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

8th	2	Dec. 6, 1802	Mar. 3, 1803	88	Stephen R. Bradley, of Vermont.	Do.
	1-E	Oct. 17, 1803	Mar. 27, 1804	163	John Brown, of Kentucky; Jesse Franklin, of North Carolina.	
9th	2	Nov. 5, 1804	Mar. 3, 1805	119	Joseph Anderson, of Tennessee.	Do.
	2	Dec. 2, 1805	Apr. 21, 1806	141	Samuel Smith, of Maryland	
10th	1-E	Oct. 26, 1807	Apr. 25, 1808	182	.....do.....	Joseph B. Varnum, of Massachusetts.
	2	Nov. 7, 1808	Mar. 3, 1809	117	Stephen R. Bradley, of Vermont; John Milledge, of Georgia.	
11th	S	Mar. 4, 1809	Mar. 7, 1809	4	Andrew Gregg, of Pennsylvania.	Do.
	2	Nov. 27, 1809	June 28, 1809	38	John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	
	3	Dec. 3, 1810	Mar. 3, 1811	91	John Pope, of Kentucky.	Henry Clay, of Kentucky.
12th	1-E	Nov. 4, 1811	July 6, 1812	245	.....do.....	Do. ⁴
	2	Nov. 2, 1812	Mar. 3, 1813	122	William H. Crawford, of Georgia	Langdon Cheves, of South Carolina. ⁴
13th	2	May 24, 1813	Aug. 2, 1813	71	.....do.....	
	2	Dec. 6, 1813	Apr. 18, 1814	134	Joseph B. Varnum, of Massachusetts; John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	Henry Clay, of Kentucky.
14th	3-E	Sept. 19, 1814	Mar. 3, 1815	166	.....do.....	
	1	Dec. 4, 1815	Apr. 30, 1816	148	.....do.....	
15th	S	Dec. 2, 1816	Mar. 6, 1817	92	.....do.....	Do.
	2	Mar. 4, 1817	Mar. 6, 1817	3	James Barbour, of Virginia.	Do. ⁵
16th	2	Dec. 1, 1817	Apr. 20, 1818	141	James Barbour, of Virginia; 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.
	2	Dec. 6, 1819	May 15, 1820	162	.....do.....	
17th	2	Nov. 13, 1820	Mar. 3, 1821	111	.....do.....	John W. Taylor, of New York.
	1	Dec. 3, 1821	May 8, 1822	157	.....do.....	Andrew Stevenson, of Virginia.
18th	2	Dec. 2, 1822	Mar. 3, 1823	92	.....do.....	Do.
	2	Dec. 1, 1823	May 27, 1824	178	.....do.....	Do.
19th	S	Dec. 6, 1824	Mar. 3, 1825	88	.....do.....	Do. ⁶
	1	Mar. 4, 1825	Mar. 9, 1825	6	.....do.....	
	2	Dec. 5, 1825	May 22, 1826	169	.....do.....	
20th	2	Dec. 4, 1826	Mar. 3, 1827	90	Nathaniel Macon, of North Carolina	John W. Taylor, of New York.
	1	Dec. 3, 1827	May 26, 1828	175	.....do.....	Andrew Stevenson, of Virginia.
21st	S	Dec. 1, 1828	Mar. 3, 1829	93	.....do.....	Do.
	2	Dec. 4, 1829	Mar. 17, 1829	14	.....do.....	Do.
22d	2	Dec. 6, 1830	Mar. 3, 1831	88	.....do.....	Do. ⁶
	1	Dec. 5, 1831	July 16, 1832	225	.....do.....	
23d	2	Dec. 3, 1832	Mar. 2, 1833	91	.....do.....	John Bell, of Tennessee. ⁶ James K. Polk, of Tennessee.
	1	Dec. 2, 1833	June 30, 1834	211	.....do.....	Do.
24th	2	Dec. 1, 1834	Mar. 3, 1835	93	.....do.....	Robert M.T. Hunter, of Virginia.
	1	Dec. 7, 1835	July 4, 1836	211	.....do.....	
25th	S	Dec. 5, 1836	Mar. 3, 1837	89	.....do.....	
	1-E	Mar. 4, 1837	Mar. 10, 1837	7	.....do.....	
	2	Sept. 4, 1837	Oct. 16, 1837	43	.....do.....	
26th	3	Dec. 4, 1837	July 9, 1838	218	.....do.....	
	1	Dec. 3, 1838	Mar. 3, 1839	91	.....do.....	
	2	Dec. 2, 1839	July 21, 1840	233	.....do.....	
27th	S	Dec. 7, 1840	Mar. 3, 1841	87	.....do.....	
	2	Mar. 4, 1841	Mar. 15, 1841	12do.....	
					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.	Robert C. Winthrop, of Massachusetts.
	1	Dec. 6, 1847 ...	Aug. 14, 1848 ...	254			do.	
	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.	
	1	Dec. 1, 1851 ...	Aug. 31, 1852 ...	275			David R. Atchison, of Missouri.	Linn Boyd, of Kentucky.
33d ...	2	Dec. 6, 1852 ...	Mar. 3, 1853 ...	88			do.	
	5	Mar. 4, 1853 ...	Apr. 11, 1853 ...	39			do.	
	1	Dec. 5, 1853 ...	Aug. 7, 1854 ...	246			Lewis Cass, of Michigan; Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.	Do.
	2	Dec. 4, 1854 ...	Mar. 3, 1855 ...	90			Charles E. Stuart, of Michigan; Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.	
34th ...	1	Dec. 3, 1855 ...	Aug. 18, 1856 ...	260			Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.	Nathaniel P. Banks, of Massachusetts.
	2–E	Aug. 21, 1856 ...	Aug. 30, 1856 ...	10			James M. Mason, of Virginia.	
35th ...	3	Dec. 1, 1856 ...	Mar. 3, 1857 ...	93			James M. Mason, of Virginia.	
	5	Mar. 4, 1857 ...	Mar. 14, 1857 ...	11			J. Rusk, of Texas.	
	1	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	5	June 15, 1858	June 16, 1858	2	Dec. 23, 1858-Jan. 4, 1859	Benjamin Fitzpatrick, of Alabama; Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.	William Pennington, of New Jersey.
	2	Dec. 6, 1858	Mar. 3, 1859	88	.....do.	.....do.	.....do.
	5	Mar. 4, 1859	June 25, 1860	7	.....do.	Benjamin Fitzpatrick, of Alabama.	Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania.
	1	Dec. 5, 1859	.....	202	.....do.	Solomon Foot, of Vermont.	.....do.
37th	5	June 26, 1860	June 28, 1860	3	Dec. 23, 1862-Jan. 5, 1863	.....do.	.....do.
	2	Dec. 3, 1860	Mar. 3, 1861	93	Dec. 23, 1863-Jan. 5, 1864	Solomon Foot, of Vermont; Daniel Clark, of New Hampshire.	Schuyler Colfax, of Indiana.
	5	Mar. 4, 1861	Mar. 28, 1861	25	Dec. 22, 1864-Jan. 5, 1865	Daniel Clark, of New Hampshire.	Do.
37th	1-E	July 4, 1861	Aug. 6, 1861	34	Dec. 6-Dec. 11, 1865	Lafayette S. Foster, of Connecticut.	Do.
	2	Dec. 2, 1861	July 17, 1862	228	Dec. 21, 1865-Jan. 5, 1866	.....do.	Do. ⁷
	3	Dec. 1, 1862	Mar. 3, 1863	93	Dec. 20, 1866-Jan. 3, 1867	.....do.	.....do.
38th	3	Mar. 4, 1863	Mar. 14, 1863	11	Mar. 30-July 3, 1867	Benjamin F. Wade, of Ohio.	.....do.
	5	Dec. 7, 1863	July 4, 1864	209	July 20-Nov. 21, 1867	.....do.	.....do.
	2	Dec. 5, 1864	Mar. 3, 1865	89	Dec. 20, 1867-Jan. 6, 1868	.....do.	.....do.
39th	5	Mar. 4, 1865	Mar. 11, 1865	8	Dec. 20, 1867-Jan. 6, 1868	.....do.	.....do.
	1	Dec. 4, 1865	July 28, 1866	237	July 27-Sept. 21, 1868	.....do.	.....do.
	2	Dec. 3, 1866	Mar. 3, 1867	91	Sept. 21-Oct. 16, 1868	.....do.	.....do.
40th	2	Mar. 4, 1867	Dec. 1, 1867	273	Oct. 16-Nov. 10, 1868	.....do.	.....do.
	5	Apr. 1, 1867	Apr. 20, 1867	20	Dec. 21, 1868-Jan. 5, 1869	.....do.	.....do.
	2	Dec. 2, 1867	Nov. 10, 1868	345	Dec. 20, 1867-Jan. 6, 1868	.....do.	.....do.
41st	3	Dec. 7, 1868	Mar. 3, 1869	87	July 27-Sept. 21, 1868	Henry B. Anthony, of Rhode Island	Theodore M. Pomeroy, of New York. ⁷
	5	Apr. 12, 1869	Apr. 22, 1869	38	Sept. 21-Oct. 16, 1868	.....do.	James G. Blaine, of Maine.
	2	Dec. 6, 1869	July 15, 1870	11	Dec. 22, 1869-Jan. 10, 1870	.....do.	.....do.
	3	Dec. 5, 1870	Mar. 3, 1871	89	Dec. 22, 1870-Jan. 4, 1871	.....do.	.....do.
42d	1	Mar. 4, 1871	Apr. 20, 1871	48	.....do.	.....do.	.....do.
	5	May 10, 1871	May 27, 1871	18	Dec. 21, 1871-Jan. 8, 1872	.....do.	.....do.
	2	Dec. 4, 1871	June 10, 1872	190	Dec. 20, 1872-Jan. 6, 1873	Matthew H. Carpenter, of Wisconsin.	.....do.
43d	3	Dec. 2, 1872	Mar. 3, 1873	92	Dec. 19, 1873-Jan. 5, 1874	Matthew H. Carpenter, of Wisconsin;	.....do.
	5	Mar. 4, 1873	Mar. 26, 1873	23	Dec. 23, 1874-Jan. 5, 1875	Henry B. Anthony, of Rhode Island.	.....do.
	1	Dec. 1, 1873	June 23, 1874	204	.....do.	Thomas W. Ferry, of Michigan.	.....do.
	2	Dec. 7, 1874	Mar. 3, 1875	87	Dec. 21, 1875-Jan. 5, 1876	.....do.	.....do.
44th	5	Mar. 5, 1875	Mar. 24, 1875	20	.....do.	.....do.	.....do.
	1	Dec. 6, 1875	Aug. 15, 1876	254	Dec. 20, 1875-Jan. 5, 1876	.....do.	.....do.
	2	Dec. 4, 1876	Mar. 3, 1877	90	.....do.	.....do.	.....do.
45th	5	Mar. 5, 1877	Mar. 17, 1877	13	.....do.	.....do.	.....do.
	1-E	Oct. 15, 1877	Dec. 3, 1877	50	Dec. 15, 1877-Jan. 10, 1878	.....do.	.....do.
	2	Dec. 3, 1877	June 20, 1878	200	Dec. 20, 1878-Jan. 7, 1879	.....do.	.....do.
46th	3	Dec. 2, 1878	Mar. 3, 1879	92	Dec. 19, 1879-Jan. 6, 1880	Allen G. Thurman, of Ohio	.....do.
	1-E	Mar. 18, 1879	July 1, 1879	106	Dec. 23, 1880-Jan. 5, 1881	.....do.	.....do.
	2	Dec. 1, 1879	June 16, 1880	199	.....do.	.....do.	.....do.
	3	Dec. 6, 1880	Mar. 3, 1881	88	.....do.	.....do.	.....do.
47th	5	Mar. 4, 1881	May 20, 1881	78	.....do.	.....do.	.....do.
	5	Oct. 10, 1881	Oct. 29, 1881	20	.....do.	.....do.	.....do.
	1	Dec. 5, 1881	Aug. 8, 1882	247	Dec. 22, 1881-Jan. 5, 1882	Thomas F. Bayard, of Delaware; David Davis, of Illinois.	J. Warren Keifer, of Ohio.

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48th ...	2	Dec. 4, 1882	Mar. 3, 1883	90	Dec. 24, 1883–Jan. 7, 1884	Dec. 24, 1883–Jan. 7, 1884	George F. Edmunds, of Vermont.	J. Warren Keifer, of Ohio.
	1	Dec. 3, 1883	July 7, 1884	218	Dec. 24, 1884–Jan. 5, 1885	Dec. 24, 1884–Jan. 5, 1885	Do.	John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky.
	2	Dec. 1, 1884	Mar. 3, 1885	93				
	3	Mar. 4, 1885	Apr. 2, 1885	30				
	5	Mar. 4, 1885	Apr. 2, 1885	30				
49th ...	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.
	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.
	1	Dec. 5, 1887	Oct. 20, 1888	321	Dec. 21, 1887–Jan. 4, 1888	Dec. 21, 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.	
	3	Mar. 4, 1889	Apr. 2, 1889	30				Thomas B. Reed, of Maine.
50th ...	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.
	2	Dec. 1, 1890	Mar. 3, 1891	95			Do.	
	1	Dec. 7, 1891	Aug. 5, 1892	251	Dec. 22, 1892–Jan. 4, 1893	Dec. 22, 1892–Jan. 4, 1893	Charles F. Manderson, of Nebraska;	Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia.
	2	Dec. 5, 1892	Mar. 3, 1893	89			Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee.	Do.
	3	Mar. 4, 1893	Apr. 15, 1893	43			Do.	
51st ...	1-E	Aug. 7, 1893	Nov. 3, 1893	89				
	2	Dec. 4, 1893	Aug. 28, 1894	268				
	3	Dec. 3, 1894	Mar. 3, 1895	97				
54th ...	1	Dec. 2, 1895	June 11, 1896	193	Dec. 22, 1896–Jan. 5, 1897	Dec. 22, 1896–Jan. 5, 1897	Matt W. Ransom, of North Carolina;	Thomas B. Reed, of Maine.
	2	Dec. 7, 1896	Mar. 3, 1897	87			Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee.	Do.
	3	Mar. 4, 1897	Mar. 10, 1897	11			Do.	
55th ...	1-E	Mar. 13, 1897	July 24, 1897	131				
	2	Dec. 6, 1897	July 8, 1898	215	Dec. 18, 1897–Jan. 5, 1898	Dec. 18, 1897–Jan. 5, 1898		
	3	Dec. 5, 1898	Mar. 3, 1899	89	Dec. 21, 1898–Jan. 4, 1899	Dec. 21, 1898–Jan. 4, 1899		
56th ...	1	Dec. 4, 1899	June 7, 1900	186	Dec. 20, 1899–Jan. 3, 1900	Dec. 20, 1899–Jan. 3, 1900		
	2	Dec. 3, 1900	Mar. 3, 1901	91	Dec. 21, 1900–Jan. 3, 1901	Dec. 21, 1900–Jan. 3, 1901		
	3	Mar. 4, 1901	Mar. 9, 1901	6				David B. Henderson, of Iowa.

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	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.
	2	Dec. 5, 1932	Mar. 3, 1933	89			do	
73d	5	Mar. 4, 1933	Mar. 6, 1933	3			do	
	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	
74th	1	Jan. 3, 1935	Aug. 26, 1935	236	June 8-June 15, 1936	June 8-June 15, 1936	do	Joseph W. Byrns, of Tennessee. ¹¹
	2	Jan. 3, 1936	June 20, 1936	170			do	William B. Bankhead, of Alabama. ¹¹
	1-E	Jan. 5, 1937	Aug. 21, 1937	229			do	do.
75th	2-E	Nov. 15, 1937	Dec. 21, 1937	37			do	do. ¹²
	3	Jan. 3, 1938	June 16, 1938	165			do	
	1	Jan. 3, 1939	Aug. 5, 1939	215			do	
76th	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; ¹³ William H. King, of Utah. ¹³	Sam Rayburn, of Texas. ¹²
77th	1	Jan. 3, 1941	Jan. 2, 1942	365			Pat Harrison, of Mississippi; ¹⁴ Carter Glass, of Virginia. ¹⁴	do.
	2	Jan. 5, 1942	Dec. 16, 1942	346			do	do.
	1	Jan. 6, 1943	Dec. 21, 1943	350	July 8-Sept. 14, 1943	July 8-Sept. 14, 1943	do	do.
78th	2	Jan. 10, 1944	Dec. 19, 1944	345	Apr. 1-Apr. 12, 1944	Apr. 1-Apr. 12, 1944	do	do.
	1	Jan. 10, 1944	Dec. 19, 1944	345	June 23-Aug. 1, 1944	June 23-Aug. 1, 1944	do	do.
	2	Jan. 10, 1944	Dec. 19, 1944	345	Sept. 21-Nov. 14, 1944	Sept. 21-Nov. 14, 1944	do	do.
79th	1	Jan. 3, 1945	Dec. 21, 1945	353	Aug. 1-Sept. 5, 1945	July 21-Sept. 5, 1945	Kenneth McKellar, of Tennessee	do.
	2	Jan. 14, 1946	Aug. 2, 1946	201			do	do.
80th	15 1	Jan. 3, 1947	Dec. 19, 1947	351	July 27-Nov. 17, 1947	July 27-Nov. 17, 1947	Arthur H. Vandenberg, of Michigan	Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts.
	15 2	Jan. 6, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948	361	June 20-July 26, 1948	June 20-July 26, 1948	do.	do.
					Aug. 7-Dec. 31, 1948	Aug. 7-Dec. 31, 1948		

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

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					Senate	House of Representatives		
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; ¹⁷ Allen J. Ellender, of Louisiana. ¹⁷	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. 9-Feb. 16, 1972 Mar. 29-Apr. 10, 1972 May 24-May 30, 1972 June 30-July 17, 1972 Aug. 18-Sept. 5, 1972	Allen J. Ellender, of Louisiana; ¹⁸ James O. Eastland, of Mississippi. ¹⁸	Do.
	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.
93d	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.	.....do.

94th ...	1	Jan. 14, 1975	Dec. 19, 1975 ...	340	<p>Mar. 26-Apr. 7, 1975</p> <p>May 22-June 2, 1975</p> <p>June 27-July 7, 1975</p> <p>Aug. 1-Sept. 3, 1975</p> <p>Oct. 9-Oct. 20, 1975</p> <p>Oct. 23-Oct. 28, 1975</p> <p>Nov. 20-Dec. 1, 1975</p> <p>Feb. 11-Feb. 16, 1976</p> <p>Apr. 14-Apr. 26, 1976</p> <p>May 27-June 1, 1976</p> <p>July 2-July 19, 1976</p> <p>Aug. 10-Aug. 23, 1976</p> <p>Sept. 1-Sept. 7, 1976</p> <p>Feb. 11-Feb. 21, 1977</p> <p>Apr. 7-Apr. 18, 1977</p> <p>May 27-June 6, 1977</p> <p>July 1-July 11, 1977</p> <p>Aug. 6-Sept. 7, 1977</p> <p>Feb. 10-Feb. 20, 1978</p> <p>Mar. 23-Apr. 3, 1978</p> <p>May 26-June 5, 1978</p> <p>June 29-July 10, 1978</p> <p>Aug. 25-Sept. 6, 1978</p> <p>Feb. 9-Feb. 19, 1979</p> <p>Apr. 10-Apr. 23, 1979</p> <p>May 24-June 4, 1979</p> <p>June 27-July 9, 1979</p> <p>Aug. 3-Sept. 5, 1979</p> <p>Nov. 20-Nov. 26, 1979</p> <p>1979</p> <p>Apr. 3-Apr. 15, 1980</p> <p>May 22-May 28, 1980</p> <p>July 2-July 21, 1980</p> <p>Aug. 6-Aug. 18, 1980</p> <p>Aug. 27-Sept. 3, 1980</p> <p>Oct. 1-Nov. 12, 1980</p> <p>Nov. 25-Dec. 1, 1980</p> <p>Feb. 6-Feb. 16, 1981</p> <p>Apr. 10-Apr. 27, 1981</p> <p>June 25-July 9, 1981</p> <p>Aug. 3-Sept. 9, 1981</p> <p>Oct. 7-Oct. 14, 1981</p> <p>Nov. 24-Nov. 30, 1981</p> <p>Feb. 11-Feb. 22, 1982</p> <p>Apr. 1-Apr. 13, 1982</p> <p>May 27-June 8, 1982</p> <p>July 1-July 12, 1982</p> <p>Aug. 20-Sept. 8, 1982</p> <p>Oct. 1-Nov. 29, 1982</p>	<p>Mar. 26-Apr. 7, 1975</p> <p>May 22-June 2, 1975</p> <p>June 26-July 8, 1975</p> <p>Aug. 1-Sept. 3, 1975</p> <p>Oct. 9-Oct. 20, 1975</p> <p>Oct. 23-Oct. 28, 1975</p> <p>Nov. 20-Dec. 1, 1975</p> <p>Feb. 11-Feb. 16, 1976</p> <p>Apr. 14-Apr. 26, 1976</p> <p>May 27-June 1, 1976</p> <p>July 2-July 19, 1976</p> <p>Aug. 10-Aug. 23, 1976</p> <p>Sept. 2-Sept. 8, 1976</p> <p>Feb. 9-Feb. 16, 1977</p> <p>Apr. 6-Apr. 18, 1977</p> <p>May 26-June 1, 1977</p> <p>June 30-July 11, 1977</p> <p>Aug. 5-Sept. 7, 1977</p> <p>Oct. 6-Oct. 11, 1977</p> <p>Feb. 9-Feb. 14, 1978</p> <p>Mar. 22-Apr. 3, 1978</p> <p>May 25-May 31, 1978</p> <p>June 29-July 10, 1978</p> <p>Aug. 17-Sept. 6, 1978</p> <p>Feb. 8-Feb. 13, 1979</p> <p>Apr. 10-Apr. 23, 1979</p> <p>May 24-May 30, 1979</p> <p>June 29-July 9, 1979</p> <p>Aug. 2-Sept. 5, 1979</p> <p>Nov. 20-Nov. 26, 1979</p> <p>Warren G. Magnuson, of Washington ...</p> <p>Feb. 13-Feb. 19, 1980</p> <p>Apr. 2-Apr. 15, 1980</p> <p>May 22-May 28, 1980</p> <p>July 2-July 21, 1980</p> <p>Aug. 1-Aug. 18, 1980</p> <p>Aug. 28-Sept. 3, 1980</p> <p>Oct. 2-Nov. 12, 1980</p> <p>Nov. 21-Dec. 1, 1980</p> <p>Feb. 6-Feb. 17, 1981</p> <p>Apr. 10-Apr. 27, 1981</p> <p>June 26-July 9, 1981</p> <p>Aug. 4-Sept. 9, 1981</p> <p>Oct. 7-Oct. 13, 1981</p> <p>Nov. 23-Nov. 30, 1981</p> <p>Feb. 10-Feb. 22, 1982</p> <p>Apr. 6-Apr. 20, 1982</p> <p>May 27-June 2, 1982</p> <p>July 1-July 12, 1982</p> <p>Aug. 20-Sept. 8, 1982</p> <p>Oct. 1-Nov. 29, 1982</p>	<p>Do.</p>
95th ...	1	Jan. 4, 1977	Dec. 15, 1977 ...	346	<p>Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., of Massachusetts.</p>	<p>Do.</p>	
96th ...	1	Jan. 15, 1979	Jan. 3, 1980	354	<p>Warren G. Magnuson, of Washington ...</p>	<p>Do.</p>	
97th ...	2	Jan. 3, 1980	Dec. 16, 1980 ...	349	<p>Warren G. Magnuson, of Washington; Milton Young, of North Dakota;¹⁹ Warren G. Magnuson, of Washington.¹⁹</p>	<p>Do.</p>	
97th ...	1	Jan. 5, 1981	Dec. 16, 1981 ...	347	<p>Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina</p>	<p>Do.</p>	
97th ...	2	Jan. 25, 1982	Dec. 23, 1982 ...	333	<p>Do.</p>	<p>Do.</p>	

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					Senate	House of Representatives		
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-Feb. 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		
					June 29-July 11, 1983	June 30-July 11, 1983		
99th ...	2	Jan. 23, 1984	Oct. 12, 1984 ...	264	Aug. 4-Sept. 12, 1983	Aug. 4-Sept. 12, 1983do.	Do.
					Oct. 7-Oct. 17, 1983	Oct. 6-Oct. 17, 1983		
					Feb. 9-Feb. 20, 1984	Feb. 9-Feb. 21, 1984		
					Apr. 12-Apr. 24, 1984	Apr. 12-Apr. 24, 1984		
					May 24-May 31, 1984	May 24-May 30, 1984		
99th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1985	Dec. 20, 1985 ...	352	June 29-July 23, 1984	June 29-July 23, 1984do.	Do.
					Aug. 10-Sept. 5, 1984	Aug. 10-Sept. 5, 1984		
					Jan. 7-Jan. 21, 1985	Jan. 3-Jan. 21, 1985		
					Feb. 7-Feb. 18, 1985	Feb. 7-Feb. 19, 1985		
					Apr. 4-Apr. 15, 1985	Mar. 7-Mar. 19, 1985		
99th ...	2	Jan. 21, 1986	Oct. 18, 1986 ...	278	May 9-May 14, 1985	Apr. 4-Apr. 15, 1985do.	Do.
					May 24-June 3, 1985	May 23-June 3, 1985		
					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		
99th ...	2	Jan. 21, 1986	Oct. 18, 1986 ...	278	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	Jan. 6-Jan. 12, 1987	Jan. 8-Jan. 20, 1987	John C. Stennis, of Mississippi	James C. Wright, Jr., of Texas.
		Feb. 5-Feb. 16, 1987			Feb. 11-Feb. 18, 1987	Feb. 11-Feb. 18, 1987		
		Apr. 10-Apr. 21, 1987			Apr. 9-Apr. 21, 1987	Apr. 9-Apr. 21, 1987		
		May 21-May 27, 1987			May 21-May 27, 1987	May 21-May 27, 1987		
		July 1-July 7, 1987			July 1-July 7, 1987	July 1-July 7, 1987		
		Aug. 7-Sept. 9, 1987			July 15-July 20, 1987	July 15-July 20, 1987		
		Nov. 20-Nov. 30, 1987			Aug. 7-Sept. 9, 1987	Aug. 7-Sept. 9, 1987		
					Nov. 10-Nov. 16, 1987	Nov. 10-Nov. 16, 1987		
					Nov. 20-Nov. 30, 1987	Nov. 20-Nov. 30, 1987		
	2	Jan. 25, 1988	Oct. 22, 1988 ...	272	Feb. 4-Feb. 15, 1988	Feb. 9-Feb. 16, 1988 .....	.....do.	
					Mar. 4-Mar. 14, 1988	Mar. 9-Feb. 16, 1988		
					Mar. 31-Apr. 11, 1988	Mar. 31-Apr. 11, 1988		
					Apr. 29-May 9, 1988	May 26-June 1, 1988		
					May 27-June 6, 1988	June 30-July 7, 1988		
					June 29-July 6, 1988	July 14-July 26, 1988		
					July 14-July 25, 1988	Aug. 11-Sept. 7, 1988		
					Aug. 11-Sept. 7, 1988			
					Jan. 4-Jan. 20, 1989	Jan. 4-Jan. 19, 1989		
	101st ...	Jan. 3, 1989	Nov. 22, 1989 ...	324	Jan. 20-Jan. 25, 1989	Feb. 9-Feb. 21, 1989	Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia	James C. Wright, Jr., of Texas; ²⁰ Thomas S. Foley, of Washington; ²⁰
					Feb. 9-Feb. 21, 1989	Mar. 23-Apr. 3, 1989		
					Mar. 17-Apr. 4, 1989	Apr. 18-Apr. 25, 1989		
					Apr. 19-May 1, 1989	May 25-May 31, 1989		
					May 18-May 31, 1989	June 29-July 10, 1989		
					June 23-July 11, 1989	Aug. 5-Sept. 6, 1989		
					Aug. 4-Sept. 6, 1989			
					Feb. 8-Mar. 20, 1990	Feb. 7-Feb. 20, 1990		
	2	Jan. 23, 1990	Oct. 28, 1990 ...	260	Mar. 9-Mar. 20, 1990	Apr. 4-Apr. 18, 1990 .....	.....do.	
					Apr. 5-Apr. 18, 1990	May 25-June 5, 1990		
					May 24-June 5, 1990	June 28-July 10, 1990		
					June 28-July 10, 1990	Aug. 4-Sept. 5, 1990		
					Aug. 4-Sept. 10, 1990			
					Feb. 7-Feb. 19, 1991	Feb. 6-Feb. 19, 1991		
	102d ...	Jan. 3, 1991	Jan. 3, 1992	366	Mar. 22-Apr. 9, 1991	Mar. 22-Apr. 9, 1991 .....	.....do	Thomas S. Foley, of Washington.
					Apr. 25-May 6, 1991	May 23-May 29, 1991		
					May 24-June 3, 1991	June 27-July 9, 1991		
					June 28-July 8, 1991	Aug. 2-Sept. 11, 1991		
					Aug. 2-Sept. 10, 1991	Nov. 27, 1991-Jan. 3, 1992		
					Nov. 27, 1991-Jan. 3, 1992			
					Jan. 3-Jan. 21, 1992	Jan. 3-Jan. 22, 1992		
					Feb. 7-Feb. 18, 1992	Apr. 10-Apr. 28, 1992		
					Apr. 10-Apr. 28, 1992	May 21-May 26, 1992		
					May 21-June 1, 1992	July 2-July 7, 1992		
					July 2-July 20, 1992	July 9-July 21, 1992		
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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		
104th ..	2	Jan. 25, 1994	Dec. 1, 1994	311	Apr. 7–Apr. 19, 1993	Feb. 4–Feb. 16, 1993 .....	.....do.	Newt Gingrich, of Georgia.
					May 28–June 7, 1993	Apr. 7–Apr. 19, 1993		
104th ..	1	Jan. 4, 1995	Jan. 3, 1996	365	July 1–July 13, 1993	May 27–June 8, 1993	Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina	Newt Gingrich, of Georgia.
					Aug. 7–Sept. 7, 1993	July 1–July 13, 1993		
104th ..	1	Jan. 4, 1995	Jan. 3, 1996	365	Oct. 7–Oct. 13, 1993	Aug. 6–Sept. 8, 1993	Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina	Newt Gingrich, of Georgia.
					Nov. 11–Nov. 16, 1993	Sept. 15–Sept. 21, 1993		
104th ..	1	Jan. 4, 1995	Jan. 3, 1996	365	Feb. 11–Feb. 22, 1994	Oct. 7–Oct. 12, 1993	Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina	Newt Gingrich, of Georgia.
					Mar. 26–Apr. 11, 1994	Nov. 10–Nov. 15, 1993		
104th ..	1	Jan. 4, 1995	Jan. 3, 1996	365	May 25–June 7, 1994	Jan. 26–Feb. 1, 1994	Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina	Newt Gingrich, of Georgia.
					July 1–July 11, 1994	Feb. 11–Feb. 22, 1994		
104th ..	1	Jan. 4, 1995	Jan. 3, 1996	365	Aug. 25–Sept. 12, 1994	Mar. 24–Apr. 12, 1994	Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina	Newt Gingrich, of Georgia.
					Oct. 8–Nov. 30, 1994	May 26–June 8, 1994		
104th ..	1	Jan. 4, 1995	Jan. 3, 1996	365	Feb. 16–Feb. 22, 1995	June 30–July 12, 1994	Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina	Newt Gingrich, of Georgia.
					Apr. 7–Apr. 24, 1995	Aug. 26–Sept. 12, 1994		
104th ..	1	Jan. 4, 1995	Jan. 3, 1996	365	May 26–June 5, 1995	Oct. 8–Nov. 29, 1994	Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina	Newt Gingrich, of Georgia.
					June 30–July 10, 1995	Feb. 16–Feb. 21, 1995		
104th ..	1	Jan. 4, 1995	Jan. 3, 1996	365	Aug. 11–Sept. 5, 1995	Mar. 16–Mar. 21, 1995	Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina	Newt Gingrich, of Georgia.
					Sept. 29–Oct. 10, 1995	Apr. 7–May 1, 1995		
104th ..	1	Jan. 4, 1995	Jan. 3, 1996	365	Nov. 20–Nov. 27, 1995	May 3–May 9, 1995	Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina	Newt Gingrich, of Georgia.
						June 25–June 6, 1995		

105th..	2	Jan. 3, 1996	Oct. 4, 1996	276	Jan. 10–Jan. 22, 1996 Mar. 29–Apr. 15, 1996 May 24–June 3, 1996 June 28–July 8, 1996 Aug. 2–Sept. 3, 1996 Jan. 9–Jan. 21, 1997 Jan. 21–Feb. 4, 1997 Feb. 13–Feb. 25, 1997 Mar. 21–Apr. 7, 1997 June 27–July 7, 1997 July 31–Sept. 2, 1997 Oct. 9–Oct. 20, 1997 Feb. 13–Feb. 23, 1998 Apr. 3–Apr. 20, 1998 May 22–June 1, 1998 June 26–July 6, 1998 July 31–Aug. 31, 1998 Adjourned sine die, Oct. 21, 1998.	.....do. .....do	Do.
106th..	1	Jan. 7, 1997	Nov. 13, 1997	311	Jan. 9–Jan. 22, 1996 Mar. 29–Apr. 15, 1996 May 24–June 3, 1996 June 28–July 8, 1996 Aug. 2–Sept. 3, 1996 Jan. 9–Jan. 20, 1997 Jan. 21–Feb. 4, 1997 Feb. 13–Feb. 25, 1997 Mar. 21–Apr. 8, 1997 June 26–July 8, 1997 Aug. 1–Sept. 3, 1997 Oct. 9–Oct. 21, 1997 Jan. 28–Feb. 3, 1998 Feb. 5–Feb. 11, 1998 Feb. 12–Feb. 24, 1998 Apr. 1–Apr. 21, 1998 May 22–June 3, 1998 June 25–July 14, 1998 Aug. 7–Sept. 9, 1998 Oct. 21–Dec. 17, 1998 Jan. 6–Jan. 19, 1999 Jan. 19–Feb. 2, 1999 Feb. 12–Feb. 23, 1999 Mar. 25–Apr. 12, 1999 May 27–June 7, 1999 July 1–July 12, 1999 Aug. 6–Sept. 8, 1999 Jan. 6–Jan. 20, 2000 Jan. 20–Jan. 30, 2000 Feb. 16–Feb. 29, 2000 Apr. 13–May 2, 2000 May 25–June 6, 2000 June 30–July 10, 2000 July 27–Sept. 6, 2000 Nov. 3–Nov. 13, 2000 Nov. 14–Dec. 4, 2000	.....do	J. Dennis Hastert, of Illinois.
107th..	2	Jan. 24, 2000	Dec. 15, 2000	326	Jan. 10–Jan. 22, 1996 Mar. 29–Apr. 15, 1996 May 24–June 3, 1996 June 28–July 8, 1996 Aug. 2–Sept. 3, 1996 Jan. 9–Jan. 21, 1997 Jan. 21–Feb. 4, 1997 Feb. 13–Feb. 25, 1997 Mar. 21–Apr. 7, 1997 June 27–July 7, 1997 July 31–Sept. 2, 1997 Oct. 9–Oct. 20, 1997 Feb. 13–Feb. 23, 1998 Apr. 3–Apr. 20, 1998 May 22–June 1, 1998 June 26–July 6, 1998 July 31–Aug. 31, 1998 Adjourned sine die, Oct. 21, 1998. Feb. 12–Feb. 22, 2000 Mar. 25–Apr. 12, 1999 May 27–June 7, 1999 July 1–July 12, 1999 Aug. 5–Sept. 8, 1999 Feb. 10–Feb. 22, 2000 Mar. 9–Mar. 20, 2000 Apr. 13–Apr. 25, 2000 May 25–June 6, 2000 June 30–July 10, 2000 July 27–Sept. 5, 2000 Nov. 2–Nov. 14, 2000 Nov. 14–Dec. 5, 2000 Jan. 8–Jan. 20, 2001 Jan. 15–Feb. 26, 2001 Apr. 6–Apr. 23, 2001 May 26–June 5, 2001 June 29–July 9, 2001 Aug. 3–Sept. 4, 2001 Oct. 18–Oct. 23, 2001 Nov. 16–Nov. 27, 2001	.....do	Do.
	1	Jan. 3, 2001	Dec. 20, 2001	352	Jan. 6–Jan. 20, 2001 Jan. 20–Jan. 30, 2001 Jan. 31–Feb. 6, 2001 Feb. 14–Feb. 26, 2001 Apr. 4–Apr. 24, 2001 May 26–June 5, 2001 June 28–July 10, 2001 Aug. 2–Sept. 5, 2001 Oct. 17–Oct. 23, 2001 Nov. 19–Nov. 27, 2001 Jan. 29–Feb. 4, 2002 Feb. 14–Feb. 26, 2002 Mar. 20–Apr. 9, 2002 May 24–June 4, 2002 June 28–July 8, 2002 Aug. 1–Sept. 3, 2002	Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia; ²¹ Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina; ²¹ Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia; ²¹	Do.
	2	Jan. 23, 2002	Nov. 22, 2002	304	Jan. 29–Feb. 4, 2002 Feb. 15–Feb. 25, 2002 Mar. 22–Apr. 8, 2002 May 23–June 3, 2002 June 28–July 8, 2002 Aug. 1–Sept. 3, 2002	Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia.	

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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		
					Feb. 12–Feb. 23, 2004	Feb. 11–Feb. 24, 2004		
					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							
July 25–July 6, 2004	July 22–Sept. 7, 2004							
Oct. 11–Nov. 16, 2004	Oct. 9–Nov. 16, 2004							
Nov. 24–Dec. 7, 2004	Nov. 24–Dec. 6, 2004							
109th..	1	Jan. 4, 2005	Dec. 22, 2005 ...	353	Jan. 6–Jan. 20, 2005	Jan. 6–Jan. 20, 2005	Do.	Do.
					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..	1	Jan. 4, 2007do.	Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia	Nancy Pelosi, of California.	
	2	Jan. 3, 2006	Dec. 9, 2006	341	Jan. 3–Jan. 18, 2006 Feb. 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	Jan. 3–Jan. 31, 2006 Feb. 1–Feb. 7, 2006 Feb. 8–Feb. 14, 2006 Feb. 16–Feb. 28, 2006 Mar. 16–Mar. 28, 2006 Apr. 6–Apr. 25, 2006 May 25–June 6, 2006 June 29–July 10, 2006 Aug. 2–Sept. 6, 2006 Sept. 30–Nov. 9, 2006 Nov. 15–Dec. 5, 2006 Jan. 24–Jan. 29, 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 Nov. 19, 1940.

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 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.

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.