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1st	1	Mar. 4, 1789	Sept. 29, 1789	210			John Langdon, of New Hampshire	Frederick A.C. Muhlenberg, of Pennsylvania.
	2	Jan. 4, 1790	Aug. 12, 1790	221			.....do.	
	3	Dec. 6, 1790	Mar. 3, 1791	88			.....do.	
2d	S	Mar. 4, 1791	Mar. 4, 1791	1			.....do.	
	1	Oct. 24, 1791	May 8, 1792	197			Richard Henry Lee, of Virginia	Jonathan Trumbull, of Connecticut.
3d	2	Nov. 5, 1792	Mar. 2, 1793	119			John Langdon, of New Hampshire.	
	S	Mar. 4, 1793	Mar. 4, 1793	1			.....do.	
4th	1	Dec. 2, 1793	June 9, 1794	190			John Langdon, of New Hampshire; Ralph Izard, of South Carolina.	Frederick A.C. Muhlenberg, of Pennsylvania.
	2	Nov. 3, 1794	Mar. 3, 1795	121			Henry Tazewell, of Virginia.	
5th	S	June 8, 1795	June 26, 1795	19			.....do.	
	1	Dec. 7, 1795	June 1, 1796	177			Henry Tazewell, of Virginia; Samuel Livermore, of New Hampshire.	Jonathan Dayton, of New Jersey.
6th	2	Dec. 5, 1796	Mar. 3, 1797	89			William Bingham, of Pennsylvania.	
	S	Mar. 4, 1797	Mar. 4, 1797	1				
7th	1-E	May 15, 1797	July 10, 1797	57			William Bradford, of Rhode Island	Do.
	S	July 17, 1798	July 19, 1798	3				
8th	2	Nov. 13, 1797	July 16, 1798	246			Jacob Read, of South Carolina; Theodore Sedgwick, of Massachusetts.	
	3	Dec. 3, 1798	Mar. 3, 1799	91			John Laurance, of New York; James Ross, of Pennsylvania.	
9th	1	Dec. 2, 1799	May 14, 1800	164			Samuel Livermore, of New Hampshire; Uriah Tracy, of Connecticut.	Theodore Sedgwick, of Massachusetts.
	2	Nov. 17, 1800	Mar. 3, 1801	107	Dec. 23–Dec. 30, 1800	Dec. 23–Dec. 30, 1800	John E. Howard, of Maryland; James Hillhouse, of Connecticut.	
10th	S	Mar. 4, 1801	Mar. 5, 1801	2				
	1	Dec. 7, 1801	May 3, 1802	148			Abraham Baldwin, of Georgia	Nathaniel Macon, of North Carolina.
11th	2	Dec. 6, 1802	Mar. 3, 1803	88			Stephen R. Bradley, of Vermont.	
	1-E	Oct. 17, 1803	Mar. 27, 1804	163			John Brown, of Kentucky; Jesse Franklin, of North Carolina.	Do.
12th	2	Nov. 5, 1804	Mar. 3, 1805	119			Joseph Anderson, of Tennessee.	
	1	Dec. 2, 1805	Apr. 21, 1806	141			Samuel Smith, of Maryland	Do.
13th	2	Dec. 1, 1806	Mar. 3, 1807	93			.....do.	
	1-E	Oct. 26, 1807	Apr. 25, 1808	182			Stephen R. Bradley, of Vermont; John Milledge, of Georgia.	Joseph B. Varnum, of Massachusetts.
14th	2	Nov. 7, 1808	Mar. 3, 1809	117				
	S	Mar. 4, 1809	Mar. 7, 1809	4			Andrew Gregg, of Pennsylvania	Do.
15th	1	May 22, 1809	June 28, 1809	38			John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	
	2	Nov. 27, 1809	May 1, 1810	156			John Pope, of Kentucky.	
16th	3	Dec. 3, 1810	Mar. 3, 1811	91			William H. Crawford, of Georgia	Henry Clay, of Kentucky.
	1-E	Nov. 4, 1811	July 6, 1812	245			.....do.	
17th	2	Nov. 2, 1812	Mar. 3, 1813	122			Joseph B. Varnum, of Massachusetts; John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	Do. <sup>4</sup>
	1	May 24, 1813	Aug. 2, 1813	71			John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	Langdon Cheves, of South Carolina. <sup>4</sup>
18th	2	Dec. 6, 1813	Apr. 18, 1814	134			.....do.	
	3-E	Sept. 19, 1814	Mar. 3, 1815	166			Henry Clay, of Kentucky.	
19th	1	Dec. 4, 1815	Apr. 30, 1816	148			.....do.	
	2	Dec. 2, 1816	Mar. 3, 1817	92			James Barbour, of Virginia.	Do. <sup>5</sup>
20th	S	Mar. 4, 1817	Mar. 6, 1817	3			James Barbour, of Virginia; John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	
	1	Dec. 1, 1817	Apr. 20, 1818	141	Dec. 24–Dec. 29, 1817	Dec. 24–Dec. 29, 1817	John Gaillard, of South Carolina	John W. Taylor, of New York. <sup>5</sup>
21st	2	Nov. 16, 1818	Mar. 3, 1819	108			Philip P. Barbour, of Virginia.	
	1	Dec. 6, 1819	May 15, 1820	162			.....do.	
22d	2	Nov. 13, 1820	Mar. 3, 1821	111			Henry Clay, of Kentucky.	
	1	Dec. 3, 1821	May 8, 1822	157			Nathaniel Macon, of North Carolina	John W. Taylor, of New York.
23d	2	Dec. 2, 1822	Mar. 3, 1823	92			Samuel Smith, of Maryland	Andrew Stevenson, of Virginia.
	1	Dec. 1, 1823	May 27, 1824	178			.....do.	
24th	2	Dec. 6, 1824	Mar. 3, 1825	89			.....do.	
	S	Mar. 4, 1825	Mar. 9, 1825	88			.....do.	
25th	1	Dec. 5, 1825	May 22, 1826	169			John W. Taylor, of New York.	
	2	Dec. 4, 1826	Mar. 1, 1827	90			.....do.	
26th	1	Dec. 3, 1827	May 26, 1828	175			.....do.	
	2	Dec. 1, 1828	Mar. 3, 1829	93	Dec. 24–Dec. 29, 1828	Dec. 24–Dec. 29, 1828	.....do.	
27th	S	Mar. 4, 1829	Mar. 17, 1829	14			.....do.	
	1	Dec. 7, 1829	May 31, 1830	176			.....do.	
28th	2	Dec. 6, 1830	Mar. 3, 1831	88			.....do.	
	1	Dec. 5, 1831	July 16, 1832	225			.....do.	
29th	2	Dec. 3, 1832	Mar. 3, 1833	91			Littleton Waller Tazewell, of Virginia	Do.
	1	Dec. 2, 1833	June 30, 1834	211			Hugh Lawson White, of Tennessee.	Do. <sup>6</sup>
30th	2	Dec. 1, 1834	Mar. 3, 1835	93			Hugh Lawson White, of Tennessee; George Poindexter, of Mississippi.	
	1	Dec. 7, 1835	July 4, 1836	211			John Tyler, of Virginia	John Bell, of Tennessee. <sup>6</sup>
31st	2	Dec. 5, 1836	Mar. 3, 1837	89			William R. King, of Alabama	James K. Polk, of Tennessee.
	S	Mar. 4, 1837	Mar. 10, 1837	7			.....do.	
32nd	1-E	Sept. 4, 1837	Oct. 16, 1837	43			.....do.	
	2	Dec. 4, 1837	July 9, 1838	218			.....do.	
33rd	3	Dec. 3, 1838	Mar. 3, 1839	91			.....do.	
	1	Dec. 2, 1839	July 21, 1840	233			.....do.	
34th	2	Dec. 7, 1840	Mar. 3, 1841	87			.....do.	
	S	Mar. 4, 1841	Mar. 15, 1841	12			William R. King, of Alabama; Samuel L. Southard, of New Jersey.	Robert M.T. Hunter, of Virginia.

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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.	
29th	1	Dec. 4, 1843	June 17, 1844	196			do.	John W. Jones, of Virginia.
	2	Dec. 2, 1844	Mar. 3, 1845	92			do.	
	3	Mar. 4, 1845	Mar. 20, 1845	17			do.	
30th	1	Dec. 1, 1845	Aug. 10, 1846	253			Ambrose H. Sevier; David R. Atchison, of Missouri.	John W. Davis, of Indiana.
	2	Dec. 7, 1846	Mar. 3, 1847	87			David R. Atchison, of Missouri.	
	3	Dec. 6, 1847	Aug. 14, 1848	254			do.	Robert C. Winthrop, of Massachusetts.
31st	1	Dec. 4, 1848	Mar. 3, 1849	90			do.	
	2	Mar. 5, 1849	Mar. 23, 1849	19			do.	
	3	Dec. 3, 1849	Sept. 30, 1850	302			William R. King, of Alabama	Howell Cobb, of Georgia.
32d	1	Dec. 2, 1850	Mar. 3, 1851	92			do.	
	2	Mar. 4, 1851	Mar. 13, 1851	10			do.	
	3	Dec. 1, 1851	Aug. 31, 1852	275			do.	Linn Boyd, of Kentucky.
33d	1	Dec. 6, 1852	Mar. 3, 1853	88			David R. Atchison, of Missouri.	
	2	Mar. 4, 1853	Apr. 11, 1853	39			do.	
	3	Dec. 5, 1853	Aug. 7, 1854	246			do.	Do
34th	1	Dec. 4, 1854	Mar. 3, 1855	90			Lewis Cass, of Michigan; Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.	Nathaniel P. Banks, of Massachusetts
	2	Dec. 3, 1855	Aug. 18, 1856	260			Charles E. Stuart, of Michigan; Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.	
	3	Aug. 21, 1856	Aug. 30, 1856	10			Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.	
35th	1	Dec. 1, 1856	Mar. 3, 1857	93			James M. Mason, of Virginia.	
	2	Mar. 4, 1857	Mar. 14, 1857	11			James M. Mason, of Virginia; Thomas J. Rusk, of Texas.	
	3	Dec. 7, 1857	June 14, 1858	189	Dec. 23, 1857-Jan. 4, 1858	Dec. 23, 1857-Jan. 4, 1858	Benjamin Fitzpatrick, of Alabama	James L. Orr, of South Carolina.
36th	1	June 15, 1858	June 16, 1858	2			do.	
	2	Dec. 6, 1858	Mar. 3, 1859	88	Dec. 23, 1858-Jan. 4, 1859	Dec. 23, 1858-Jan. 4, 1859	do.	
	3	Mar. 4, 1859	Mar. 10, 1859	7			Benjamin Fitzpatrick, of Alabama; Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.	William Pennington, of New Jersey.
37th	1	Dec. 5, 1859	June 25, 1860	202			Benjamin Fitzpatrick, of Alabama.	
	2	June 26, 1860	June 28, 1860	3			Solomon Foot, of Vermont.	
	3	Mar. 4, 1861	Mar. 3, 1861	93			do.	Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania.
38th	1-E	July 4, 1861	Aug. 6, 1861	34			do.	
	2	Dec. 2, 1861	July 17, 1862	228			do.	
	3	Dec. 1, 1862	Mar. 3, 1863	93	Dec. 23, 1862-Jan. 5, 1863	Dec. 23, 1862-Jan. 5, 1863	do.	
39th	1	Mar. 4, 1863	Mar. 14, 1863	11			do.	
	2	Dec. 7, 1863	July 4, 1864	209	Dec. 23, 1863-Jan. 5, 1864	Dec. 23, 1863-Jan. 5, 1864	Solomon Foot, of Vermont; Daniel Clark, of New Hampshire.	Schuyler Colfax, of Indiana.
	3	Dec. 5, 1864	Mar. 3, 1865	89	Dec. 22, 1864-Jan. 5, 1865	Dec. 22, 1864-Jan. 5, 1865	Lafayette S. Foster, of Connecticut.	
40th	1	Dec. 4, 1865	July 28, 1866	237	Dec. 6-Dec. 11, 1865	Dec. 6-Dec. 11, 1865	do.	Do
	2	Dec. 3, 1866	Mar. 3, 1867	91	Dec. 21, 1865-Jan. 5, 1866	Dec. 21, 1865-Jan. 5, 1866	Benjamin F. Wade, of Ohio.	
	3	Mar. 4, 1867	Dec. 1, 1867	273	Dec. 20, 1866-Jan. 3, 1867	Dec. 20, 1866-Jan. 3, 1867	do.	Do. <sup>7</sup>
41st	1	Apr. 1, 1867	Apr. 20, 1867	20	Mar. 30-July 3, 1867	Mar. 30-July 3, 1867		
	2	Dec. 2, 1867	Nov. 10, 1868	345	July 20-Nov. 21, 1867	July 20-Nov. 21, 1867		
	3	Dec. 7, 1868	Mar. 3, 1869	87	Dec. 20, 1867-Jan. 6, 1868	Dec. 20, 1867-Jan. 6, 1868		
42d	1	Mar. 4, 1869	Apr. 10, 1869	38	July 27-Sept. 21, 1868	July 27-Sept. 21, 1868		
	2	Apr. 12, 1869	Apr. 22, 1869	11	Sept. 21-Oct. 16, 1868	Sept. 21-Oct. 16, 1868		
	3	Dec. 6, 1869	July 15, 1870	222	Oct. 16-Nov. 10, 1868	Oct. 16-Nov. 10, 1868	do.	Theodore M. Pomeroy, of New York. <sup>7</sup>
43d	1	Dec. 5, 1870	Mar. 3, 1871	89	Dec. 21, 1868-Jan. 5, 1869	Dec. 21, 1868-Jan. 5, 1869	Henry B. Anthony, of Rhode Island	James G. Blaine, of Maine.
	2	Mar. 4, 1871	Apr. 20, 1871	48	Dec. 22, 1869-Jan. 10, 1870	Dec. 22, 1869-Jan. 10, 1870	do.	
	3	May 10, 1871	May 27, 1871	18	Dec. 23, 1870-Jan. 4, 1871	Dec. 23, 1870-Jan. 4, 1871	do.	Do.
44th	1	Dec. 4, 1871	June 10, 1872	190	do.	do.	do.	
	2	Dec. 2, 1872	Mar. 3, 1873	92	Dec. 21, 1871-Jan. 8, 1872	Dec. 21, 1871-Jan. 8, 1872	do.	
	3	Mar. 4, 1873	Mar. 26, 1873	23	Dec. 20, 1872-Jan. 6, 1873	Dec. 20, 1872-Jan. 6, 1873	Matthew H. Carpenter, of Wisconsin.	Do.
45th	1	Dec. 1, 1873	June 23, 1874	204	Dec. 19, 1873-Jan. 5, 1874	Dec. 19, 1873-Jan. 5, 1874	do.	
	2	Dec. 7, 1874	Mar. 3, 1875	87	Dec. 23, 1874-Jan. 5, 1875	Dec. 23, 1874-Jan. 5, 1875	Matthew H. Carpenter, of Wisconsin; Henry B. Anthony, of Rhode Island.	
	3	Mar. 5, 1875	Mar. 24, 1875	20	Dec. 20, 1875-Jan. 5, 1876	Dec. 21, 1875-Jan. 5, 1876	Thomas W. Ferry, of Michigan.	Michael C. Kerr, of Indiana. <sup>8</sup>
46th	1	Dec. 6, 1875	Aug. 15, 1876	254			do.	Samuel J. Randall, of Pennsylvania. <sup>8</sup>
	2	Dec. 4, 1876	Mar. 3, 1877	90			do.	
	3	Mar. 5, 1877	Mar. 17, 1877	13			do.	
47th	1-E	Oct. 15, 1877	Dec. 3, 1877	50			do.	Do.
	2	Dec. 2, 1877	June 20, 1878	200	Dec. 15, 1877-Jan. 10, 1878	Dec. 15, 1877-Jan. 10, 1878	do.	
	3	Dec. 2, 1878	Mar. 3, 1879	92	Dec. 20, 1878-Jan. 7, 1879	Dec. 20, 1878-Jan. 7, 1879	do.	
48th	1-E	Mar. 18, 1879	July 1, 1879	106			Allen G. Thurman, of Ohio	Do.
	2	Dec. 1, 1879	June 16, 1880	199	Dec. 19, 1879-Jan. 6, 1880	Dec. 19, 1879-Jan. 6, 1880	do.	
	3	Dec. 6, 1880	Mar. 3, 1881	88	Dec. 23, 1880-Jan. 5, 1881	Dec. 23, 1880-Jan. 5, 1881	do.	
49th	1	Mar. 4, 1881	May 20, 1881	78			Thomas F. Bayard, of Delaware; David Davis, of Illinois.	J. Warren Keifer, of Ohio.
	2	Oct. 10, 1881	Oct. 29, 1881	20			David Davis, of Illinois	
	3	Dec. 5, 1881	Aug. 8, 1882	247	Dec. 22, 1881-Jan. 5, 1882	Dec. 22, 1881-Jan. 5, 1882		

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48th ...	2	Dec. 4, 1882	Mar. 3, 1883	90			George F. Edmunds, of Vermont.	J. Warren Keifer, of Ohio.
	1	Dec. 3, 1883	July 7, 1884	218	Dec. 24, 1883-Jan. 7, 1884	Dec. 24, 1883-Jan. 7, 1884	John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky.	
49th ...	2	Dec. 1, 1884	Mar. 3, 1885	93	Dec. 24, 1884-Jan. 5, 1885	Dec. 24, 1884-Jan. 5, 1885	Do.	
	S	Mar. 4, 1885	Apr. 2, 1885	30				
	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.	
	1	Dec. 5, 1887	Oct. 20, 1888	321	Dec. 22, 1887-Jan. 4, 1888	Dec. 22, 1887-Jan. 4, 1888	Do.	
	2	Dec. 3, 1888	Mar. 3, 1889	91	Dec. 21, 1888-Jan. 2, 1889	Dec. 21, 1888-Jan. 2, 1889	Do.	
51st ...	S	Mar. 4, 1889	Apr. 2, 1889	30			Do.	
	1	Dec. 2, 1889	Oct. 1, 1890	304	Dec. 21, 1889-Jan. 6, 1890	Dec. 21, 1889-Jan. 6, 1890	Do.	Thomas B. Reed, of Maine.
	2	Dec. 1, 1890	Mar. 3, 1891	93			Charles F. Manderson, of Nebraska.	
52d ...	1	Dec. 7, 1891	Aug. 5, 1892	251			Do.	Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia.
	2	Dec. 5, 1892	Mar. 3, 1893	89	Dec. 22, 1892-Jan. 4, 1893	Dec. 22, 1892-Jan. 4, 1893	Do.	
53d ...	S	Mar. 4, 1893	Apr. 15, 1893	43			Charles F. Manderson, of Nebraska;	
							Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee.	
	1-E	Aug. 7, 1893	Nov. 3, 1893	89			Do.	Do.
	2	Dec. 4, 1893	Aug. 28, 1894	268		Dec. 21, 1893-Jan. 3, 1894		
	3	Dec. 3, 1894	Mar. 3, 1895	97		Dec. 23, 1894-Jan. 3, 1895	Matt W. Ransom, of North Carolina;	
							Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee.	
54th ...	1	Dec. 2, 1895	June 11, 1896	193			William P. Frye, of Maine	Thomas B. Reed, of Maine.
	2	Dec. 7, 1896	Mar. 3, 1897	87	Dec. 22, 1896-Jan. 5, 1897	Dec. 22, 1896-Jan. 5, 1897	Do.	
55th ...	S	Mar. 4, 1897	Mar. 10, 1897	11			Do.	
	1-E	Mar. 15, 1897	July 24, 1897	131			Do.	Do.
	2	Dec. 6, 1897	July 8, 1898	215	Dec. 18, 1897-Jan. 5, 1898	Dec. 18, 1897-Jan. 5, 1898	Do.	
	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.	David B. Henderson, of Iowa.
	2	Dec. 3, 1900	Mar. 3, 1901	91	Dec. 20, 1900-Jan. 3, 1901	Dec. 21, 1900-Jan. 3, 1901	Do.	
57th ...	S	Mar. 4, 1901	Mar. 9, 1901	6			Do.	
	1	Dec. 2, 1901	July 1, 1902	212	Dec. 19, 1901-Jan. 6, 1902	Dec. 19, 1901-Jan. 6, 1902	Do.	Do.
	2	Dec. 1, 1902	Mar. 3, 1903	93	Dec. 20, 1902-Jan. 5, 1903	Dec. 20, 1902-Jan. 5, 1903	Do.	
58th ...	S	Mar. 5, 1903	Mar. 19, 1903	15			Do.	
	1-E	Nov. 9, 1903	Dec. 7, 1903	29			Do.	Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois.
	2	Dec. 7, 1903	Apr. 28, 1904	144	Dec. 19, 1903-Jan. 4, 1904	Dec. 19, 1903-Jan. 4, 1904	Do.	
	3	Dec. 5, 1904	Mar. 3, 1905	89	Dec. 21, 1904-Jan. 4, 1905	Dec. 21, 1904-Jan. 4, 1905	Do.	
59th ...	S	Mar. 4, 1905	Mar. 18, 1905	15			Do.	
	1	Dec. 4, 1905	June 30, 1906	209	Dec. 21, 1905-Jan. 4, 1906	Dec. 21, 1905-Jan. 4, 1906	Do.	Do.
	2	Dec. 3, 1906	Mar. 3, 1907	91	Dec. 20, 1906-Jan. 3, 1907	Dec. 20, 1906-Jan. 3, 1907	Do.	
60th ...	1	Dec. 2, 1907	May 30, 1908	181	Dec. 21, 1907-Jan. 6, 1908	Dec. 21, 1907-Jan. 6, 1908	Do.	Do.
	2	Dec. 7, 1908	Mar. 3, 1909	87	Dec. 19, 1908-Jan. 4, 1909	Dec. 19, 1908-Jan. 4, 1909	Do.	
61st ...	S	Mar. 4, 1909	Mar. 6, 1909	3			Do.	
	1-E	Mar. 15, 1909	Aug. 5, 1909	144			Do.	Do.
	2	Dec. 6, 1909	June 25, 1910	202	Dec. 21, 1909-Jan. 4, 1910	Dec. 21, 1909-Jan. 4, 1910	Do.	
	3	Dec. 5, 1910	Mar. 3, 1911	89	Dec. 21, 1910-Jan. 5, 1911	Dec. 21, 1910-Jan. 5, 1911	Do.	
62d ...	1-E	Apr. 4, 1911	Aug. 22, 1911	141			Do.	Champ Clark, of Missouri.
	2	Dec. 4, 1911	Aug. 26, 1912	267	Dec. 21, 1911-Jan. 3, 1912	Dec. 21, 1911-Jan. 3, 1912	Charles Curtis, of Kansas; Augustus O. Bacon, of Georgia; Jacob H. Gallinger, of New Hampshire; Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts; Frank B. Brandegee, of Connecticut.	
							Augustus O. Bacon, of Georgia; Jacob H. Gallinger, of New Hampshire.	
	3	Dec. 2, 1912	Mar. 3, 1913	92	Dec. 19, 1912-Jan. 2, 1913	Dec. 19, 1912-Jan. 2, 1913	James P. Clarke, of Arkansas.	
63d ...	S	Mar. 4, 1913	Mar. 17, 1913	14			Do.	Do.
	1-E	Apr. 7, 1913	Dec. 1, 1913	239			Do.	
	2	Dec. 1, 1913	Oct. 24, 1914	328	Dec. 23, 1913-Jan. 12, 1914	Dec. 23, 1913-Jan. 12, 1914	Do.	
	3	Dec. 7, 1914	Mar. 3, 1915	87	Dec. 23-Dec. 28, 1914	Dec. 23-Dec. 28, 1914	Do.	
64th ...	1	Dec. 6, 1915	Sept. 8, 1916	278	Dec. 17, 1915-Jan. 4, 1916	Dec. 17, 1915-Jan. 4, 1916	Do.	Do.
	2	Dec. 4, 1916	Mar. 3, 1917	90	Dec. 22, 1916-Jan. 2, 1917	Dec. 22, 1916-Jan. 2, 1917	Willard Saulsbury, of Delaware <sup>10</sup>	
65th ...	S	Mar. 5, 1917	Mar. 16, 1917	12			Do.	
	1-E	Apr. 2, 1917	Oct. 6, 1917	188			Do.	Do.
	2	Dec. 3, 1917	Nov. 21, 1918	354	Dec. 18, 1917-Jan. 3, 1918	Dec. 18, 1917-Jan. 3, 1918	Do.	
	3	Dec. 2, 1918	Mar. 3, 1919	92			Do.	
66th ...	1-E	May 19, 1919	Nov. 19, 1919	185	July 1-July 8, 1919	July 1-July 8, 1919	Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa	Frederick H. Gillett, of Massachusetts.
	2	Dec. 1, 1919	June 5, 1920	188	Dec. 20, 1919-Jan. 5, 1920	Dec. 20, 1919-Jan. 5, 1920	Do.	
	3	Dec. 6, 1920	Mar. 3, 1921	88			Do.	
67th ...	S	Mar. 4, 1921	Mar. 15, 1921	12			Do.	
	1-E	Apr. 11, 1921	Nov. 23, 1921	227	Aug. 24-Sept. 21, 1921	Aug. 24-Sept. 21, 1921	Do.	Do.
	2	Dec. 5, 1921	Sept. 22, 1922	292	Dec. 22, 1921-Jan. 3, 1922	Dec. 22, 1921-Jan. 3, 1922	Do.	
	3-E	Nov. 20, 1922	Dec. 4, 1922	15			Do.	
	4	Dec. 4, 1922	Mar. 3, 1923	90			Do.	
68th ...	1	Dec. 3, 1923	June 7, 1924	188	Dec. 20, 1923-Jan. 3, 1924	Dec. 20, 1923-Jan. 3, 1924	Do.	Do.
	2	Dec. 1, 1924	Mar. 3, 1925	93	Dec. 20-Dec. 29, 1924	Dec. 20-Dec. 29, 1924	Do.	
69th ...	S	Mar. 4, 1925	Mar. 18, 1925	15			Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa; George H. Moses, of New Hampshire.	
	1	Dec. 7, 1925	July 3, 1926	209	Dec. 22, 1925-Jan. 4, 1926	Dec. 22, 1925-Jan. 4, 1926	Do.	Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio.
	2	Dec. 6, 1926	Mar. 4, 1927	88	Dec. 22, 1926-Jan. 3, 1927	Dec. 22, 1926-Jan. 3, 1927	Do.	
70th ...	1	Dec. 5, 1927	May 29, 1928	177	Dec. 21, 1927-Jan. 4, 1928	Dec. 21, 1927-Jan. 4, 1928	Do.	Do.
	2	Dec. 3, 1928	Mar. 3, 1929	91	Dec. 22, 1928-Jan. 3, 1929	Dec. 22, 1928-Jan. 3, 1929	Do.	
71st ...	S	Mar. 4, 1929	Mar. 5, 1929	2			Do.	
	1-E	Apr. 15, 1929	Nov. 22, 1929	222	June 19-Aug. 19, 1929	June 19-Sept. 23, 1929	Do.	Do.
	2	Dec. 2, 1929	July 3, 1930	214	Dec. 21, 1929-Jan. 6, 1930	Dec. 21, 1929-Jan. 6, 1930	Do.	
	S	July 7, 1930	July 21, 1930	15			Do.	

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Congress	Session	Convening Date	Adjournment Date	Length in days <sup>1</sup>	Recesses <sup>2</sup>		President pro tempore of the Senate <sup>3</sup>	Speaker of the House of Representatives
					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.	
	S	Mar. 4, 1933	Mar. 6, 1933	3			do.	
74th	1-E	Mar. 9, 1933	June 15, 1933	99			Key Pittman, of Nevada	Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois.
	2	Jan. 3, 1934	June 18, 1934	167			do.	
75th	1	Jan. 3, 1935	Aug. 26, 1935	236			do.	Joseph W. Byrnes, of Tennessee. <sup>11</sup>
	2	Jan. 3, 1936	June 20, 1936	170	June 8-June 15, 1936	June 8-June 15, 1936	do.	William B. Bankhead, of Alabama. <sup>11</sup>
76th	1	Jan. 5, 1937	Aug. 21, 1937	229			do.	Do.
	2-E	Nov. 15, 1937	Dec. 21, 1937	37			do.	
77th	3	Jan. 3, 1938	June 16, 1938	165			do.	
	1	Jan. 3, 1939	Aug. 5, 1939	215			do.	Do. <sup>12</sup>
78th	2-E	Sept. 21, 1939	Nov. 3, 1939	44			do.	
	3	Jan. 3, 1940	Jan. 3, 1941	366	July 11-July 22, 1940	July 11-July 22, 1940	Key Pittman, of Nevada; <sup>13</sup> William H. King, of Utah. <sup>13</sup>	Sam Rayburn, of Texas. <sup>12</sup>
79th	1	Jan. 3, 1941	Jan. 2, 1942	365			Pat Harrison, of Mississippi; <sup>14</sup> Carter Glass, of Virginia. <sup>14</sup>	Do.
	2	Jan. 5, 1942	Dec. 16, 1942	346			Carter Glass, of Virginia	
80th	1	Jan. 6, 1943	Dec. 21, 1943	350	July 8-Sept. 14, 1943	July 8-Sept. 14, 1943	do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 10, 1944	Dec. 19, 1944	345	Apr. 1-Apr. 12, 1944	Apr. 1-Apr. 12, 1944	do.	
81st	1	Jan. 3, 1945	Dec. 21, 1945	353	June 23-Aug. 1, 1944	June 23-Aug. 1, 1944	do.	
	2	Jan. 14, 1946	Aug. 2, 1946	201	Sept. 21-Nov. 14, 1944	Sept. 21-Nov. 14, 1944	Kenneth McKellar, of Tennessee	Do.
82d	1 <sup>1</sup>	Jan. 3, 1947	Dec. 19, 1947	351	Aug. 1-Sept. 5, 1945	Aug. 1-Sept. 5, 1945	do.	
	1 <sup>2</sup>	Jan. 6, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948	361	July 27-Nov. 17, 1947	July 27-Nov. 17, 1947	Arthur H. Vandenberg, of Michigan	Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts.
83d	1	Jan. 3, 1949	Oct. 19, 1949	290	June 20-July 26, 1948	June 20-July 26, 1948	do.	
	2	Jan. 3, 1950	Jan. 2, 1951	365	Aug. 7-Dec. 31, 1948	Aug. 7-Dec. 31, 1948	do.	
84th	1	Jan. 3, 1951	Oct. 20, 1951	291	Sept. 23-Nov. 27, 1950	Sept. 23-Nov. 27, 1950	Kenneth McKellar, of Tennessee	Sam Rayburn, of Texas.
	2	Jan. 8, 1952	July 7, 1952	182	Apr. 6-Apr. 18, 1950	Apr. 6-Apr. 18, 1950	do.	
85th	1	Jan. 3, 1953	Aug. 3, 1953	213	Mar. 22-Apr. 2, 1951	Mar. 22-Apr. 2, 1951	do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 6, 1954	Dec. 2, 1954	331	Aug. 23-Sept. 12, 1951	Aug. 23-Sept. 12, 1951	do.	
86th	1	Jan. 5, 1955	Aug. 2, 1955	210	Apr. 10-Apr. 22, 1952	Apr. 10-Apr. 22, 1952	do.	
	2	Jan. 3, 1956	July 27, 1956	207	Apr. 2-Apr. 13, 1953	Apr. 2-Apr. 13, 1953	Styles Bridges, of New Hampshire	Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts.
87th	1	Jan. 3, 1957	Aug. 30, 1957	239	Aug. 20-Nov. 8, 1954	Aug. 20-Nov. 8, 1954	do.	
	2	Jan. 7, 1958	Aug. 24, 1958	230	Nov. 18-Nov. 29, 1954	Nov. 18-Nov. 29, 1954	do.	
88th	1	Jan. 7, 1959	Sept. 15, 1959	252	Apr. 4-Apr. 13, 1955	Apr. 4-Apr. 13, 1955	Walter F. George, of Georgia	Sam Rayburn, of Texas.
	2	Jan. 6, 1960	Sept. 1, 1960	240	Mar. 29-Apr. 9, 1956	Mar. 29-Apr. 9, 1956	do.	
89th	1	Jan. 3, 1961	Sept. 27, 1961	268	Apr. 18-Apr. 29, 1957	Apr. 18-Apr. 29, 1957	Carl Hayden, of Arizona	Do.
	2	Jan. 10, 1962	Oct. 13, 1962	277	Apr. 3-Apr. 14, 1958	Apr. 3-Apr. 14, 1958	do.	
90th	1	Jan. 9, 1963	Dec. 30, 1963	356	Mar. 26-Apr. 7, 1959	Mar. 26-Apr. 7, 1959	do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 7, 1964	Oct. 3, 1964	270	Apr. 14-Apr. 18, 1960	Apr. 14-Apr. 18, 1960	do.	
91st	1	Jan. 4, 1965	Oct. 23, 1965	293	May 27-May 31, 1960	May 27-May 31, 1960	do.	
	2	Jan. 10, 1966	Oct. 22, 1966	286	July 3-Aug. 8, 1960	July 3-Aug. 8, 1960	do.	
92d	1	Jan. 3, 1967	Sept. 27, 1967	268	Mar. 30-Apr. 10, 1961	Mar. 30-Apr. 10, 1961	do.	Do. <sup>16</sup>
	2	Jan. 7, 1968	Oct. 3, 1968	274	Apr. 19-Apr. 30, 1962	Apr. 19-Apr. 30, 1962	do.	John W. McCormack, of Massachusetts. <sup>16</sup>
93d	1	Jan. 9, 1969	Dec. 30, 1969	355	Apr. 11-Apr. 22, 1963	Apr. 11-Apr. 22, 1963	do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 15, 1970	Oct. 14, 1970	274	Mar. 26-Apr. 6, 1964	Mar. 26-Apr. 6, 1964	do.	
94th	1	Jan. 4, 1965	Oct. 23, 1965	293	July 10-July 20, 1964	July 10-July 20, 1964	do.	
	2	Jan. 10, 1966	Oct. 22, 1966	286	Aug. 21-Aug. 31, 1964	Aug. 21-Aug. 31, 1964	do.	
95th	1	Jan. 3, 1967	Sept. 27, 1967	268	Apr. 7-Apr. 13, 1966	Apr. 7-Apr. 13, 1966	do.	
	2	Jan. 10, 1968	Oct. 22, 1968	286	June 30-July 11, 1966	June 30-July 11, 1966	do.	
96th	1	Jan. 3, 1969	Dec. 23, 1969	355	Mar. 23-Apr. 3, 1967	Mar. 23-Apr. 3, 1967	do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971	349	June 29-July 10, 1967	June 29-July 10, 1967	do.	
97th	1	Jan. 3, 1971	Dec. 23, 1971	355	Aug. 31-Sept. 11, 1967	Aug. 31-Sept. 11, 1967	do.	
	2	Jan. 19, 1972	Jan. 2, 1973	349	Nov. 22-Nov. 27, 1967	Nov. 22-Nov. 27, 1967	do.	
98th	1	Jan. 3, 1973	Dec. 23, 1973	355	Apr. 11-Apr. 17, 1968	Apr. 11-Apr. 17, 1968	do.	
	2	Jan. 19, 1974	Jan. 2, 1975	349	May 29-June 3, 1968	May 29-June 3, 1968	do.	
99th	1	Jan. 3, 1975	Dec. 23, 1975	355	June 3-July 8, 1968	June 3-July 8, 1968	do.	
	2	Jan. 19, 1976	Jan. 2, 1977	349	Aug. 2-Sept. 4, 1968	Aug. 2-Sept. 4, 1968	do.	
100th	1	Jan. 3, 1977	Dec. 23, 1977	355	Feb. 7-Feb. 17, 1969	Feb. 7-Feb. 17, 1969	Richard B. Russell, of Georgia	Do.
	2	Jan. 19, 1978	Jan. 2, 1979	349	Apr. 3-Apr. 14, 1969	Apr. 3-Apr. 14, 1969	do.	
101st	1	Jan. 3, 1979	Dec. 23, 1979	355	May 28-June 2, 1969	May 28-June 2, 1969	do.	
	2	Jan. 19, 1980	Jan. 2, 1981	349	July 2-July 7, 1969	July 2-July 7, 1969	do.	
102d	1	Jan. 3, 1981	Dec. 23, 1981	355	Aug. 13-Sept. 3, 1969	Aug. 13-Sept. 3, 1969	do.	
	2	Jan. 19, 1982	Jan. 2, 1983	349	Nov. 6-Nov. 12, 1969	Nov. 6-Nov. 12, 1969	do.	
103th	1	Jan. 3, 1983	Dec. 23, 1983	355	Nov. 26-Dec. 1, 1969	Nov. 26-Dec. 1, 1969	do.	
	2	Jan. 19, 1984	Jan. 2, 1985	349	Feb. 10-Feb. 16, 1970	Feb. 10-Feb. 16, 1970	do.	
104th	1	Jan. 3, 1985	Dec. 23, 1985	355	Mar. 26-Mar. 31, 1970	Mar. 26-Mar. 31, 1970	do.	
	2	Jan. 19, 1986	Jan. 2, 1987	349	Sept. 2-Sept. 8, 1970	Sept. 2-Sept. 8, 1970	do.	
105th	1	Jan. 3, 1987	Dec. 23, 1987	355	Oct. 14-Nov. 16, 1970	Oct. 14-Nov. 16, 1970	do.	
	2	Jan. 19, 1988	Jan. 2, 1989	349	Nov. 25-Nov. 30, 1970	Nov. 25-Nov. 30, 1970	do.	
106th	1	Jan. 3, 1989	Dec. 23, 1989	355	Dec. 22-Dec. 28, 1970	Dec. 22-Dec. 28, 1970	do.	
	2	Jan. 19, 1990	Jan. 2, 1991	349			do.	

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92d	1	Jan. 21, 1971	Dec. 17, 1971	331	Feb. 11–Feb. 17, 1971 Apr. 7–Apr. 14, 1971 May 26–June 1, 1971 June 30–July 6, 1971 Aug. 6–Sept. 8, 1971 Oct. 21–Oct. 26, 1971 Nov. 24–Nov. 29, 1971	Feb. 10–Feb. 17, 1971 Apr. 7–Apr. 19, 1971 May 27–June 1, 1971 July 1–July 6, 1971 Aug. 6–Sept. 8, 1971 Oct. 7–Oct. 12, 1971 Oct. 21–Oct. 26, 1971 Nov. 19–Nov. 29, 1971	Richard B. Russell, of Georgia; <sup>17</sup> Allen J. Ellender, of Louisiana. <sup>17</sup>	Carl B. Albert, of Oklahoma.
	2	Jan. 18, 1972	Oct. 18, 1972	275	Feb. 9–Feb. 14, 1972 Mar. 30–Apr. 4, 1972 May 25–May 30, 1972 June 30–July 17, 1972 Aug. 18–Sept. 5, 1972 Feb. 8–Feb. 15, 1973 Apr. 18–Apr. 30, 1973 May 23–May 29, 1973 June 30–July 9, 1973 Aug. 3–Sept. 5, 1973 Oct. 18–Oct. 23, 1973 Nov. 21–Nov. 26, 1973	Feb. 9–Feb. 16, 1972 Mar. 29–Apr. 10, 1972 May 24–May 30, 1972 June 30–July 17, 1972 Aug. 18–Sept. 5, 1972 Feb. 8–Feb. 19, 1973 Apr. 19–Apr. 30, 1973 May 24–May 29, 1973 June 30–July 10, 1973 Aug. 3–Sept. 5, 1973 Oct. 4–Oct. 9, 1973 Oct. 18–Oct. 23, 1973 Nov. 15–Nov. 26, 1973	Allen J. Ellender, of Louisiana; <sup>18</sup> James O. Eastland, of Mississippi. <sup>18</sup>	
93d	1	Jan. 3, 1973	Dec. 22, 1973	354	Feb. 8–Feb. 15, 1973 Apr. 18–Apr. 30, 1973 May 23–May 29, 1973 June 30–July 9, 1973 Aug. 3–Sept. 5, 1973 Oct. 18–Oct. 23, 1973 Nov. 21–Nov. 26, 1973	Feb. 8–Feb. 19, 1973 Apr. 19–Apr. 30, 1973 May 24–May 29, 1973 June 30–July 10, 1973 Aug. 3–Sept. 5, 1973 Oct. 4–Oct. 9, 1973 Oct. 18–Oct. 23, 1973 Nov. 15–Nov. 26, 1973	James O. Eastland, of Mississippi	Do.
	2	Jan. 21, 1974	Dec. 20, 1974	334	Feb. 8–Feb. 18, 1974 Mar. 13–Mar. 19, 1974 Apr. 11–Apr. 22, 1974 May 23–May 28, 1974 Aug. 22–Sept. 4, 1974 Oct. 17–Nov. 18, 1974 Nov. 26–Dec. 2, 1974	Feb. 7–Feb. 13, 1974 Apr. 11–Apr. 22, 1974 May 23–May 28, 1974 Aug. 22–Sept. 11, 1974 Oct. 17–Nov. 18, 1974 Nov. 26–Dec. 3, 1974	...do.	
94th	1	Jan. 14, 1975	Dec. 19, 1975	340	Mar. 26–Apr. 7, 1975 May 22–June 2, 1975 June 27–July 7, 1975 Aug. 1–Sept. 3, 1975 Oct. 9–Oct. 20, 1975 Oct. 23–Oct. 28, 1975 Nov. 20–Dec. 1, 1975	Mar. 26–Apr. 7, 1975 May 22–June 2, 1975 June 26–July 8, 1975 Aug. 1–Sept. 3, 1975 Oct. 9–Oct. 20, 1975 Oct. 23–Oct. 28, 1975 Nov. 20–Dec. 1, 1975	...do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 19, 1976	Oct. 1, 1976	257	Feb. 6–Feb. 16, 1976 Apr. 14–Apr. 26, 1976 May 28–June 2, 1976 July 2–July 19, 1976 Aug. 10–Aug. 23, 1976 Sept. 1–Sept. 7, 1976	Feb. 11–Feb. 16, 1976 Apr. 14–Apr. 26, 1976 May 27–June 1, 1976 July 2–July 19, 1976 Aug. 10–Aug. 23, 1976 Sept. 2–Sept. 8, 1976	...do.	
95th	1	Jan. 4, 1977	Dec. 15, 1977	346	Feb. 11–Feb. 21, 1977 Apr. 7–Apr. 18, 1977 May 27–June 6, 1977 July 1–July 11, 1977 Aug. 6–Sept. 7, 1977	Feb. 9–Feb. 16, 1977 Apr. 6–Apr. 18, 1977 May 26–June 1, 1977 June 30–July 11, 1977 Aug. 5–Sept. 7, 1977 Oct. 6–Oct. 11, 1977	...do.	Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., of Massachusetts.
	2	Jan. 19, 1978	Oct. 15, 1978	270	Feb. 10–Feb. 20, 1978 Mar. 23–Apr. 3, 1978 May 26–June 5, 1978 June 29–July 10, 1978 Aug. 25–Sept. 6, 1978	Feb. 9–Feb. 14, 1978 Mar. 22–Apr. 3, 1978 May 25–May 31, 1978 June 29–July 10, 1978 Aug. 17–Sept. 6, 1978	...do.	
96th	1	Jan. 15, 1979	Jan. 3, 1980	354	Feb. 9–Feb. 19, 1979 Apr. 10–Apr. 23, 1979 May 24–June 4, 1979 June 27–July 9, 1979 Aug. 3–Sept. 5, 1979 Nov. 20–Nov. 26, 1979 Adjourned sine die, Dec. 20, 1979	Feb. 8–Feb. 13, 1979 Apr. 10–Apr. 23, 1979 May 24–May 30, 1979 June 29–July 9, 1979 Aug. 2–Sept. 5, 1979 Nov. 20–Nov. 26, 1979	Warren G. Magnuson, of Washington	Do.
	2	Jan. 3, 1980	Dec. 16, 1980	349	Apr. 3–Apr. 15, 1980 May 22–May 28, 1980 July 2–July 21, 1980 Aug. 6–Aug. 18, 1980 Aug. 27–Sept. 3, 1980 Oct. 1–Nov. 12, 1980 Nov. 25–Dec. 1, 1980	Feb. 13–Feb. 19, 1980 Apr. 2–Apr. 15, 1980 May 22–May 28, 1980 July 2–July 21, 1980 Aug. 1–Aug. 18, 1980 Aug. 28–Sept. 3, 1980 Oct. 2–Nov. 12, 1980 Nov. 21–Dec. 1, 1980	Warren G. Magnuson, of Washington; Milton Young, of North Dakota; <sup>19</sup> Warren G. Magnuson, of Washington. <sup>19</sup>	
97th	1	Jan. 5, 1981	Dec. 16, 1981	347	Feb. 6–Feb. 16, 1981 Apr. 10–Apr. 27, 1981 June 25–July 8, 1981 Aug. 3–Sept. 9, 1981 Oct. 7–Oct. 14, 1981 Nov. 24–Nov. 30, 1981	Feb. 6–Feb. 17, 1981 Apr. 10–Apr. 27, 1981 June 26–July 8, 1981 Aug. 4–Sept. 9, 1981 Oct. 7–Oct. 13, 1981 Nov. 23–Nov. 30, 1981	Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina	Do.
	2	Jan. 25, 1982	Dec. 23, 1982	333	Feb. 11–Feb. 22, 1982 Apr. 1–Apr. 13, 1982 May 27–June 8, 1982 July 1–July 12, 1982 Aug. 20–Sept. 8, 1982 Oct. 1–Nov. 29, 1982	Feb. 10–Feb. 22, 1982 Apr. 6–Apr. 20, 1982 May 27–June 2, 1982 July 1–July 12, 1982 Aug. 20–Sept. 8, 1982 Oct. 1–Nov. 29, 1982	...do.	

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98th	1	Jan. 3, 1983	Nov. 18, 1983	320	Jan. 3-Jan. 25, 1983 Feb. 3-Feb. 14, 1983 Mar. 24-Apr. 5, 1983 May 26-June 6, 1983 June 29-July 11, 1983 Aug. 4-Sept. 12, 1983 Oct. 7-Oct. 17, 1983	Jan. 6-Jan. 25, 1983 Feb. 17-Feb. 22, 1983 Mar. 24-Apr. 5, 1983 May 26-June 1, 1983 June 30-July 11, 1983 Aug. 4-Sept. 12, 1983 Oct. 6-Oct. 17, 1983	Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina	Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., of Massachusetts
	2	Jan. 23, 1984	Oct. 12, 1984	264	Feb. 9-Feb. 20, 1984 Apr. 12-Apr. 24, 1984 May 24-May 31, 1984 June 29-July 23, 1984 Aug. 10-Sept. 5, 1984	Feb. 9-Feb. 21, 1984 Apr. 12-Apr. 24, 1984 May 24-May 30, 1984 June 29-July 23, 1984 Aug. 10-Sept. 5, 1984	do.	do.
99th	1	Jan. 3, 1985	Dec. 20, 1985	352	Jan. 7-Jan. 21, 1985 Feb. 7-Feb. 18, 1985 Apr. 4-Apr. 15, 1985 May 9-May 14, 1985 May 24-June 3, 1985 June 27-July 8, 1985 Aug. 1-Sept. 9, 1985 Nov. 23-Dec. 2, 1985	Jan. 3-Jan. 21, 1985 Feb. 7-Feb. 19, 1985 Mar. 7-Mar. 19, 1985 Apr. 4-Apr. 15, 1985 May 23-June 3, 1985 June 27-July 8, 1985 Aug. 1-Sept. 4, 1985 Nov. 21-Dec. 2, 1985	do.	do.
	2	Jan. 21, 1986	Oct. 18, 1986	278	Feb. 7-Feb. 17, 1986 Mar. 27-Apr. 8, 1986 May 21-June 2, 1986 June 26-July 7, 1986 Aug. 15-Sept. 8, 1986	Feb. 6-Feb. 18, 1986 Mar. 25-Apr. 8, 1986 May 22-June 3, 1986 June 26-July 14, 1986 Aug. 16-Sept. 8, 1986	do.	do.
100th	1	Jan. 6, 1987	Dec. 22, 1987	351	Jan. 6-Jan. 12, 1987 Feb. 5-Feb. 16, 1987 Apr. 10-Apr. 21, 1987 May 21-May 27, 1987 July 1-July 7, 1987 Aug. 7-Sept. 9, 1987 Nov. 20-Nov. 30, 1987	Jan. 8-Jan. 20, 1987 Feb. 11-Feb. 18, 1987 Apr. 9-Apr. 21, 1987 May 21-May 27, 1987 July 1-July 7, 1987 July 15-July 20, 1987 Aug. 7-Sept. 9, 1987 Nov. 10-Nov. 16, 1987 Nov. 20-Nov. 30, 1987	John C. Stennis, of Mississippi	James C. Wright, Jr., of Texas
	2	Jan. 25, 1988	Oct. 22, 1988	272	Feb. 4-Feb. 15, 1988 Mar. 4-Mar. 14, 1988 Mar. 31-Apr. 11, 1988 Apr. 29-May 9, 1988 May 27-June 6, 1988 June 29-July 6, 1988 July 14-July 25, 1988 Aug. 11-Sept. 7, 1988	Feb. 9-Feb. 16, 1988 Mar. 31-Apr. 11, 1988 May 26-June 1, 1988 June 30-July 7, 1988 July 14-July 26, 1988 Aug. 11-Sept. 7, 1988	do.	do.
101st	1	Jan. 3, 1989	Nov. 22, 1989	324	Jan. 4-Jan. 20, 1989 Jan. 20-Jan. 25, 1989 Feb. 9-Feb. 21, 1989 Mar. 17-Apr. 4, 1989 Apr. 19-May 1, 1989 May 18-May 31, 1989 June 23-July 11, 1989 Aug. 4-Sept. 6, 1989	Jan. 4-Jan. 19, 1989 Feb. 9-Feb. 21, 1989 Mar. 23-Apr. 3, 1989 Apr. 18-Apr. 25, 1989 May 25-May 31, 1989 June 29-July 10, 1989 Aug. 5-Sept. 6, 1989	Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia	James C. Wright, Jr., of Texas; <sup>20</sup> Thomas S. Foley, of Washington. <sup>20</sup>
	2	Jan. 23, 1990	Oct. 28, 1990	260	Feb. 8-Feb. 20, 1990 Mar. 9-Mar. 20, 1990 Apr. 5-Apr. 18, 1990 May 24-June 5, 1990 June 28-July 10, 1990 Aug. 4-Sept. 10, 1990	Feb. 7-Feb. 20, 1990 Apr. 4-Apr. 18, 1990 May 25-June 5, 1990 June 28-July 10, 1990 Aug. 4-Sept. 5, 1990	do.	do.
102d	1	Jan. 3, 1991	Jan. 3, 1992	366	Feb. 7-Feb. 19, 1991 Mar. 22-Apr. 9, 1991 Apr. 25-May 6, 1991 May 24-June 3, 1991 June 28-July 8, 1991 Aug. 2-Sept. 10, 1991 Nov. 27, 1991-Jan. 3, 1992	Feb. 6-Feb. 19, 1991 Mar. 22-Apr. 9, 1991 May 23-May 29, 1991 June 27-July 9, 1991 Aug. 2-Sept. 11, 1991 Nov. 27, 1991-Jan. 3, 1992	do.	Thomas S. Foley, of Washington
	2	Jan. 3, 1992	Oct. 9, 1992	281	Jan. 3-Jan. 21, 1992 Feb. 7-Feb. 18, 1992 Apr. 10-Apr. 28, 1992 May 21-June 1, 1992 July 2-July 20, 1992 Aug. 12-Sept. 8, 1992	Jan. 3-Jan. 22, 1992 Apr. 10-Apr. 28, 1992 May 21-May 26, 1992 July 2-July 7, 1992 July 9-July 21, 1992 Aug. 12-Sept. 9, 1992	do.	do.

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					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 .....		
	2	Jan. 25, 1994 .....	Dec. 1, 1994 .....	311	Apr. 7-Apr. 19, 1993 .....	Feb. 4-Feb. 16, 1993 .....	.....do.	
					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 .....		
					Feb. 11-Feb. 22, 1994 .....	Jan. 26-Feb. 1, 1994 .....		
					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 .....		
104th ..	1	Jan. 4, 1995 .....	Jan. 3, 1996 .....	365	Feb. 16-Feb. 22, 1995 .....	Feb. 16-Feb. 21, 1995 .....	Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina .....	Newt Gingrich, of Georgia.
					Apr. 7-Apr. 24, 1995 .....	Mar. 16-Mar. 21, 1995 .....		
					May 26-June 5, 1995 .....	Apr. 7-May 1, 1995 .....		
					June 30-July 10, 1995 .....	May 3-May 9, 1995 .....		
					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 .....		
105th ..	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 .....		
	2	Jan. 27, 1998 .....	Dec. 19, 1998 ...	327	Feb. 13-Feb. 23, 1998 .....	Jan. 28-Feb. 3, 1998 .....	.....do.	
					Apr. 3-Apr. 20, 1998 .....	Feb. 5-Feb. 11, 1998 .....		
					May 22-June 1, 1998 .....	Feb. 12-Feb. 24, 1998 .....		
					June 26-July 6, 1998 .....	Apr. 1-Apr. 21, 1998 .....		
					July 31-Aug. 31, 1998 .....	May 22-June 3, 1998 .....		
					Adjourned sine die, Oct. 21, 1998.	June 25-July 14, 1998 .....		
						Aug. 7-Sept. 9, 1998 .....		
						Oct. 21-Dec. 17, 1998 .....		
106th ..	1	Jan. 6, 1999 .....	Nov. 22, 1999 ..	321	Feb. 12-Feb. 22, 1999 .....	Jan. 6-Jan. 19, 1999 .....	.....do.	J. Dennis Hastert, of Illinois.
					Mar. 25-Apr. 12, 1999 .....	Jan. 19-Feb. 2, 1999 .....		
					May 27-June 7, 1999 .....	Feb. 12-Feb. 23, 1999 .....		
					July 1-July 12, 1999 .....	Mar. 25-Apr. 12, 1999 .....		
					Aug. 5-Sept. 8, 1999 .....	May 27-June 7, 1999 .....		
						July 1-July 12, 1999 .....		
	2	Jan. 24, 2000 .....	Dec. 15, 2000 ...	326	Feb. 10-Feb. 22, 2000 .....	Aug. 6-Sept. 8, 1999 .....	.....do.	
					Mar. 9-Mar. 20, 2000 .....	Feb. 16-Feb. 29, 2000 .....		
					Apr. 13-Apr. 25, 2000 .....	Apr. 13-May 2, 2000 .....		
					May 25-June 6, 2000 .....	May 25-June 6, 2000 .....		
					June 30-July 10, 2000 .....	June 30-July 10, 2000 .....		
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107th ..	1	Jan. 3, 2001 .....	Dec. 20, 2001 ...	352	Jan. 8-Jan. 20, 2001 .....	Jan. 6-Jan. 20, 2001 .....	Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia; <sup>21</sup> Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina; <sup>21</sup> Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia. <sup>21</sup>	Do.
					Feb. 15-Feb. 26, 2001 .....	Jan. 20-Jan. 30, 2001 .....		
					Apr. 6-Apr. 23, 2001 .....	Jan. 31-Feb. 6, 2001 .....		
					May 26-June 5, 2001 .....	Feb. 14-Feb. 26, 2001 .....		
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					Oct. 18-Oct. 23, 2001 .....	June 28-July 10, 2001 .....		
					Nov. 16-Nov. 27, 2001 .....	Aug. 2-Sept. 5, 2001 .....		
						Oct. 17-Oct. 23, 2001 .....		
						Nov. 19-Nov. 27, 2001 .....		
	2	Jan. 23, 2002 .....	Nov. 22, 2002 ...	304	Jan. 29-Feb. 4, 2002 .....	Jan. 29-Feb. 4, 2002 .....	Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia .....	
					Feb. 15-Feb. 25, 2002 .....	Feb. 14-Feb. 26, 2002 .....		
					Mar. 22-Apr. 8, 2002 .....	Mar. 20-Apr. 9, 2002 .....		
					May 23-June 3, 2002 .....	May 24-June 4, 2002 .....		
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	2	Jan. 20, 2004 .....	Dec. 8, 2004 .....	324	Apr. 11-Apr. 28, 2003 .....	Feb. 13-Feb. 25, 2003 .....		
109th..	1	Jan. 4, 2005 .....	Dec. 22, 2005 .....	353	May 23-June 2, 2003 .....	Apr. 12-Apr. 29, 2003 .....	do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 3, 2006 .....	Dec. 9, 2006 .....	341	June 27-July 7, 2003 .....	May 23-June 2, 2003 .....		
110th..	1	Jan. 4, 2007 .....	.....	.....	Aug. 1-Sept. 2, 2003 .....	June 27-July 7, 2003 .....	Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia .....	Nancy Pelosi, of California.
	2	.....	.....	.....	Oct. 3-Oct. 14, 2003 .....	July 29-Sept. 3, 2003 .....		

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>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.<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

<sup>5</sup>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.

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

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>William P. Frye resigned as President pro tempore on Apr. 27, 1911.

<sup>10</sup>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.

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

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

<sup>13</sup>President pro tempore Key Pittman died on Nov. 10, 1940. He was succeeded by William H. King who was elected President pro tempore on Nov. 19, 1940.

<sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>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 is 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.

<sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>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.

<sup>19</sup>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.

<sup>20</sup>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.



<sup>21</sup>The 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, 1787, 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.