

# FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

MARCH 4, 1817, TO MARCH 3, 1819

FIRST SESSION—*December 1, 1817, to April 20, 1818*

SECOND SESSION—*November 16, 1818, to March 3, 1819*

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SENATE—*March 4, 1817, to March 6, 1817*

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES—DANIEL D. TOMPKINS, of New York

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE—JOHN GAILLARD,<sup>1</sup> of South Carolina; JAMES BARBOUR,<sup>2</sup> of Virginia

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE—CHARLES CUTTS, of New Hampshire

SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE SENATE—MOUNTJOY BAYLY, of Maryland

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—HENRY CLAY,<sup>3</sup> of Kentucky

CLERK OF THE HOUSE—THOMAS DOUGHERTY,<sup>4</sup> of Kentucky

SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE HOUSE—THOMAS DUNN, of Maryland

DOORKEEPER OF THE HOUSE—THOMAS CLAXTON

## CONNECTICUT

SENATORS

Samuel W. Dana, *Middlesex*

David Daggett, *New Haven*

REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

Uriel Holmes,<sup>5</sup> *Litchfield*

Sylvester Gilbert,<sup>6</sup> *Hebron*

Ebenezer Huntington, *Norwich*

Jonathan O. Moseley, *East Haddam*

Timothy Pitkin, *Farmington*

Samuel B. Sherwood, *Saugatuck*

Nathaniel Terry, *Hartford*

Thomas S. Williams, *Hartford*

## DELAWARE

SENATORS

Outerbridge Horsey, *Wilmington*

Nicholas Van Dyke, *New Castle*

REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

Willard Hall, *Dover*

Louis McLane, *Wilmington*

## GEORGIA

SENATORS

Charles Tait, *Elbert*

George M. Troup,<sup>7</sup> *Dublin*

John Forsyth,<sup>8</sup> *Augusta*

REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

Joel Abbot, *Washington*

Thomas W. Cobb, *Lexington*

Zadock Cook, *Watkinsville*

Joel Crawford, *Milledgeville*

John Forsyth,<sup>9</sup> *Augusta*

Robert R. Reid,<sup>10</sup> *Augusta*

William Terrell, *Sparta*

## ILLINOIS<sup>11</sup>

SENATORS

Jesse B. Thomas,<sup>12</sup> *Edwardsville*

Ninian Edwards,<sup>13</sup> *Edwardsville*

REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE

John McLean,<sup>14</sup> *Shawneetown*

## INDIANA

SENATORS

James Noble, *Brookville*

Waller Taylor, *Vincennes*

REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE

William Hendricks, *Madison*

## KENTUCKY

SENATORS

Isham Talbot, *Frankfort*

John J. Crittenden,<sup>15</sup> *Russellville*

REPRESENTATIVES

Richard C. Anderson, Jr., *Louisville*

Henry Clay, *Lexington*

Joseph Desha, *Mays Lick*

Richard M. Johnson, *Great Crossings*

Anthony New, *Elkton*

Tunstall Quarles, *Somerset*

George Robertson, *Lancaster*

Thomas Speed, *Bardstown*

David Trimble, *Mount Sterling*

David Walker, *Russellville*

## LOUISIANA

SENATORS

Eligius Fromentin, *New Orleans*

William C. C. Claiborne,<sup>16</sup> *New Orleans*

Henry Johnson,<sup>17</sup> *Donaldsonville*

REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE

Thomas B. Robertson,<sup>18</sup> *New Orleans*

<sup>1</sup> Continuing from preceding session; elected March 6, 1817 (special session of the Senate); March 31, 1818.

<sup>2</sup> Elected February 15, 1819.

<sup>3</sup> Reelected December 1, 1817.

<sup>4</sup> Reelected December 1, 1817.

<sup>5</sup> Resigned in 1818.

<sup>6</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Uriel Holmes, and took his seat November 16, 1818.

<sup>7</sup> Resigned September 23, 1818.

<sup>8</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of George M. Troup, and took his seat November 23, 1818; resigned February 17, 1819, having been appointed minister to Spain.

<sup>9</sup> Resigned, effective November 23, 1818, having been elected Senator.

<sup>10</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of John Forsyth, and took his seat February 18, 1819.

<sup>11</sup> Admitted as a State into the Union December 3, 1818.

<sup>12</sup> Took his seat December 4, 1818; term to expire, as determined by lot, March 3, 1823.

<sup>13</sup> Took his seat December 4, 1818; term to expire, as determined by lot, March 3, 1819.

<sup>14</sup> Took his seat December 4, 1818.

<sup>15</sup> Resigned March 3, 1819.

<sup>16</sup> Died November 23, 1817, never having qualified.

<sup>17</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of William C. Claiborne, and took his seat February 26, 1818.

<sup>18</sup> Resigned April 20, 1818.

**LOUISIANA—Continued**

REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE—Continued

Thomas Butler,<sup>19</sup> *St. Francisville***MARYLAND**

SENATORS

Robert H. Goldsborough, *Easton*  
Alexander C. Hanson, *Elkridge*

REPRESENTATIVES

Thomas Bayly, *Princess Anne*  
Thomas Culbreth, *Denton*  
John C. Herbert, *Vannsville*  
Peter Little, *Freedom*  
George Peter, *Darnestown*  
Philip Reed, *Chestertown*  
Samuel Ringgold, *Hagerstown*  
Samuel Smith, *Baltimore*  
Philip Stuart, *Port Tobacco***MASSACHUSETTS**

SENATORS

Eli P. Ashmun,<sup>20</sup> *Northampton*  
Prentiss Mellen,<sup>21</sup> *Portland*  
Harrison Gray Otis, *Boston*

REPRESENTATIVES

Benjamin Adams, *Uxbridge*  
Samuel C. Allen, *Greenfield*  
Walter Folger, Jr., *Nantucket*  
Timothy Fuller, *Boston*  
Joshua Gage, *Augusta*  
John Holmes, *Alfred*  
Jonathan Mason, *Boston*  
Elijah H. Mills, *Northampton*  
Marcus Morton, *Taunton*  
Jeremiah Nelson, *Newburyport*  
Benjamin Orr, *Brunswick*  
Albion K. Parris,<sup>22</sup> *Paris*  
Enoch Lincoln,<sup>23</sup> *Paris*  
Thomas Rice, *Augusta*  
Nathaniel Ruggles, *Boston*  
Zabdiel Sampson, *Plymouth*  
Henry Shaw, *Lanesboro*  
Nathaniel Silsbee, *Salem*  
Solomon Strong, *Westminster*  
Ezekiel Whitman, *Portland*  
John Wilson, *Belfast***MISSISSIPPI**<sup>24</sup>

SENATORS

Walter Leake,<sup>25</sup> *Red Bluff*Thomas H. Williams,<sup>26</sup> *Washington*  
REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE  
George Poindexter,<sup>27</sup> *Woodville***NEW HAMPSHIRE**

SENATORS

Jeremiah Mason,<sup>28</sup> *Portsmouth*  
Clement Storer,<sup>29</sup> *Portsmouth*  
David L. Morrill, *Goffstown*

REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

Josiah Butler, *South Deerfield*  
Clifton Clagett, *Amherst*  
Salma Hale, *Keene*  
Arthur Livermore, *Plymouth*  
John F. Parrott, *Portsmouth*  
Nathaniel Upham, *Rochester***NEW JERSEY**

SENATORS

James J. Wilson, *Trenton*  
Mahlon Dickerson, *Succasunna*

REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

Ephraim Bateman, *Cedarsville*  
Benjamin Bennet, *Middletown*  
Joseph Bloomfield, *Burlington*  
Charles Kinsey, *Paterson*  
John Linn, *Monroe*  
Henry Southard, *Baskingridge***NEW YORK**

SENATORS

Rufus King, *New York City*  
Nathan Sanford, *New York City*

REPRESENTATIVES

Oliver C. Comstock, *Trumansburg*  
Daniel Cruger, *Bath*  
John P. Cushman, *Troy*  
John R. Drake, *Owego*  
Benjamin Ellicott, *Batavia*  
Josiah Hasbrouck, *New Paltz*  
John Herkimer, *Danube*  
Thomas H. Hubbard, *Hamilton*  
William Irving, *New York City*  
Dorrance Kirtland, *Coxsackie*  
Thomas Lawyer, *Cobleskill*  
David A. Ogden, *Madrid*  
John Palmer, *Plattsburg*  
James Porter, *Skaneateles*  
John Savage, *Salem*  
Philip J. Schuyler, *Rhinebeck*  
Tredwell Scudder, *Islip*  
John C. Spencer, *Canandaigua*  
Henry R. Storrs, *Whitestown*  
James Tallmadge, Jr.,<sup>30</sup> *Poughkeepsie*  
John W. Taylor, *Ballston Spa*Caleb Tompkins, *White Plains*  
George Townsend, *Oyster Bay*  
Peter H. Wendover, *New York City*  
Rensselaer Westerlo, *Albany*  
James W. Wilkin, *Goshen*  
Isaac Williams, Jr., *Cooperstown***NORTH CAROLINA**

SENATORS

Nathaniel Macon, *Warrenton*  
Montfort Stokes, *Wilkesboro*

REPRESENTATIVES

Joseph H. Bryan, *Windsor*  
Weldon N. Edwards, *Warrenton*  
Daniel M. Forney,<sup>31</sup> *Lincolnton*  
William Davidson,<sup>32</sup> *Charlotte*  
Thomas H. Hall, *Tarboro*  
Alexander McMillan<sup>33</sup>  
James Stewart,<sup>34</sup> *Laurinburg*  
George Mumford,<sup>35</sup> *Salisbury*  
Charles Fisher,<sup>36</sup> *Salisbury*  
James Owen, *Elizabethtown*  
Lemuel Sawyer, *Elizabeth City*  
Thomas Settle, *Lenox Castle*  
Jesse Slocumb, *Waynesborough*  
James S. Smith, *Hillsboro*  
Felix Walker, *Waynesville*  
Lewis Williams, *Panther Creek***OHIO**

SENATORS

Jeremiah Morrow, *Montgomery*  
Benjamin Ruggles, *St. Clairsville*

REPRESENTATIVES

Levi Barber, *Point Harmer*  
Philemon Beecher, *Lancaster*  
John W. Campbell, *West Union*  
William Henry Harrison, *Cincinnati*  
Samuel Herrick,<sup>37</sup> *Zanesville*  
Peter Hitchcock, *Burton***PENNSYLVANIA**

SENATORS

Abner Lacock, *Beavertown*  
Jonathan Roberts, *Norristown*

REPRESENTATIVES

William Anderson, *Chester*  
Henry Baldwin, *Pittsburgh*  
Andrew Boden, *Carlisle*  
Isaac Darlington, *West Chester*  
Joseph Hiester, *Reading*  
Joseph Hopkinson, *Philadelphia*  
Samuel D. Ingham,<sup>38</sup> *New Hope*  
Samuel Moore,<sup>39</sup> *Doylestown*<sup>19</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Thomas B. Robertson, and took his seat November 16, 1818.<sup>20</sup> Resigned May 10, 1818.<sup>21</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Eli P. Ashmun, and took his seat November 16, 1818.<sup>22</sup> Resigned February 3, 1818.<sup>23</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Albion K. Parris, and took his seat November 16, 1818.<sup>24</sup> Admitted as a State into the Union December 10, 1817.<sup>25</sup> Took his seat December 11, 1817; term to expire, as determined by lot, March 3, 1821.<sup>26</sup> Took his seat December 11, 1817; term to expire, as determined by lot, March 3, 1823.<sup>27</sup> Took his seat December 15, 1817.<sup>28</sup> Resigned June 16, 1817.<sup>29</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Jeremiah Mason, and took his seat December 1, 1817.<sup>30</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of Representative-elect Henry B. Lee (February 18, 1817, before the beginning of the congressional term), and took his seat December 1, 1817.<sup>31</sup> Resigned in 1818.<sup>32</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Daniel M. Forney, and took his seat December 2, 1818.<sup>33</sup> Died before Congress assembled.<sup>34</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of Alexander McMillan, and took his seat January 26, 1818.<sup>35</sup> Died December 31, 1818.<sup>36</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of George Mumford, and took his seat February 11, 1819.<sup>37</sup> Election unsuccessfully contested by Charles Hammond. This case was one of a number in the same Congress that have been frequently referred to as determining the rights of a Representative-elect to hold a Federal office after the 4th of March—the day of the beginning of the congressional term to which they were elected. They are reported at length in Clark & Hall's publication, and also in the Digest of House Election Cases, edition of 1901, pp. 70-74.<sup>38</sup> Resigned July 6, 1818.<sup>39</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Samuel D. Ingham, and took his seat November 16, 1818.

William Maclay, *Fannetsburg*  
 William P. Maclay, *Lewistown*  
 David Marchand, *Greensburg*  
 Robert Moore, *Beavertown*  
 Alexander Ogle, *Somerset*  
 Thomas Patterson, *West Middleton*  
 Levi Pawling, *Norristown*  
 John Ross, <sup>40</sup> *Easton*  
 Thomas J. Rogers, <sup>41</sup> *Easton*  
 David Scott <sup>42</sup>  
 John Murray, <sup>43</sup> *Milton*  
 John Sergeant, *Philadelphia*  
 Adam Seybert, *Philadelphia*  
 Jacob Spangler, <sup>44</sup> *York*  
 Jacob Hostetter, <sup>45</sup> *Hanover*  
 Christian Tarr, *Brownsville*  
 James W. Wallace, *Hummelstown*  
 John Whiteside, *Lancaster*  
 William Wilson, *Williamsport*

**RHODE ISLAND**

SENATORS

William Hunter, *Newport*  
 James Burrill, Jr., *Providence*

REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

John L. Boss, Jr., *Newport*  
 James B. Mason, *Providence*

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

SENATORS

John Gaillard, *Charleston*  
 William Smith, *Yorkville*

REPRESENTATIVES

Joseph Bellinger, *Duncansville*  
 Elias Earle, *Centerville*  
 James Ervin, *Darlington*  
 William Lowndes, *Jacksonboro*  
 Henry Middleton, *Charleston*  
 Stephen D. Miller, *Stateburg*

Wilson Nesbitt, *New Hope*  
 John C. Calhoun, <sup>46</sup> *Willington*  
 Eldred Simkins, <sup>47</sup> *Edgefield*  
 Starling Tucker, *Mountain Shoals*

**TENNESSEE**

SENATORS

George W. Campbell, <sup>48</sup> *Nashville*  
 John H. Eaton, <sup>49</sup> *Nashville*  
 John Williams, *Knoxville*

REPRESENTATIVES

William G. Blount, *Knoxville*  
 Thomas Claiborne, *Nashville*  
 Samuel Hogg, *Lebanon*  
 Francis Jones, *Winchester*  
 George W. L. Marr, *Clarksville*  
 John Rhea, *Sullivan*

**VERMONT**

SENATORS

Dudley Chase, <sup>50</sup> *Randolph*  
 James Fisk, <sup>51</sup> *Barre*  
 William A. Palmer, <sup>52</sup> *Danville*  
 Isaac Tichenor, *Bennington*

REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

Heman Allen, <sup>53</sup> *Burlington*  
 Samuel C. Crafts, *Craftsbury*  
 William Hunter, *Windsor*  
 Orsamus C. Merrill, *Bennington*  
 Charles Rich, *Shoreham*  
 Mark Richards, *Westminster*

**VIRGINIA**

SENATORS

James Barbour, *Barboursville*  
 John W. Eppes, *Charles City*

REPRESENTATIVES

Archibald Austin, *Buckingham*  
 William Lee Ball, *Lancaster*

Philip P. Barbour, *Orange*  
 Burwell Bassett, *Williamsburg*  
 William A. Burwell, *Rocky Mount*  
 Edward Colston, *Martinsburg*  
 John Floyd, *Newbern*  
 Robert S. Garnett, *Loyds*  
 Peterson Goodwyn, <sup>54</sup> *Petersburg*  
 John Pegram, <sup>55</sup> *Dinwiddie*  
 James Johnson, *Bowersville*  
 William J. Lewis, *Lynchburg*  
 William McCoy, *Franklin*  
 Charles F. Mercer, *Aldie*  
 Hugh Nelson, *Milton*  
 Thomas M. Nelson, *Mecklenburg*  
 Thomas Newton, Jr., *Norfolk*  
 James Pindall, *Clarksburg*  
 James Pleasants, *Goochland*  
 Ballard Smith, *Lewisburg*  
 Alexander Smyth, *Wythe*  
 George F. Strother, *Culpeper*  
 Henry St. George Tucker, *Winchester*  
 John Tyler, *Charles City*

**ALABAMA TERRITORY** <sup>56</sup>

DELEGATE

John Crowell, <sup>57</sup> *St. Stephens*

**ILLINOIS TERRITORY** <sup>58</sup>

DELEGATE

Nathaniel Pope, <sup>59</sup> *Kaskaskia*

**MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY** <sup>60</sup>

DELEGATE

Vacant

**TERRITORY OF MISSOURI**

DELEGATE

John Scott, <sup>61</sup> *Ste. Genevieve*

<sup>40</sup> Resigned February 24, 1818.  
<sup>41</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of John Ross, and took his seat March 24, 1818.  
<sup>42</sup> Resigned before Congress assembled, having been appointed judge of the court of common pleas.  
<sup>43</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of David Scott, and took his seat December 1, 1817.  
<sup>44</sup> Resigned April 20, 1818.  
<sup>45</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Jacob Spangler, and took his seat November 16, 1818.  
<sup>46</sup> Resigned November 3, 1817, having been appointed Secretary of War.  
<sup>47</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of John C. Calhoun, and took his seat February 9, 1818.

<sup>48</sup> Resigned, to take effect at the close of the ensuing session (April 20, 1818), to become minister to Russia.  
<sup>49</sup> Appointed to fill vacancy caused by resignation of George W. Campbell, and took his seat November 16, 1818; subsequently elected.  
<sup>50</sup> Resigned November 3, 1817, having been appointed chief judge of the supreme court of Vermont.  
<sup>51</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Dudley Chase, and took his seat December 1, 1817; resigned January 8, 1818.  
<sup>52</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignations of Dudley Chase and James Fisk, and took his seat November 16, 1818.  
<sup>53</sup> Resigned, to take effect April 20, 1818.

<sup>54</sup> Died February 21, 1818.  
<sup>55</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of Peterson Goodwyn, and took his seat November 16, 1818.  
<sup>56</sup> Formed from a portion of Mississippi Territory of lands originally ceded to the United States by the States of Georgia and South Carolina, by act of March 3, 1817; granted a Delegate in Congress by the same act.  
<sup>57</sup> Took his seat March 9, 1818.  
<sup>58</sup> Granted statehood December 3, 1818.  
<sup>59</sup> Served during the first session; the Territory was granted statehood December 3, 1818.  
<sup>60</sup> Granted statehood December 10, 1817.  
<sup>61</sup> Elected August 4, 1817, and took his seat December 8, 1817.