

Delegation: William Eustice

Delegate: Acadia Klepeis

Committee: The 8th United States Congress

Topic: The Louisiana Purchase

I, William Eustis, believe that the acquisition of the Louisiana territory is vital to the continued growth of our nation. Not only will our land mass nearly double with this purchase, but the vast natural resources of the region, including timber, silver, gold, and many more, will lead to an enormous increase in prosperity and continued economic development. The concept of Manifest Destiny can easily be invoked here. Without this purchase, the United States will likely struggle to expand its political and economic power. As Americans, we must push forward with this sale, to better our country for ourselves, and for future generations.

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Topic: Barbary Wars

While the fight against the Barbary States is certainly costly, we must consider whether going back to paying tribute would be even more costly in the long run. I believe that finishing the war with a victory would save our country more money in the decades to come. Also, we have honor to think of. Our nation is new, and is only just beginning to form its reputation. Surrender and submission are not words I wish for other countries to associate with the fine land of America. Piracy is not acceptable, and the damage inflicted upon our ships and their passengers is despicable. To back out of the fight now would be cowardly; we must show the world what it means to be American, and end this conflict proudly but efficiently.

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Topic: Federal Judiciary System

As a member of the Jeffersonian Democratic-Republican party, I believe that the Supreme Court should have the final say in matters concerning the constitution. The precedent for this logic was established in the notable case of Marbury v. Madison. In the resolution of the case, the practice of judicial review was initiated. The job of Supreme Court Justice is very important, and, as such, we must treat our justices with respect by allowing them to make important decisions. A system of checks-and-balances will have weight only if each governmental branch has power. We must ensure that the SCOTUS (Supreme Court of the United States) has its power. Overall, I believe that the SCOTUS has the final word on constitutional matters.

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