

# Sessions of Congress with Corresponding Debate Record Volume Numbers (1789-Current)

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Congress	Session	Dates	Volume Number <i>Annals of Congress</i> @
1 <sup>st</sup>	1	March 4, 1789 - September 29, 1789	1
	2	January 4, 1790 - August 12, 1790	1 & 2
	3	December 6, 1790 - March 3, 1791	2
2 <sup>nd</sup>	*	March 4, 1791	2
	1	October 24, 1791 - May 9, 1792	3
	2	November 5, 1792 - March 2, 1793	3
3 <sup>rd</sup>	*	March 4, 1793	3
	1	December 2, 1793 - June 9, 1794	4
	2	November 3, 1794 - March 3, 1795	4
4 <sup>th</sup>	*	June 8, 1795 - June 26, 1795	4
	1	December 7, 1795 - June 1, 1796	5
	2	December 5, 1796-March 3, 1797	6
5 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 4, 1797	6
	1	May 15, 1797 - July 10, 1797	7
	2	November 13, 1797 - July 16, 1798	7 & 8
	*	July 17, 1798 - July 19, 1798	7
	3	December 3, 1798 - March 3, 1799	8 & 9
6 <sup>th</sup>	1	December 2, 1799 - May 14, 1800	10
	2	November 17, 1800 - March 3, 1801	10
7 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 4, 1801- March 5, 1801	10
	1	December 7, 1801 - May 3, 1802	11
	2	December 6, 1802 - March 3, 1803	12
8 <sup>th</sup>	1	October 17, 1803 - March 27, 1804	13
	2	November 5, 1804 - March 3, 1805	14

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9 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 4, 1805	14
	1	December 2, 1805 - April 21, 1806	15
	2	December 1, 1806 - March 3, 1807	16
10 <sup>th</sup>	1	October 26, 1807 - April 25, 1808	17 & 18
	2	November 7, 1808 - March 3, 1809	19
11 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 4, 1809 - March 7, 1809	19
	1	May 22, 1809 - June 28, 1809	20
	2	November 27, 1809 - May 1, 1810	20 & 21
	3	December 3, 1810 - March 3, 1811	22
12 <sup>th</sup>	1	November 4, 1811 - July 6, 1812	23 & 24
	2	November 2, 1812 - March 3, 1813	25
13 <sup>th</sup>	1	May 24, 1813 - August 2, 1813	26
	2	December 6, 1813 - April 18, 1814	26 & 27
	3	September 19, 1814 - March 3, 1815	28
14 <sup>th</sup>	1	December 4, 1815 - April 30, 1816	29
	2	December 2, 1816 - March 3, 1817	30
15 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 4, 1817 - March 6, 1817	30
	1	December 1, 1817 - April 20, 1818	31 & 32
	2	November 6, 1818 - March 3, 1819	33 & 34
16 <sup>th</sup>	1	December 6, 1819 - May 15, 1820	35 & 36
	2	November 13, 1820 - March 3, 1821	37
17 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 6, 1821	37
	1	December 3, 1821 - May 8, 1822	38 & 39
	2	December 2, 1822 - March 3, 1823	40
18 <sup>th</sup>	1	December 1, 1823 - May 27, 1824	41 & 42

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18 <sup>th</sup>	2	December 6, 1824 – March 3, 1825	1
19 <sup>th</sup>	1	December 5, 1825 – May 22, 1826	2
	2	December 4, 1826 – March 3, 1827	3
20 <sup>th</sup>	1	December 3, 1827 – May 26, 1828	4
	2	December 1, 1828 – March 3, 1829	5
21 <sup>st</sup>	*	March 5, 1829 – March 16, 1829	5
	1	December 7, 1829 – May 31, 1830	6
	2	December 6, 1830 – March 3, 1831	7
22 <sup>nd</sup>	1	December 5, 1831 - July 16, 1832	8
	2	December 3, 1832 - March 2, 1833	9
23 <sup>rd</sup>	1	December 2, 1833 - June 30, 1834	10
	2	December 1, 1834 - March 3, 1835	11
24 <sup>th</sup>	1	December 7, 1835 - July 4, 1836	12
	2	December 5, 1836 - March 3, 1837	13
25 <sup>th</sup>	1	September 4, 1837 - October 16, 1837	14
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23 <sup>rd</sup>	1	December 2, 1833 - June 30, 1834	1
	2	December 1, 1834 - March 3, 1835	2
24 <sup>th</sup>	1	December 7, 1835 - July 4, 1836	3
	2	December 5, 1836 - March 3, 1837	4
25 <sup>th</sup>	1	September 4, 1837 - October 16, 1837	5
	2	December 4, 1837 - July 9, 1838	6
	3	December 3, 1838 - March 3, 1839	7
26 <sup>th</sup>	1	December 2, 1839 - July 21, 1840	8
	2	December 7, 1840 - March 3, 1841	9

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	1	May 31, 1841- September 13, 1841	10
	2	December 6, 1841 - August 31, 1842	11
	3	December 5, 1842 - March 3, 1843	12
28 <sup>th</sup>	1	December 4, 1843 - June 17, 1844	13
	2	December 2, 1844 - March 3, 1845	14
29 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 4, 1845 - March 6, 1845	14
	1	December 1, 1845 - August 10, 1846	15 <sup>^</sup>
	2	December 7, 1846 - March 3, 1847	16 <sup>^</sup>
30 <sup>th</sup>	1	December 6, 1847 - August 14, 1848	17 <sup>^v</sup>
	2	December 4, 1848 - March 3, 1849	18 <sup>^</sup>
31 <sup>st</sup>	*	March 5, 1849 - March 23, 1849	18 <sup>^</sup>
	1	December 3, 1849 - September 30, 1850	19 <sup>^v</sup>
	2	December 2, 1850 - March 3, 1851	20 <sup>^</sup>
32 <sup>nd</sup>	*	March 5, 1851 - March 13, 1851	20 <sup>^</sup>
	1	December 1, 1851 - August 31, 1852	21 <sup>^</sup>
	2	December 6, 1852 - March 3, 1853	22 <sup>^</sup>
33 <sup>rd</sup>	*	March 4, 1853 - April 11, 1853	22 <sup>^</sup>
	1	December 5, 1853 - August 7, 1854	23 <sup>^</sup>
	2	December 4, 1854 - March 3, 1855	24 <sup>^</sup>
34 <sup>th</sup>	1	December 3, 1855 - August 18, 1856	25 <sup>^</sup>
	2	August 21, 1856 - August 30, 1856	25 <sup>^</sup>
	3	December 1, 1856 - March 3, 1857	26 <sup>^</sup>
35 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 4, 1857 - March 14, 1857	26 <sup>^</sup>
	1	December 7, 1857 - June 14, 1858	27 <sup>^</sup>
	*	June 15, 1858 - June 16, 1858	27 <sup>^</sup>
	2	December 6, 1858 - March 3, 1859	28 <sup>^</sup>

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36 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 4, 1859 - March 10, 1859	28 <sup>^</sup>
	1	December 5, 1859 - June 25, 1860	29 <sup>^</sup>
	*	June 26, 1860 - June 27, 1860	29 <sup>^</sup>
	2	December 3, 1860 - March 2, 1861	30 <sup>^</sup>
37 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 4, 1861 - March 28, 1861	30 <sup>^</sup>
	1	July 4, 1861 - August 6, 1861	31 <sup>^</sup>
	2	December 2, 1861 - July 17, 1862	32 <sup>^</sup>
	3	December 1, 1862 - March 3, 1863	33 <sup>^</sup>
38 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 4, 1863 - March 14, 1863	33 <sup>^</sup>
	1	December 7, 1863 - July 4, 1864	34 <sup>^</sup>
	2	December 5, 1864 - March 3, 1865	35 <sup>^</sup>
39 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 4, 1865 - March 11, 1865	35 <sup>^</sup>
	1	December 4, 1865 - July 28, 1866	36 <sup>^</sup>
	2	December 3, 1866 - March 4, 1867	37 <sup>^</sup>
40 <sup>th</sup>	1	March 4, 1867 - December 2, 1867	38 <sup>^h</sup>
	*	April 1, 1867 - April 20, 1867	38 <sup>^</sup>
	2	December 2, 1867 - November 10, 1868	39 <sup>^</sup>
	3	December 7, 1868 - March 3, 1869	40 <sup>^</sup>
41 <sup>st</sup>	1	March 4, 1869 - April 10, 1869	41 <sup>^</sup>
	*	April 12, 1869 - April 22, 1869	41 <sup>^</sup>
	2	December 6, 1869 - July 15, 1870	42 <sup>^</sup>
	3	December 5, 1870 - March 3, 1871	43 <sup>^</sup>
42 <sup>nd</sup>	1	March 4, 1871 - April 20, 1871	44 <sup>^</sup>
	*	May 10, 1871 - May 22, 1871	44 <sup>^</sup>
	2	December 4, 1871 - June 10, 1872	45 <sup>^</sup>
	3	December 2, 1872 - March 3, 1873	46 <sup>^</sup>

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43 <sup>rd</sup>	*	March 4, 1873 - March 26, 1873	1
	1	December 1, 1873 - June 23, 1874	2
	2	December 7, 1874 - March 3, 1875	3
44 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 5, 1875 - March 23, 1875	4
	1	December 6, 1875 - August 15, 1876	4
	2	December 4, 1876 - March 3, 1877	5
45 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 5, 1877 - March 17, 1877	6
	1	October 15, 1877 - December 3, 1877	6
	2	December 3, 1877 - June 20, 1878	7
	3	December 2, 1878 - March 3, 1879	8
46 <sup>th</sup>	1	March 18, 1879 - July 1, 1879	9
	2	December 1, 1879 - June 16, 1880	10
	3	December 6, 1880 - March 3, 1881	11
47 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 4, 1881 - May 20, 1881	12
	*	October 10, 1881 - October 29, 1881	12
	1	December 5, 1881 - August 8, 1882	13
	2	December 4, 1882 - March 3, 1883	14
48 <sup>th</sup>	1	December 3, 1883 - July 7, 1884	15
	2	December 1, 1884 - March 3, 1885	16
49 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 4, 1885 - April 2, 1885	17
	1	December 7, 1885 - August 5, 1886	17
	2	December 6, 1886 - March 3, 1887	18
50 <sup>th</sup>	1	December 5, 1887 - October 20, 1888	19
	2	December 3, 1888 - March 2, 1889	20
51 <sup>st</sup>	*	March 4, 1889 - April 2, 1889	21
	1	December 2, 1889 - October 1, 1890	21
	2	December 1, 1890 - March 3, 1891	22

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	2	December 5, 1892 – March 3, 1893	24
53 <sup>rd</sup>	*	March 4, 1893 - April 15, 1893	25
	1	August 7, 1893 – November 3, 1893	25
	2	December 4, 1893 – August 28, 1894	26
	3	December 3, 1894 – March 3, 1895	27
54 <sup>th</sup>	1	December 2, 1895 - June 11, 1896	28
	2	December 7, 1896 – March 3, 1897	29
55 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 4, 1897 - March 10, 1897	30
	1	March 15, 1897 - July 24, 1897	30
	2	December 6, 1897 - July 8, 1898	31
	3	December 5, 1898 – March 3, 1899	32
56 <sup>th</sup>	1	December 4, 1899 - June 7, 1900	33
	2	December 3, 1900 – March 2, 1901	34
57 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 4, 1901 - March 9, 1901	35
	1	December 2, 1901 - July 1, 1902	35
	2	December 1, 1902 - March 3, 1903	36
58 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 5, 1903 - March 19, 1903	37
	1	November 9, 1903 - December 7, 1903	37
	2	December 7, 1903 - April 28, 1904	38
	3	December 5, 1904 - March 4, 1905	39
59 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 4, 1905 - March 18, 1905	40
	1	December 4, 1905 - June 30, 1906	40
	2	December 3, 1906 - March 3, 1907	41
60 <sup>th</sup>	1	December 2, 1907 - May 30, 1908	42
	2	December 7, 1908 - March 4, 1909	43
61 <sup>st</sup>	*	March 4, 1909 - March 6, 1909	44
	1	March 15, 1909 - August 5, 1909	44
	2	December 6, 1909 - June 25, 1910	45
	3	December 5, 1910 - March 4, 1911	46

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	2	December 4, 1911 - August 26, 1912	48
	3	December 2, 1912 - March 3, 1913	49
63 <sup>rd</sup>	*	March 4, 1913 – March 17, 1913	50
	1	April 7, 1913 – December 1, 1913	50
	2	December 1, 1913 - October 24, 1914	51
	3	December 7, 1914 - March 4, 1915	52
64 <sup>th</sup>	1	December 6, 1915 - September 8, 1916	53
	2	December 4, 1916 - March 4, 1917	54
65 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 5, 1917 – March 16, 1917	55
	1	April 2, 1917 – October 6, 1917	55
	2	December 3, 1917 – November 21, 1918	56
	3	December 2, 1918 - March 4, 1919	57
66 <sup>th</sup>	1	May 19, 1919 – November 19, 1919	58
	2	December 1, 1919 - June 5, 1920	59
	3	December 6, 1920 - March 4, 1921	60
67 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 4, 1921- March 15, 1921	61
	1	April 11, 1921 - November 23, 1921	61
	2	December 5, 1921 – September 22, 1922	62
	3	November 20, 1922 – December 4, 1922	63-a
	4	December 4, 1922 - March 4, 1923	64-a
68 <sup>th</sup>	1	December 3, 1923 - June 7, 1924	65-a
	2	December 1, 1924 - March 4, 1925	66-a
69 <sup>th</sup>	*	March 4, 1925 - March 18, 1925	67-a
	1	December 7, 1925 - July 3, 1926	67-a
	*	November 10, 1926	67-a
	2	December 6, 1926 - March 4, 1927	68-a
70 <sup>th</sup>	1	December 5, 1927 - May 29, 1928	69-a
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	2	December 2, 1929 - July 3, 1930	72-a
	*	July 7, 1930 – July 21, 1930	73-a
	3	December 1, 1930 - March 4, 1931	74-a
72 <sup>nd</sup>	1	December 7, 1931 - July 16, 1932	75-a
	2	December 5, 1932 - March 4, 1933	76-a
73 <sup>rd</sup>	*	March 4, 1933 - March 6, 1933	77-a
	1	March 9, 1933 - June 15, 1933	77-a
	2	January 3, 1934 - June 18, 1934#	78-a
74 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 3, 1935 - August 26, 1935	79-a
	2	January 3, 1936 - June 20, 1936	80-a
75 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 5, 1937 – August 21, 1937	81
	2	November 15, 1937-December 21, 1937	82
	3	January 3, 1938 - June 16, 1938	83
76 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 3, 1939 - August 5, 1939	84
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77 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 3, 1941 - January 2, 1942#	87#
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78 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 6, 1943 - December 21, 1943	89
	2	January 10, 1944 - December 19, 1944	90
79 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 3, 1945 - December 21, 1945	91
	2	January 14, 1946 - August 2, 1946	92
80 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 3, 1947 - December 19, 1947	93d
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81 <sup>st</sup>	1	January 3, 1949 - October 19, 1949	95
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83 <sup>rd</sup>	1	January 3, 1953 - August 3, 1953	99
	2	January 6, 1954 - December 2, 1954	100-a
84 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 5, 1955 - August 2, 1955	101-a
	2	January 3, 1956 - July 27, 1956	102-a
85 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 3, 1957 - August 30, 1957	103-a
	2	January 7, 1958 - August 24, 1958	104-a
86 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 7, 1959 - September 14, 1959	105-a
	2	January 6, 1960 - September 1, 1960	106-a
87 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 3, 1961 - September 26, 1961	107-a
	2	January 10, 1962 - October 13, 1962	108-a
88 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 9, 1963 - December 30, 1963	109-a
	2	January 7, 1964 - October 3, 1964	110-a
89 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 4, 1965 - October 22, 1965	111-a
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90 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 10, 1967 - December 15, 1967	113
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91 <sup>st</sup>	1	January 3, 1969 - December 23, 1969	115
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93 <sup>rd</sup>	1	January 3, 1973 - December 22, 1973	119
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96 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 15, 1979 - January 3, 1980	125
	2	January 3, 1980 - December 16, 1980	126
97 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 5, 1981 - December 16, 1981	127
	2	January 25, 1982 - December 23, 1982	128
98 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 3, 1983 - November 18, 1983	129
	2	January 23, 1984 - October 12, 1984	130
99 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 3, 1985 - December 20, 1985	131
	2	January 21, 1986 - October 18, 1986	132
100 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 6, 1987 - December 22, 1987	133
	2	January 25, 1988 - October 22, 1988	134
101 <sup>st</sup>	1	January 3, 1989 - November 22, 1989	135
	2	January 23, 1990 - October 28, 1990	136
102 <sup>nd</sup>	1	January 3, 1991 - January 3, 1992	137
	2	January 3, 1992 - October 9, 1992	138
103 <sup>rd</sup>	1	January 5, 1993 - November 26, 1993	139
	2	January 25, 1994 - December 1, 1994	140
104 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 4, 1995 - January 3, 1996	141
	2	January 3, 1996 - October 4, 1996	142
105 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 7, 1997 - November 13, 1997	143
	2	January 27, 1998 - October 21, 1998?	144
106 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 6, 1999 - November 22, 1999	145
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107 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 3, 2001 - December 20, 2001	147
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109 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 4, 2005 - December 22, 2005	151
	2	January 3, 2006 - December 8, 2006	152
110 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 4, 2007 - December 31, 2007	153
	2	January 3, 2008 - January 3, 2009	154
111 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 6, 2009 -December 24, 2009	155
	2	January 5, 2010 - December 29, 2010	156
112 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 5, 2011 - December 30, 2011	157
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113 <sup>th</sup>	1	January 3, 2013 - December 28, 2013	159
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#### NOTES/MILESTONES:

@ The [Annals of Congress](#) (1789-1824) were compiled and published by Gales and Seaton from early newspaper and other sources after they had already published the contemporary [Register of Debates](#) (1824-1837). Both publications were consecutively numbered by column with two columns per page and within each session had separately grouped material for Senate proceedings, House proceedings and an appendix. The appendix section included public laws and executive reports (the *Annals*) as well as inserted speeches and selected congressional documents and reports (the *Register*).

\* Indicates a **special session of the Senate usually for executive confirmations, treaty ratifications, inaugural addresses, or trials after impeachments**. Frequently, the special session occurred right after the close of a Congress and thus material from the special session was often, before the advent of the *Congressional Record*, printed at the end of the debate volume of the preceding congress.

^ Indicates that after volume 14 in the [Congressional Globe](#) (1845), published by Blair & Rives, volume numbers were no longer printed in the original documents. The phrase "New Series" appears instead. However, many libraries have applied volume numbers to the spine of the *Globe* volumes based on the table found in the [Checklist of United States Public Documents: 1789-1909](#), 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., vol. 1B, pp. 1466-69. Generally, as in the *Register of Debates* and the *Congressional Record*, a new volume number was applied

for each new congressional session unless the session was quite small, as in a special session of the Senate. For sessions with material of extensive size, multiple parts (books) within a volume are used. Citations to the *Congressional Globe* should normally refer to the congressional session rather than the volume number as in CONG. GLOBE, 36<sup>th</sup> Cong., 1<sup>st</sup> Sess. 1672 (1860). Other debate record citations can employ volume numbers, as in 38 ANNALS OF CONG. 624 (1822), 10 REG. DEB. 3472 (1834), and 123 CONG. REC. 17,147 (1977). See *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*, 17<sup>th</sup> ed., p. 95, 2000.

**v** Indicates when in the Senate (1848) and when in the House (1850) **near verbatim reporting** of the debates became a reality with the adoption by those bodies of the shorthand method created by Isaac Pitman.

**h** Indicates when (1867) a **history of Senate bills and resolutions and a history of House bills and resolutions** began appearing in the debate record index for each congressional session covered. An index has always been a part of each record of debates. Before 1867 the best source for bill histories is probably the table of bills in the House and Senate journals.

**-a** Indicates that the bound edition of the *Congressional Record* **lacks the appendix material** of inserted House remarks and documents that was published in the daily edition. There were two periods in which this occurred. The first absence involved volumes 63 to 80 (1923-1936) and the second absence involved volumes 100 to 112 (1954-1966). In the later, the bound *Record* Index referenced material in the daily appendix, and therefore many collections have retained the daily appendix either in hard copy or in microform. Appendices in the *Congressional Record* and the *Congressional Globe* have almost always had separate pagination from House and Senate proceedings and, before the 66<sup>th</sup> Congress (1919), they had their own index as well.

**#** The 20<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution, adopted in 1933, provided that Congress would begin meeting on January 3 of each year unless specified otherwise by law. However, it was not until the first session of the 77<sup>th</sup> Congress (1941) that **two session Congresses became normative** with a single session generally reflecting a single year. 1941 was also the time in which the *Congressional Record* (volume 87) began its three column format instead of its former two column format.

**d** Indicates when (1947) the "**Daily Digest**" began to be published as part of the *Congressional Record*.

**x** Indicates when (1968) the "**Extensions of Remarks**" section of the daily edition of the *Congressional Record* began to be incorporated as part of the regular numeric pagination of the bound edition of the *Record*. In the previous session (1967) the daily edition began to be paginated in sections with a letter preceding the numeric sequence: H for House proceedings, S for Senate proceedings, E for Extensions of Remarks and D for Daily Digest. The 1967 Extensions of Remarks section was placed in an Appendix in the bound edition. After that year there have been no appendices to the *Record* as they have been replaced by the Extensions of Remarks.

**s** Indicates when (1971) a special section of "**Statements on Introduced Bills and Resolutions**", which often included the text of Senate bills, began appearing in the Senate proceedings of the *Congressional Record*. At the same time bullet dots • began to be placed before and after material not actually spoken on the Senate floor.

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