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					Senate	House of Representatives		
1st	1	Mar. 4, 1789	Sept. 29, 1789	210	John Langdon, of New Hampshire	Frederick A.C. Muhlenberg, of Pennsylvania.
2d	2	Jan. 4, 1790	Aug. 12, 1790	221do.	Jonathan Trumbull, of Connecticut.
	3	Dec. 6, 1790	Mar. 3, 1791	88	.....	.....	.....do.
	5	Mar. 4, 1791	May 8, 1791	1	.....	.....	Richard Henry Lee, of Virginia
3d	1	Oct. 24, 1791	Mar. 4, 1792	197	John Langdon, of New Hampshire.	Frederick A.C. Muhlenberg, of Pennsylvania.
	2	Nov. 3, 1792	Mar. 2, 1793	119	.....	.....	.....do.
	5	Mar. 4, 1793	Mar. 4, 1793	1	.....	.....	John Langdon, of New Hampshire;
4th	1	Dec. 2, 1793	June 9, 1794	190	Ralph Izard, of South Carolina.	Jonathan Dayton, of New Jersey.
	2	Nov. 3, 1794	Mar. 3, 1795	121	.....	.....	Henry Tazewell, of Virginia.
	5	June 8, 1795	June 26, 1795	19	.....	.....	.....do.
5th	1	Dec. 7, 1795	June 1, 1796	177	Henry Tazewell, of Virginia; Samuel	Do.
	2	Dec. 5, 1796	Mar. 3, 1797	89	.....	.....	Livermore, of New Hampshire.
	1–E	Mar. 4, 1797	Mar. 4, 1797	1	.....	.....	William Bingham, of Pennsylvania.
6th	1	May 15, 1797	July 10, 1797	57	Theodore Sedgwick, of Massachusetts.
	5	July 17, 1798	July 19, 1798	3	.....	.....	Jacob Read, of South Carolina; Theodore Sedgwick, of Massachusetts.
	2	Nov. 13, 1797	July 16, 1798	246	.....	.....	John Laurance, of New York; James Ross, of Pennsylvania.
7th	3	Dec. 3, 1798	Mar. 3, 1799	91	Samuel Livermore, of New Hampshire; Uriah Tracy, of Connecticut.	Nathaniel Macon, of North Carolina.
	1	Dec. 2, 1799	May 14, 1800	164	.....	.....	John E. Howard, of Maryland; James Hillhouse, of Connecticut.
	2	Nov. 17, 1800	Mar. 3, 1801	107	.....	.....	Dec. 23–Dec. 30, 1800
8th	1	Mar. 4, 1801	Mar. 5, 1801	2	
	5	Dec. 7, 1801	May 3, 1802	148	.....	.....	Abraham Baldwin, of Georgia

8th ...	2	1-E	Dec. 6, 1802	Mar. 3, 1803	88	.....	.....	Stephen R. Bradley, of Vermont. John Brown, of Kentucky; Jesse Frank- lin, of North Carolina.	Do.
9th ...	2		Nov. 5, 1804	Mar. 3, 1805	119	.....	.....	Joseph Anderson, of Tennessee.	Do.
10th ...	2		Dec. 2, 1805	Apr. 21, 1806	141	.....	.....	Samuel Smith, of Maryland	
	2	1-E	Dec. 26, 1807	Mar. 25, 1808	185	.....	.....	.....do.....	Joseph B. Varnum, of Massachusetts.
11th ...	2		Nov. 7, 1808	Mar. 3, 1809	117	.....	.....	Stephen R. Bradley, of Vermont; John Milledge, of Georgia.	
	S		Mar. 4, 1809	Mar. 7, 1809	4	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	1		May 22, 1809	June 28, 1809	38	.....	.....	Andrew Gregg, of Pennsylvania	Do.
	2		Nov. 27, 1809	May 1, 1810	156	.....	.....	John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	
12th ...	1-E		Dec. 3, 1810	Mar. 3, 1811	91	.....	.....	John Pope, of Kentucky.	Henry Clay, of Kentucky.
	2		Nov. 4, 1811	July 6, 1812	245	.....	.....	William H. Crawford, of Georgia	
13th ...	2		Nov. 2, 1812	Mar. 3, 1813	122	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do. ⁴
	2		May 24, 1813	Aug. 2, 1813	71	.....	.....	Joseph B. Varnum, of Massachusetts; John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	Langdon Cheves, of South Carolina. ⁴
	3-E		Dec. 6, 1813	Apr. 18, 1814	134	.....	.....	John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	Henry Clay, of Kentucky.
14th ...	2		Sept. 19, 1814	Mar. 3, 1815	166	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	2		Dec. 4, 1815	Apr. 30, 1816	148	.....	.....	.....do.....	
15th ...	S		Dec. 2, 1816	Mar. 3, 1817	92	.....	.....	James Barbour, of Virginia.	Do.
	2		Dec. 1, 1817	Mar. 6, 1817	3	.....	.....	James Barbour, of Virginia; John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	Do. ⁵
16th ...	2		Nov. 1, 1817	Apr. 20, 1818	141	.....	.....	John Gaillard, of South Carolina	John W. Taylor, of New York; ⁵ Philip P. Barbour, of Virginia.
	1		Nov. 16, 1818	Mar. 3, 1819	108	.....	.....	.....do.....	Henry Clay, of Kentucky.
17th ...	2		Dec. 6, 1819	May 15, 1820	162	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	2		Nov. 13, 1820	Mar. 3, 1821	111	.....	.....	.....do.....	
18th ...	2		Dec. 3, 1821	May 8, 1822	157	.....	.....	Nathaniel Macon, of North Carolina	John W. Taylor, of New York.
	2		Dec. 2, 1822	Mar. 3, 1823	92	.....	.....	Samuel Smith, of Maryland	Andrew Stevenson, of Virginia.
19th ...	S		Dec. 1, 1823	May 27, 1824	178	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	2		Dec. 6, 1824	Mar. 3, 1825	88	.....	.....	.....do.....	
20th ...	2		Dec. 4, 1825	Mar. 9, 1825	6	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	2		Dec. 5, 1825	May 22, 1826	169	.....	.....	.....do.....	
21st ...	2		Dec. 4, 1826	Mar. 3, 1827	90	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	2		Dec. 3, 1827	May 26, 1828	175	.....	.....	.....do.....	
22d ...	2		Dec. 1, 1828	Mar. 3, 1829	93	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	S		Dec. 4, 1829	Mar. 17, 1829	14	.....	.....	.....do.....	
23d ...	2		Dec. 7, 1829	May 31, 1830	176	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	2		Dec. 6, 1830	Mar. 3, 1831	88	.....	.....	Littleton Waller Tazewell, of Virginia ..	Do.
24th ...	2		Dec. 5, 1831	July 16, 1832	225	.....	.....	Hugh Lawson White, of Tennessee.	Do.
	2		Dec. 3, 1832	Mar. 2, 1833	91	.....	.....	George Poindexter, of Tennessee; John Tyler, of Virginia	Do. ⁶
25th ...	1		Dec. 2, 1833	June 30, 1834	211	.....	.....	William R. King, of Alabama	John Bell, of Tennessee; ⁶ James K. Polk, of Tennessee.
	2		Dec. 1, 1834	Mar. 3, 1835	93	.....	.....	.....do.....	
26th ...	1		Dec. 7, 1835	July 4, 1836	211	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	2		Dec. 5, 1836	Mar. 3, 1837	89	.....	.....	.....do.....	
27th ...	S		Dec. 4, 1837	Mar. 10, 1837	7	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	2	1-E	Sept. 4, 1837	Oct. 16, 1837	43	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	2		Dec. 4, 1837	July 9, 1838	218	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	3		Dec. 3, 1838	Mar. 3, 1839	91	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	2		Dec. 2, 1839	July 21, 1840	233	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	2		Dec. 7, 1840	Mar. 3, 1841	87	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	S		Mar. 4, 1841	Mar. 15, 1841	12	Robert M.T. Hunter, of Virginia. William R. King, of Alabama; Samuel L. Southard, of New Jersey.	

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28th ...	1–E	May 31, 1841	Sept. 13, 1841 ...	106	Samuel L. Southard, of New Jersey	John White, of Kentucky.
	2	Dec. 6, 1841	Aug. 31, 1842 ...	269	.....	.....	Willie P. Mangum, of North Carolina.	
	3	Dec. 5, 1842	Mar. 3, 1843	89	.....	.....	.....do.....	John W. Jones, of Virginia.
	1	Dec. 4, 1843	June 17, 1844 ...	196	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	2	Dec. 2, 1844	Mar. 3, 1845	92	.....	.....	.....do.....	
29th ...	5	Mar. 4, 1845	Mar. 20, 1845 ...	17	.....	.....
	1	Dec. 1, 1845	Aug. 10, 1846 ..	253	.....	.....	Ambrose H. Sevier; David R. Atchison, of Missouri.	John W. Davis, of Indiana.
30th ...	2	Dec. 7, 1846	Mar. 3, 1847	87	.....	.....	David R. Atchison, of Missouri.	
	1	Dec. 6, 1847	Aug. 14, 1848 ...	254	.....	.....	.....do.....	Robert C. Winthrop, of Massachusetts.
	2	Dec. 4, 1848	Mar. 3, 1849	90	.....	.....	.....do.....	
31st ...	5	Mar. 3, 1849	Mar. 23, 1849 ...	19	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	1	Dec. 3, 1849	Sept. 30, 1850 ...	302	.....	.....	William R. King, of Alabama	Howell Cobb, of Georgia.
32d	2	Dec. 2, 1850	Mar. 3, 1851	92	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	5	Mar. 4, 1851	Mar. 13, 1851 ...	10	.....	.....	.....do.....	Linn Boyd, of Kentucky.
	1	Dec. 1, 1851	Aug. 31, 1852 ...	275	.....	.....	David R. Atchison, of Missouri.	
33d	2	Dec. 6, 1852	Mar. 3, 1853	88	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
	5	Mar. 4, 1853	Apr. 11, 1853 ...	39	.....	.....	Lewis Cass, of Michigan; Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.	
	1	Dec. 5, 1853	Aug. 7, 1854	246	.....	.....	Charles E. Stuart, of Michigan; Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.	Nathaniel P. Banks, of Massachusetts.
	2	Dec. 4, 1854	Mar. 3, 1855	90	.....	.....	Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.	
34th ...	1	Dec. 3, 1855	Aug. 18, 1856 ..	260	.....	.....	James M. Mason, of Virginia.	
	2–E	Aug. 21, 1856	Aug. 30, 1856 ...	10	.....	.....	James M. Mason, of Virginia; Thomas J. Rusk, of Texas.	
35th ...	3	Dec. 1, 1856	Mar. 3, 1857	93	.....	.....	Benjamin Fitzpatrick, of Alabama	James L. Orr, of South Carolina.
	5	Mar. 4, 1857	Mar. 14, 1857 ...	11		
	1	Dec. 7, 1857	June 14, 1858 ...	189	Dec. 23, 1857–Jan. 4, 1858 ..	Dec. 23, 1857–Jan. 4, 1858 ..		

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49th ...	1	Dec. 3, 1883	July 7, 1884	218	Dec. 24, 1884–Jan. 5, 1885	Dec. 24, 1884–Jan. 5, 1885do.	John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky.
49th ...	2	Dec. 1, 1884	Mar. 3, 1885	93	.....	.....	.....	.....
50th ...	3	Mar. 4, 1885	Apr. 2, 1885	30	.....	.....	.....	.....
50th ...	1	Dec. 7, 1885	Aug. 5, 1886	242	Dec. 21, 1885–Jan. 5, 1886	Dec. 21, 1885–Jan. 5, 1886	John Sherman, of Ohio	Do.
50th ...	2	Dec. 6, 1886	Mar. 3, 1887	88	Dec. 22, 1886–Jan. 4, 1887	Dec. 22, 1886–Jan. 4, 1887	John J. Ingalls, of Kansas.	Do.
51st ...	1	Dec. 5, 1887	Oct. 20, 1888	321	Dec. 22, 1887–Jan. 4, 1888	Dec. 22, 1887–Jan. 4, 1888	.....do.	.....
51st ...	2	Dec. 3, 1888	Mar. 3, 1889	91	Dec. 21, 1888–Jan. 2, 1889	Dec. 21, 1888–Jan. 2, 1889	.....do.	.....
51st ...	3	Mar. 4, 1889	Apr. 2, 1889	30	.....	.....	.....do.	.....
52d ...	1	Dec. 2, 1889	Oct. 1, 1890	304	Dec. 21, 1889–Jan. 6, 1890	Dec. 21, 1889–Jan. 6, 1890	Charles F. Manderson, of Nebraska.	Thomas B. Reed, of Maine.
52d ...	2	Dec. 1, 1890	Mar. 3, 1891	95	.....	.....	.....do.	.....
53d ...	1	Dec. 7, 1891	Aug. 5, 1892	251	Dec. 22, 1891–Jan. 4, 1892	Dec. 22, 1891–Jan. 4, 1892	Charles F. Manderson, of Nebraska.	Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia.
53d ...	2	Dec. 5, 1892	Mar. 3, 1893	89	.....	.....	.....do.	.....
53d ...	3	Mar. 4, 1893	Apr. 15, 1893	43	.....	.....	.....do.	.....
54th ...	1-E	Aug. 7, 1893	Nov. 3, 1893	89	.....	.....	.....do.	.....
54th ...	2	Dec. 4, 1893	Aug. 28, 1894	268	.....	.....	Charles F. Manderson, of Nebraska;	.....
54th ...	3	Dec. 3, 1894	Mar. 3, 1895	97	.....	.....	Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee.	Do.
55th ...	1	Dec. 2, 1895	June 11, 1896	193	.....	.....	.....do.	.....
55th ...	2	Dec. 7, 1896	Mar. 3, 1897	87	Dec. 22, 1896–Jan. 5, 1897	Dec. 22, 1896–Jan. 5, 1897	Matt W. Ransom, of North Carolina;	Thomas B. Reed, of Maine.
55th ...	3	Mar. 4, 1897	Mar. 10, 1897	11	.....	.....	Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee.	.....
55th ...	1-E	Mar. 13, 1897	July 24, 1897	131	.....	.....	.....do.	.....
56th ...	2	Dec. 6, 1897	July 8, 1898	215	Dec. 18, 1897–Jan. 5, 1898	Dec. 18, 1897–Jan. 5, 1898	.....do.	Do.
56th ...	3	Dec. 5, 1898	Mar. 3, 1899	89	Dec. 21, 1898–Jan. 4, 1899	Dec. 21, 1898–Jan. 4, 1899	.....do.	.....
56th ...	1	Dec. 4, 1899	June 7, 1900	186	Dec. 20, 1899–Jan. 3, 1900	Dec. 20, 1899–Jan. 3, 1900	.....do.	.....
57th ...	2	Dec. 3, 1900	Mar. 3, 1901	91	Dec. 20, 1900–Jan. 3, 1901	Dec. 20, 1900–Jan. 3, 1901	.....do.	.....
57th ...	3	Mar. 4, 1901	Mar. 9, 1901	6	.....	.....	.....do.	David B. Henderson, of Iowa.

1	Dec. 2, 1901	July 1, 1902	212	Dec. 19, 1901-Jan. 6, 1902	Dec. 19, 1901-Jan. 6, 1902	Do.
2	Dec. 1, 1902	Mar. 3, 1903	93	Dec. 20, 1902-Jan. 5, 1903	Dec. 20, 1902-Jan. 5, 1903	Do.
3	Dec. 5, 1903	Mar. 19, 1903	15	Dec. 19, 1903-Jan. 4, 1904	Dec. 19, 1903-Jan. 4, 1904	Do.
4	Dec. 7, 1903	Apr. 28, 1904	144	Dec. 21, 1904-Jan. 4, 1905	Dec. 21, 1904-Jan. 4, 1905	Do.
5	Dec. 3, 1904	Mar. 3, 1905	85	Dec. 21, 1905-Jan. 4, 1906	Dec. 21, 1905-Jan. 4, 1906	Do.
6	Dec. 4, 1905	Mar. 18, 1906	209	Dec. 20, 1906-Jan. 3, 1907	Dec. 20, 1906-Jan. 3, 1907	Do.
7	Dec. 3, 1906	May 3, 1907	181	Dec. 21, 1907-Jan. 6, 1908	Dec. 21, 1907-Jan. 6, 1908	Do.
8	Dec. 2, 1907	Mar. 30, 1908	87	Dec. 19, 1908-Jan. 4, 1909	Dec. 19, 1908-Jan. 4, 1909	Do.
9	Dec. 7, 1908	Mar. 6, 1909	87	Dec. 21, 1909-Jan. 4, 1910	Dec. 21, 1909-Jan. 4, 1910	Do.
10	Mar. 4, 1909	Aug. 5, 1909	144	Dec. 21, 1910-Jan. 5, 1911	Dec. 21, 1910-Jan. 5, 1911	Do.
11	Mar. 15, 1909	June 25, 1910	202	Dec. 21, 1911-Jan. 3, 1912	Dec. 21, 1911-Jan. 3, 1912	Do.
12	Dec. 6, 1909	Aug. 5, 1910	89	Dec. 19, 1912-Jan. 2, 1913	Dec. 19, 1912-Jan. 2, 1913	Do.
13	Dec. 5, 1910	Mar. 3, 1911	141	Dec. 23, 1913-Jan. 12, 1914	Dec. 23, 1913-Jan. 12, 1914	Do.
14	Apr. 4, 1911	Aug. 22, 1911	267	Dec. 23-Dec. 28, 1914	Dec. 23-Dec. 28, 1914	Do.
15	Dec. 4, 1911	Aug. 26, 1912	92	Dec. 17, 1915-Jan. 4, 1916	Dec. 17, 1915-Jan. 4, 1916	Do.
16	Dec. 2, 1912	Mar. 3, 1913	14	Dec. 22, 1916-Jan. 2, 1917	Dec. 22, 1916-Jan. 2, 1917	Do.
17	Mar. 4, 1913	Mar. 17, 1913	239	Dec. 18, 1917-Jan. 3, 1918	Dec. 18, 1917-Jan. 3, 1918	Do.
18	Apr. 7, 1913	Oct. 24, 1914	328	July 1-July 8, 1919	July 1-July 8, 1919	Do.
19	Dec. 1, 1913	Oct. 24, 1914	87	Dec. 20, 1919-Jan. 5, 1920	Dec. 20, 1919-Jan. 5, 1920	Do.
20	Dec. 3, 1914	Mar. 3, 1915	278	Aug. 24-Sept. 21, 1921	Aug. 24-Sept. 21, 1921	Do.
21	Dec. 6, 1915	Sept. 8, 1916	90	Dec. 22, 1921-Jan. 3, 1922	Dec. 22, 1921-Jan. 3, 1922	Do.
22	Dec. 4, 1916	Mar. 3, 1917	12	Dec. 20, 1923-Jan. 3, 1924	Dec. 20, 1923-Jan. 3, 1924	Do.
23	Mar. 5, 1917	Mar. 16, 1917	188	Dec. 20-Dec. 29, 1924	Dec. 20-Dec. 29, 1924	Do.
24	Oct. 6, 1917	Oct. 6, 1917	354	Dec. 22, 1925-Jan. 4, 1926	Dec. 22, 1925-Jan. 4, 1926	Do.
25	Dec. 2, 1917	Nov. 21, 1918	92	Dec. 22, 1926-Jan. 3, 1927	Dec. 22, 1926-Jan. 3, 1927	Do.
26	Dec. 2, 1918	Mar. 3, 1919	185	Dec. 22, 1927-Jan. 4, 1928	Dec. 22, 1927-Jan. 4, 1928	Do.
27	May 19, 1919	Nov. 19, 1919	88	Dec. 22, 1928-Jan. 3, 1929	Dec. 22, 1928-Jan. 3, 1929	Do.
28	Dec. 1, 1919	June 5, 1920	127	June 19-Aug. 19, 1929	June 19-Aug. 19, 1929	Do.
29	Dec. 6, 1920	Mar. 3, 1921	227	Dec. 21, 1929-Jan. 6, 1930	Dec. 21, 1929-Jan. 6, 1930	Do.
30	Mar. 4, 1921	Mar. 15, 1921	292	Dec. 21, 1930	Dec. 21, 1930	Do.
31	Apr. 11, 1921	Nov. 23, 1921	5	Dec. 2, 1931	Dec. 2, 1931	Do.
32	Dec. 5, 1921	Sept. 22, 1922	188	Dec. 2, 1932	Dec. 2, 1932	Do.
33	Nov. 20, 1922	Dec. 4, 1922	93	Dec. 3, 1923	Dec. 3, 1923	Do.
34	Dec. 4, 1922	June 5, 1923	15	Dec. 4, 1925	Dec. 4, 1925	Do.
35	Dec. 3, 1923	Mar. 3, 1925	209	Dec. 7, 1925	Dec. 7, 1925	Do.
36	Mar. 4, 1925	Mar. 18, 1925	88	Dec. 6, 1926	Dec. 6, 1926	Do.
37	Dec. 7, 1925	July 3, 1926	91	Dec. 5, 1927	Dec. 5, 1927	Do.
38	Dec. 6, 1926	Mar. 4, 1927	22	Dec. 3, 1928	Dec. 3, 1928	Do.
39	Dec. 5, 1927	May 29, 1928	222	Dec. 4, 1929	Dec. 4, 1929	Do.
40	Dec. 3, 1928	Mar. 3, 1929	214	Dec. 2, 1929	Dec. 2, 1929	Do.
41	Dec. 5, 1929	Mar. 5, 1929	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
42	Apr. 15, 1929	Nov. 22, 1929	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
43	Dec. 2, 1929	July 3, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
44	July 7, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
45	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
46	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
47	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
48	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
49	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
50	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
51	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
52	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
53	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
54	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
55	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
56	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
57	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
58	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
59	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
60	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
61	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
62	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
63	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
64	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
65	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
66	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
67	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
68	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
69	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
70	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
71	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
72	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
73	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
74	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
75	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
76	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
77	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
78	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
79	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
80	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
81	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
82	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
83	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
84	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
85	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
86	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
87	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
88	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
89	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
90	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
91	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
92	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
93	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
94	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
95	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
96	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
97	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
98	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
99	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.
100	Dec. 2, 1930	July 21, 1930	15	Dec. 2, 1930	Dec. 2, 1930	Do.

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					Senate	House of Representatives		
72d ...	3	Dec. 1, 1930	Mar. 3, 1931	93	Dec. 20, 1930–Jan. 5, 1931 ..	Dec. 20, 1930–Jan. 5, 1931 ..	George H. Moses, of New Hampshire ..	Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio.
	1	Dec. 7, 1931	July 16, 1932 ...	223	Dec. 22, 1931–Jan. 4, 1932 ..	Dec. 22, 1931–Jan. 4, 1932 ..	.....do.....	John N. Garner, of Texas.
73d ...	2	Dec. 5, 1932	Mar. 3, 1933	89	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	5	Dec. 4, 1933	Mar. 6, 1933	3	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	1–E	Mar. 9, 1933	Mar. 9, 1933	99	.....	.....	Key Pittman, of Nevada	Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois.
	2	Jan. 3, 1934	June 15, 1933 ...	167	.....	.....	.....do.....	
74th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1935	June 18, 1934 ...	236	.....	.....	.....do.....	Joseph W. Byrns, of Tennessee. ¹¹
	2	Jan. 3, 1935	Aug. 26, 1935 ...	170	.....	.....	.....do.....	William B. Bankhead, of Alabama. ¹¹
	2	Jan. 3, 1936	June 20, 1936 ...	229	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do.
75th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1937	Aug. 21, 1937 ...	37	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	2–E	Nov. 15, 1937	Dec. 21, 1937 ...	165	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	3	Jan. 3, 1938	June 16, 1938 ...	215	.....	.....	.....do.....	Do. ¹²
76th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1939	Aug. 5, 1939	44	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	2–E	Sept. 21, 1939	Nov. 3, 1939	366	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	3	Jan. 3, 1940	Jan. 3, 1941	365	July 11–July 22, 1940	July 11–July 22, 1940	Key Pittman, of Nevada; ¹³ William H. King, of Utah. ¹³	Sam Rayburn, of Texas. ¹²
77th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1941	Jan. 2, 1942	346	.....	.....	Pat Harrison, of Mississippi; ¹⁴ Carter Glass, of Virginia. ¹⁴	Do.
	2	Jan. 5, 1942	Dec. 16, 1942 ...	350	.....	.....	.....do.....	
78th ...	1	Jan. 6, 1943	Dec. 21, 1943 ...	345	.....	.....	.....do.....	
	2	Jan. 10, 1944	Dec. 19, 1944 ...	353	July 8–Sept. 14, 1943	July 8–Sept. 14, 1943 .....	.....do.....	
				201	Apr. 1–Apr. 12, 1944	Apr. 1–Apr. 12, 1944 .....	.....do.....	
79th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1945	Dec. 21, 1945 ...	351	June 23–Aug. 1, 1944	June 23–Aug. 1, 1944 .....	.....do.....	
	2	Jan. 14, 1946	Aug. 2, 1946	361	Sept. 21–Nov. 14, 1944	Sept. 21–Nov. 14, 1944 .....	.....do.....	
80th ...	15 1	Jan. 3, 1947	Dec. 19, 1947 ...	361	Aug. 1–Sept. 5, 1945	Aug. 1–Sept. 5, 1945 .....	.....do.....	
	15 2	Jan. 6, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948 ...	361	July 27–Nov. 17, 1947	July 27–Nov. 17, 1947 .....	.....do.....	
					June 20–July 26, 1948	June 20–July 26, 1948 .....	.....do.....	
					Aug. 7–Dec. 31, 1948	Aug. 7–Dec. 31, 1948 .....	.....do.....	Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts.

81st ...	1	Jan. 3, 1949	Oct. 19, 1949 ...	290	Sept. 23—Nov. 27—1950	Apr. 6—Apr. 18, 1950	Sam Rayburn, of Texas.	Kenneth McKellar, of Tennessee	Do.
82d ...	2	Jan. 3, 1950	Jan. 2, 1951 ...	365	...	Sept. 23—Nov. 2, 1950	Do.	...	Do.
83d ...	1	Jan. 3, 1951	Oct. 20, 1951 ...	291	...	Mar. 22—Apr. 2, 1951	Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts.	Styles Bridges, of New Hampshire	Do.
	2	Jan. 8, 1952	July 7, 1952 ...	182	...	Aug. 23—Sept. 12, 1951	...	...	...
	1	Jan. 3, 1953	Aug. 3, 1953 ...	213	...	Apr. 10—Apr. 22, 1952	...	...	...
	2	Jan. 6, 1954	Dec. 2, 1954 ...	331	...	Apr. 2—Apr. 13, 1953	...	...	...
84th ...	1	Jan. 5, 1955	Aug. 2, 1955 ...	210	...	Apr. 15—Apr. 22, 1954	Sam Rayburn, of Texas.	Walter F. George, of Georgia	Do.
85th ...	2	Jan. 3, 1956	July 27, 1956 ...	207	...	Apr. 4—Apr. 13, 1955	...	...	...
86th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1957	Aug. 30, 1957 ...	239	...	Mar. 29—Apr. 9, 1956	Do.	...	...
	2	Jan. 7, 1958	Aug. 24, 1958 ...	230	...	Apr. 18—Apr. 29, 1957	Carl Hayden, of Arizona	...	...
	1	Jan. 7, 1959	Sept. 15, 1959 ...	252	...	Apr. 3—Apr. 14, 1958	Do.	...	...
	2	Jan. 6, 1960	Sept. 1, 1960 ...	240	...	Mar. 26—Apr. 7, 1959	Do.	...	...
87th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1961	Sept. 27, 1961 ...	268	...	Apr. 14—Apr. 18, 1960	Do. ¹⁶	...	...
	2	Jan. 10, 1962	Oct. 13, 1962 ...	277	...	May 27—May 31, 1960	John W. McCormack, of Massachusetts. ¹⁶	...	...
88th ...	1	Jan. 9, 1963	Dec. 30, 1963 ...	356	...	July 3—Aug. 8, 1960	Do.	...	...
	2	Jan. 7, 1964	Oct. 3, 1964 ...	270	...	Mar. 30—Apr. 10, 1961	Do.	...	...
89th ...	1	Jan. 4, 1965	Oct. 23, 1965 ...	293	...	Apr. 11—Apr. 22, 1963	Do.	...	...
	2	Jan. 10, 1966	Oct. 22, 1966 ...	286	...	Mar. 26—Apr. 6, 1964	Do.	...	...
90th ...	1	Jan. 10, 1967	Dec. 15, 1967 ...	340	...	July 2—July 20, 1964	Do.	...	...
	2	Jan. 15, 1968	Oct. 14, 1968 ...	274	...	Aug. 21—Aug. 31, 1964	Do.	...	...
91st ...	1	Jan. 3, 1969	Dec. 23, 1969 ...	355	...	Apr. 7—Apr. 18, 1966	Do.	...	...
	2	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971 ...	349	...	June 30—July 11, 1966	Do.	...	...
					...	Mar. 23—Apr. 3, 1967	Do.	...	...
					...	June 29—July 10, 1967	Do.	...	...
					...	Aug. 31—Sept. 11, 1967	Do.	...	...
					...	Nov. 22—Nov. 27, 1967	Do.	...	...
					...	Apr. 11—Apr. 22, 1968	Do.	...	...
					...	May 29—June 3, 1968	Do.	...	...
					...	June 3—July 8, 1968	Do.	...	...
					...	Aug. 2—Sept. 4, 1968	Do.	...	...
					...	Feb. 7—Feb. 17, 1969	Do.	...	...
					...	Apr. 3—Apr. 14, 1969	Do.	...	...
					...	May 28—June 2, 1969	Do.	...	...
					...	July 2—July 7, 1969	Do.	...	...
					...	Aug. 13—Sept. 3, 1969	Do.	...	...
					...	Nov. 6—Nov. 12, 1969	Do.	...	...
					...	Nov. 26—Dec. 1, 1969	Do.	...	...
					...	Feb. 10—Feb. 16, 1970	Do.	...	...
					...	Mar. 26—Mar. 31, 1970	Do.	...	...
					...	May 27—June 1, 1970	Do.	...	...
					...	July 1—July 6, 1970	Do.	...	...
					...	Aug. 14—Sept. 9, 1970	Do.	...	...
					...	Oct. 14—Nov. 16, 1970	Do.
					...	Nov. 25—Nov. 30, 1970	Do.
					...	Dec. 22—Dec. 28, 1970	Do.
					...	Dec. 22—Dec. 29, 1970	Do.

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					Senate	House of Representatives		
92d	1	Jan. 21, 1971	Dec. 17, 1971 ..	331	Feb. 11–Feb. 17, 1971	Feb. 10–Feb. 17, 1971	Richard B. Russell, of Georgia; ¹⁷ Allen J. Ellender, of Louisiana. ¹⁷	Carl B. Albert, of Oklahoma.
					Apr. 7–Apr. 14, 1971	Apr. 7–Apr. 19, 1971		
					May 26–June 1, 1971	May 27–June 1, 1971		
93d					June 30–July 6, 1971	July 1–July 6, 1971	Allen J. Ellender, of Louisiana; ¹⁸ James O. Eastland, of Mississippi. ¹⁸	Do.
					Aug. 6–Sept. 8, 1971	Aug. 6–Sept. 8, 1971		
					Oct. 21–Oct. 26, 1971	Oct. 7–Oct. 12, 1971		
	2	Jan. 18, 1972	Oct. 18, 1972 ..	275	Nov. 24–Nov. 29, 1971	Nov. 19–Nov. 29, 1971	James O. Eastland, of Mississippi	Do.
					Feb. 9–Feb. 14, 1972	Feb. 9–Feb. 16, 1972		
					Mar. 30–Apr. 4, 1972	Mar. 29–Apr. 10, 1972		
					May 25–May 30, 1972	May 24–May 30, 1972	James O. Eastland, of Mississippi	Do.
					June 30–July 17, 1972	June 30–July 17, 1972		
					Aug. 18–Sept. 5, 1972	Aug. 18–Sept. 5, 1972		
	1	Jan. 3, 1973	Dec. 22, 1973 ..	354	Feb. 8–Feb. 15, 1973	Feb. 8–Feb. 19, 1973	James O. Eastland, of Mississippi	Do.
					Apr. 18–Apr. 30, 1973	Apr. 19–Apr. 30, 1973		
					May 23–May 29, 1973	May 24–May 29, 1973		
					June 30–July 9, 1973	June 30–July 10, 1973	James O. Eastland, of Mississippi	Do.
					Aug. 3–Sept. 5, 1973	Aug. 3–Sept. 5, 1973		
					Oct. 18–Oct. 23, 1973	Oct. 4–Oct. 9, 1973		
					Nov. 21–Nov. 26, 1973	Oct. 18–Oct. 23, 1973	James O. Eastland, of Mississippi	Do.
					Feb. 8–Feb. 18, 1974	Nov. 15–Nov. 26, 1973		
					Mar. 13–Mar. 19, 1974	Feb. 7–Feb. 13, 1974		
	2	Jan. 21, 1974	Dec. 20, 1974 ..	334	Apr. 11–Apr. 22, 1974	Apr. 11–Apr. 22, 1974	James O. Eastland, of Mississippi	Do.
					May 23–May 28, 1974	May 23–May 28, 1974		
					Aug. 22–Sept. 4, 1974	Aug. 22–Sept. 11, 1974		
					Oct. 17–Nov. 18, 1974	Oct. 17–Nov. 18, 1974	James O. Eastland, of Mississippi	Do.
					Nov. 26–Dec. 2, 1974	Nov. 26–Dec. 3, 1974		
						.....do.	

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

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98th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1983	Nov. 18, 1983 ..	320	Jan. 3–Jan. 25, 1983	Jan. 6–Jan. 25, 1983	Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina	Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., of Massachusetts.
					Feb. 3–Jan. 14, 1983	Feb. 17–Feb. 22, 1983		
					Mar. 24–Apr. 5, 1983	Mar. 24–Apr. 5, 1983		
					May 26–June 6, 1983	May 26–June 1, 1983		
99th ...	2	Jan. 23, 1984	Oct. 12, 1984 ...	264	June 29–July 11, 1983	June 30–July 11, 1983do.	Do.
					Aug. 4–Sept. 12, 1983	Aug. 4–Sept. 12, 1983		
					Oct. 7–Oct. 17, 1983	Oct. 6–Oct. 17, 1983		
					Feb. 9–Feb. 20, 1984	Feb. 9–Feb. 21, 1984		
	1	Jan. 3, 1985	Dec. 20, 1985 ...	352	Apr. 12–Apr. 24, 1984	Apr. 12–Apr. 24, 1984do.	Do.
					May 24–May 31, 1984	May 24–May 30, 1984		
					June 29–July 23, 1984	June 29–July 23, 1984		
					Aug. 10–Sept. 5, 1984	Aug. 10–Sept. 5, 1984		
	2	Jan. 21, 1986	Oct. 18, 1986 ...	278	Jan. 7–Jan. 21, 1985	Jan. 3–Jan. 21, 1985do.	Do.
					Feb. 7–Feb. 18, 1985	Feb. 7–Feb. 19, 1985		
					Apr. 4–Apr. 15, 1985	Mar. 7–Mar. 19, 1985		
					May 9–May 14, 1985	Apr. 4–Apr. 15, 1985		
					May 24–June 3, 1985	May 23–June 3, 1985do.	Do.
					June 27–July 8, 1985	June 27–July 8, 1985		
					Aug. 1–Sept. 9, 1985	Aug. 1–Sept. 4, 1985		
					Nov. 23–Dec. 2, 1985	Nov. 21–Dec. 2, 1985		
					Feb. 7–Feb. 17, 1986	Feb. 6–Feb. 18, 1986do.	Do.
					Mar. 27–Apr. 8, 1986	Mar. 25–Apr. 8, 1986		
					May 21–June 2, 1986	May 22–June 3, 1986		
					June 26–July 7, 1986	June 26–July 14, 1986		
					Aug. 15–Sept. 8, 1986	Aug. 16–Sept. 8, 1986		

100th ..	1	Jan. 6, 1987	Dec. 22, 1987	351	<p>Jan. 6-Jan. 12, 1987</p> <p>Feb. 5-Feb. 16, 1987</p> <p>Apr. 10-Apr. 21, 1987</p> <p>May 21-May 27, 1987</p> <p>July 1-July 7, 1987</p> <p>Aug. 7-Sept. 9, 1987</p> <p>Nov. 20-Nov. 30, 1987</p>	<p>John C. Stennis, of Mississippi</p>	<p>James C. Wright, Jr., of Texas.</p>
	2	Jan. 25, 1988	Oct. 22, 1988	272	<p>Feb. 4-Feb. 15, 1988</p> <p>Mar. 4-Mar. 14, 1988</p> <p>Mar. 31-Apr. 11, 1988</p> <p>Apr. 29-May 9, 1988</p> <p>May 27-June 6, 1988</p> <p>June 29-July 6, 1988</p> <p>July 14-July 25, 1988</p> <p>Aug. 11-Sept. 7, 1988</p>	<p>.....do.</p>	
101st ..	1	Jan. 3, 1989	Nov. 22, 1989	324	<p>Jan. 4-Jan. 20, 1989</p> <p>Feb. 9-Feb. 21, 1989</p> <p>Mar. 17-Apr. 4, 1989</p> <p>Apr. 19-May 1, 1989</p> <p>May 18-May 31, 1989</p> <p>June 23-July 11, 1989</p> <p>Aug. 4-Sept. 6, 1989</p>	<p>Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia</p>	<p>James C. Wright, Jr., of Texas;²⁰ Thomas S. Foley, of Washington.²⁰</p>
	2	Jan. 23, 1990	Oct. 28, 1990	260	<p>Feb. 8-Feb. 20, 1990</p> <p>Mar. 9-Mar. 20, 1990</p> <p>Apr. 5-Apr. 18, 1990</p> <p>May 24-June 5, 1990</p> <p>June 28-July 10, 1990</p> <p>Aug. 4-Sept. 10, 1990</p>	<p>.....do.</p>	
102d ..	1	Jan. 3, 1991	Jan. 3, 1992	366	<p>Feb. 7-Feb. 19, 1991</p> <p>Mar. 22-Apr. 9, 1991</p> <p>Apr. 25-May 6, 1991</p> <p>May 24-June 3, 1991</p> <p>June 28-July 8, 1991</p> <p>Aug. 2-Sept. 10, 1991</p> <p>Nov. 27, 1991-Jan. 3, 1992</p>	<p>.....do</p>	<p>Thomas S. Foley, of Washington.</p>
	2	Jan. 3, 1992	Oct. 9, 1992	281	<p>Jan. 3-Jan. 21, 1992</p> <p>Feb. 7-Feb. 18, 1992</p> <p>Apr. 10-Apr. 28, 1992</p> <p>May 21-June 1, 1992</p> <p>July 2-July 20, 1992</p> <p>Aug. 12-Sept. 8, 1992</p>	<p>.....do.</p>	

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Congress	Session	Convening Date	Adjournment Date	Length in days ¹	Recesses ²		President pro tempore of the Senate ³	Speaker of the House of Representatives
					Senate	House of Representatives		
103d ...	1	Jan. 5, 1993	Nov. 26, 1993 ..	326	Jan. 7–Jan. 20, 1993	Jan. 6–Jan. 20, 1993	Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia	Thomas S. Foley, of Washington.
					Feb. 4–Feb. 16, 1993	Jan. 27–Feb. 2, 1993		
					Apr. 7–Apr. 19, 1993	Feb. 4–Feb. 16, 1993		
					May 28–June 7, 1993	Apr. 7–Apr. 19, 1993		
					July 1–July 13, 1993	May 27–June 8, 1993		
					Aug. 7–Sept. 7, 1993	July 1–July 13, 1993		
					Oct. 7–Oct. 13, 1993	Aug. 6–Sept. 8, 1993		
					Nov. 11–Nov. 16, 1993	Sept. 15–Sept. 21, 1993		
						Oct. 7–Oct. 12, 1993		
						Nov. 10–Nov. 15, 1993		
104th ...	2	Jan. 25, 1994	Dec. 1, 1994	311	Feb. 11–Feb. 22, 1994	Jan. 26–Feb. 1, 1994do.	Newt Gingrich, of Georgia.
					Mar. 26–Apr. 11, 1994	Feb. 11–Feb. 22, 1994		
					May 25–June 7, 1994	Mar. 24–Apr. 12, 1994		
					July 1–July 11, 1994	May 26–June 8, 1994		
					Aug. 25–Sept. 12, 1994	June 30–July 12, 1994		
					Oct. 8–Nov. 30, 1994	Aug. 26–Sept. 12, 1994		
						Oct. 8–Nov. 29, 1994		
					Feb. 16–Feb. 22, 1995	Feb. 16–Feb. 21, 1995		
					Apr. 7–Apr. 24, 1995	Mar. 16–Mar. 21, 1995		
					May 26–June 5, 1995	Apr. 7–May 1, 1995		
104th ...	1	Jan. 4, 1995	Jan. 3, 1996	365	June 30–July 10, 1995	May 3–May 9, 1995	Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina	
					Aug. 11–Sept. 5, 1995	May 25–June 6, 1995		
					Sept. 29–Oct. 10, 1995	June 30–July 10, 1995		
					Nov. 20–Nov. 27, 1995	Aug. 4–Sept. 6, 1995		
						Sept. 29–Oct. 6, 1995		
						Nov. 20–Nov. 28, 1995		

2	Jan. 3, 1996	Oct. 4, 1996	276	Jan. 10-Jan. 22, 1996	Jan. 9-Jan. 22, 1996 .....	.....do.	
				Mar. 29-Apr. 15, 1996	Mar. 29-Apr. 15, 1996		
				May 24-June 3, 1996	May 23-May 29, 1996		
				June 28-July 8, 1996	June 28-July 8, 1996		
				Aug. 2-Sept. 3, 1996	Aug. 2-Sept. 4, 1996		
1	Jan. 7, 1997	Nov. 13, 1997 ..	311	Jan. 9-Jan. 21, 1997	Jan. 9-Jan. 20, 1997 .....	.....do	Do.
				Feb. 13-Feb. 24, 1997	Jan. 21-Feb. 4, 1997		
				Mar. 21-Apr. 7, 1997	Feb. 13-Feb. 25, 1997		
				June 27-July 7, 1997	Mar. 21-Apr. 8, 1997		
				July 31-Sept. 2, 1997	June 26-July 8, 1997		
				Oct. 9-Oct. 20, 1997	Aug. 1-Sept. 3, 1997		
				Feb. 13-Feb. 23, 1998	Oct. 9-Oct. 21, 1997 .....	.....do.	
2	Jan. 27, 1998	Dec. 19, 1998 ...	327	Apr. 3-Apr. 20, 1998	Jan. 28-Feb. 3, 1998		
				May 22-June 1, 1998	Feb. 5-Feb. 11, 1998		
				June 26-July 6, 1998	Feb. 12-Feb. 24, 1998		
				July 31-Aug. 31, 1998	Apr. 1-Apr. 21, 1998		
				Adjourned sine die, Oct. 21, 1998.	May 22-June 3, 1998		
				Feb. 12-Feb. 22, 1999	June 25-July 14, 1998		
1	Jan. 6, 1999	Nov. 22, 1999 ..	321	Mar. 25-Apr. 12, 1999	Aug. 7-Sept. 9, 1998 .....	.....do	J. Dennis Hastert, of Illinois.
				May 27-June 7, 1999	Oct. 21-Dec. 17, 1998		
				July 1-July 12, 1999	Jan. 6-Jan. 19, 1999		
				Aug. 5-Sept. 8, 1999	Jan. 19-Feb. 2, 1999		
				Feb. 10-Feb. 22, 2000	Feb. 12-Feb. 23, 1999		
2	Jan. 24, 2000	Dec. 15, 2000 ...	326	Mar. 9-Mar. 20, 2000	Mar. 25-Apr. 12, 1999 .....	.....do.	
				Apr. 13-Apr. 25, 2000	May 27-June 7, 1999		
				May 25-June 6, 2000	July 1-July 12, 1999		
				June 30-July 10, 2000	Aug. 6-Sept. 8, 1999		
				July 27-Sept. 5, 2000	Feb. 16-Feb. 29, 2000		
				Nov. 2-Nov. 14, 2000	Apr. 13-May 2, 2000		
1	Jan. 3, 2001	Dec. 20, 2001 ...	352	Jan. 8-Jan. 20, 2001	May 25-June 6, 2000		
				Feb. 15-Feb. 26, 2001	June 30-July 10, 2000		
				Apr. 6-Apr. 23, 2001	July 27-Sept. 6, 2000		
				May 26-June 5, 2001	Nov. 3-Nov. 13, 2000		
				June 29-July 9, 2001	Nov. 14-Dec. 4, 2000		
				Aug. 3-Sept. 4, 2001	Jan. 6-Jan. 20, 2001		
				Oct. 18-Oct. 23, 2001	Jan. 20-Jan. 30, 2001		
				Nov. 16-Nov. 27, 2001	Feb. 14-Feb. 26, 2002	Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia; ²¹ Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina; ²¹ Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia. ²¹	Do.
				Jan. 29-Feb. 4, 2002	Oct. 17-Oct. 23, 2001		
				Feb. 15-Feb. 25, 2002	Nov. 19-Nov. 27, 2001		
2	Jan. 23, 2002	Nov. 22, 2002 ..	304	Mar. 22-Apr. 8, 2002	Jan. 29-Feb. 4, 2002		
				May 23-June 3, 2002	Feb. 14-Feb. 26, 2002		
				June 28-July 8, 2002	Mar. 20-Apr. 9, 2002		
				July 1-Sept. 3, 2002	May 24-June 4, 2002		
					June 28-July 8, 2002		
					July 27-Sept. 4, 2002		

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

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

¹ For the purposes of this table, a session's "length in days" is defined as the total number of calendar days from the convening date to the adjournment date, inclusive. It does not mean the actual number of days that Congress met during that session.

² For the purposes of this table, a "recess" is defined as any period of three or more complete days—excluding Sundays—when either the House of Representatives or the Senate is not in session; however, as listed, the recess periods also are inclusive of days only partially in the recess, i.e., the day (or days) when the House and Senate each adjourn to begin the recess, as well as the day (or days) when each body reconvenes at the end of the recess.

³ The election and role of the President pro tempore has evolved considerably over the Senate's history. "Pro tempore" is Latin for "for the time being"; thus, the post was conceived as a temporary presiding officer. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the Senate frequently elected several Presidents pro tempore during a single session. Since Vice Presidents presided routinely, the Senate thought it necessary to choose a President pro tempore only for the limited periods when the Vice President might be ill or otherwise absent. Since no provision was in place (until the 25th amendment was adopted in 1967) for replacing the Vice President if he died or resigned from office, or if he assumed the Presidency, the President pro tempore would continue under such circumstances to fill the duties of the chair until the next Vice President was elected. Since Mar. 12, 1890, however, Presidents pro tempore have served until "the Senate otherwise ordered." Since 1949, while still elected, the position has gone to the most senior member of the majority party (see footnote 19 for a minority party exception). To gain a more complete understanding of this position, see Robert C. Byrd's *The Senate 1789–1989: Addresses on the History of the United States Senate*, vol. 2, ch. 6 "The President Pro Tempore," pp. 167–183, from which the quotes in this footnote are taken. Also, a complete listing of the dates of election of the Presidents pro tempore is in vol. 4 of the Byrd series (*The Senate 1789–1989: Historical Statistics, 1789–1992*), table 6–2, pp. 647–653.

⁴ Henry Clay resigned as Speaker on Jan. 19, 1814. He was succeeded by Langdon Cheves who was elected on that same day.

⁵ Henry Clay resigned as Speaker on Oct. 28, 1820, after the sine die adjournment of the first session of the 16th Congress. He was succeeded by John W. Taylor who was elected at the beginning of the second session.

⁶ Andrew Stevenson resigned as Speaker on June 2, 1834. He was succeeded by John Bell who was elected on that same day.

⁷ Speaker Schuyler Colfax resigned as Speaker on the last day of the 40th Congress, Mar. 3, 1869, in preparation for becoming Vice President of the United States on the following day. Theodore M. Pomeroy was elected Speaker on Mar. 3, and served for only that one day.

⁸ Speaker Michael C. Kerr died on Aug. 19, 1876, after the sine die adjournment of the first session of the 44th Congress. Samuel J. Randall was elected Speaker at the beginning of the second session.

⁹ William P. Frye resigned as President pro tempore on Apr. 27, 1911.

¹⁰ President pro tempore James P. Clarke died on Oct. 1, 1916, after the sine die adjournment of the first session of the 64th Congress. Willard Saulsbury was elected President pro tempore during the second session.

¹¹ Speaker Joseph W. Byrns died on June 4, 1936. He was succeeded by William B. Bankhead who was elected Speaker on that same day.

¹² Speaker William B. Bankhead died on Sept. 15, 1940. He was succeeded by Sam Rayburn who was elected Speaker on that same day.

¹³ President pro tempore Key Pittman died on Nov. 10, 1940. He was succeeded by William H. King who was elected President pro tempore on that same day.

¹⁴ President pro tempore Pat Harrison died on June 22, 1941. He was succeeded by Carter Glass who was elected President pro tempore on July 10, 1941.

¹⁵ President Harry S. Truman called the Congress into extraordinary session twice, both times during the 80th Congress. Each time Congress had essentially wrapped up its business for the year, but for technical reasons had not adjourned sine die, so in each case the extraordinary session was considered an extension of the regularly numbered session rather than a separately numbered one. The dates of these extraordinary sessions were Nov. 17 to Dec. 19, 1947, and July 26 to Aug. 7, 1948.

¹⁶ Speaker Sam Rayburn died on Nov. 16, 1961, after the sine die adjournment of the first session of the 87th Congress. John W. McCormack was elected Speaker at the beginning of the second session.

¹⁷ President pro tempore Richard B. Russell died on Jan. 21, 1971. He was succeeded by Allen J. Ellender who was elected to that position on Jan. 22, 1971.

¹⁸ President pro tempore Allen J. Ellender died on July 27, 1972. He was succeeded by James O. Eastland who was elected President pro tempore on July 28, 1972.

¹⁹ Milton Young was elected President pro tempore for one day, Dec. 5, 1980, which was at the end of his 36-year career in the Senate. He was Republican, which was the minority party at that time. Warren G. Magnuson resumed the position of President pro tempore on Dec. 6, 1980.

²⁰ James C. Wright, Jr., resigned as Speaker on June 6, 1989. He was succeeded by Thomas S. Foley who was elected on that same day.

²¹The 2000 election resulted in an even split in the Senate between Republicans and Democrats. From the date the 107th Congress convened on Jan. 3, 2001, until Inauguration Day on Jan. 20, 2001, Vice President Albert Gore tipped the scale to a Democratic majority, hence Robert C. Byrd served as President pro tempore during this brief period. When Vice President Richard B. Cheney took office on Jan. 20, the Republicans became the majority party, and Strom Thurmond was elected President pro tempore. On June 6, 2001, Republican Senator James Jeffords became an Independent, creating a Democratic majority, and Robert C. Byrd was elected President pro tempore on that day.

CEREMONIAL MEETINGS OF CONGRESS

The following ceremonial meetings of Congress occurred on the following dates, at the designated locations, and for the reasons indicated. Please note that Congress was not in session on these occasions.

—999July 16, 1987, 100th Congress, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Independence Hall and Congress Hall—In honor of the bicentennial of the Constitution, and in commemoration of the Great Compromise of the Constitutional Convention which was agreed to on July 16, 1787.

—999September 6, 2002, 107th Congress, New York City, New York, Federal Hall—In remembrance of the victims and heroes of September 11, 2001, and in recognition of the courage and spirit of the City of New York.