial, held the day after this joint meeting.

⁴¹This was the first State of the Union Address carried live on the Internet.

⁴²The joint session to count electoral votes was dissolved so that the House and Senate could each discuss the dispute regarding the ballots from Ohio. The joint session was reconvened the same day and the Ohio votes were counted.