

FIFTH CONGRESS

MARCH 4, 1797, TO MARCH 3, 1799

FIRST SESSION—*May 15, 1797, to July 10, 1797*

SECOND SESSION—*November 13, 1797, to July 16, 1798*

THIRD SESSION—*December 3, 1798, to March 3, 1799*

SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE SENATE—*March 4, 1797, for one day only; July 17, 1798 to July 19, 1798*

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES—THOMAS JEFFERSON, of Virginia

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE—WILLIAM BRADFORD,¹ of Rhode Island; JACOB READ,² of South Carolina; THEODORE SEDGWICK,³ of Massachusetts; JOHN LAURANCE,⁴ of New York; JAMES ROSS,⁵ of Pennsylvania

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE—SAMUEL A. OTIS, of Massachusetts

DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE—JAMES MATHERS, of New York

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—JONATHAN DAYTON,⁶ of New Jersey

CLERK OF THE HOUSE—JOHN BECKLEY, of Virginia; JONATHAN W. CONDY,⁷ of Pennsylvania

SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE HOUSE—JOSEPH WHEATON, of Rhode Island

DOORKEEPER OF THE HOUSE—THOMAS CLAXTON

CONNECTICUT

SENATORS

James Hillhouse
Uriah Tracy

REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

John Allen
Joshua Coit⁸
Jonathan Brace⁹
Samuel W. Dana
Nathaniel Smith
James Davenport¹⁰
William Edmond¹¹
Chauncey Goodrich
Roger Griswold¹²

DELAWARE

SENATORS

John Vining¹³
Joshua Clayton¹⁴
William H. Wells¹⁵

Henry Latimer

REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE

James A. Bayard

GEORGIA

SENATORS

James Gunn
Josiah Tattnall

REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

Abraham Baldwin
John Milledge

KENTUCKY

SENATORS

John Brown
Humphrey Marshall

REPRESENTATIVES

Thomas T. Davis
John Fowler

MARYLAND

SENATORS

John Henry¹⁶
James Lloyd¹⁷
John E. Howard

REPRESENTATIVES

George Baer, Jr.
William Craik
John Dennis
George Dent
William Hindman
William Matthews
Samuel Smith
Richard Sprigg, Jr.

MASSACHUSETTS

SENATORS

Benjamin Goodhue
Theodore Sedgwick

REPRESENTATIVES

Theophilus Bradbury¹⁸
Bailey Bartlett¹⁹

¹ Elected July 6, 1797.

² Elected November 22, 1797.

³ Elected June 27, 1798.

⁴ Elected December 6, 1798.

⁵ Elected March 1, 1799.

⁶ Reelected May 15, 1797; George Dent, of Maryland, was elected Speaker pro tempore for April 20, 1798, and again for May 28, 1798.

⁷ Elected May 15, 1797.

⁸ Died September 5, 1798.

⁹ Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of Joshua Coit, and took his seat December 3, 1798.

¹⁰ Died August 3, 1797.

¹¹ Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of James Davenport, and took his seat November 13, 1797.

¹² Unsuccessful motion made to expel after his personal encounter with Matthew Lyon, of Vermont, February 15, 1798.

¹³ Resigned January 19, 1798.

¹⁴ Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of John Vining, and took his seat February 19, 1798; died August 11, 1798.

¹⁵ Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of Joshua Clayton, and took his seat February 4, 1799.

¹⁶ Resigned December 10, 1797, having been elected governor.

¹⁷ Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of John Henry, and took his seat January 11, 1798.

¹⁸ Resigned July 24, 1797.

¹⁹ Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Theophilus Bradbury, and took his seat November 27, 1797.

Stephen Bullock
Dwight Foster
Nathaniel Freeman, Jr.
Samuel Lyman
Harrison Gray Otis
Isaac Parker
John Reed
Samuel Sewall
William Shepard
Thomson J. Skinner
George Thacher
Joseph Bradley Varnum
Peleg Wadsworth

NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATORS

John Langdon
Samuel Livermore
REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE
Abiel Foster
Jonathan Freeman
William Gordon
Jeremiah Smith²⁰
Peleg Sprague²¹

NEW JERSEY

SENATORS

John Rutherford²²
Franklin Davenport²³
Richard Stockton
REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE
Jonathan Dayton
James H. Imlay
James Schureman²⁴
Thomas Sinnickson
Mark Thomson

NEW YORK

SENATORS

John Laurance
Philip John Schuyler²⁵
John Sloss Hobart²⁶
William North²⁷
James Watson²⁸
REPRESENTATIVES
David Brooks

James Cochran
Lucas C. Elmendorf
Henry Glen
Jonathan N. Havens
Hezekiah L. Hosmer
Edward Livingston
John E. Van Alen
Philip Van Cortlandt
John Williams

NORTH CAROLINA

SENATORS

Alexander Martin
Timothy Bloodworth
REPRESENTATIVES
Thomas Blount
Nathan Bryan²⁹
Richard Dobbs Spaight³⁰
Dempsey Burges
James Gillespie
William Barry Grove
Matthew Locke
Nathaniel Macon
Joseph McDowell
Richard Stanford
Robert Williams

PENNSYLVANIA

SENATORS

James Ross
William Bingham
REPRESENTATIVES
David Bard
Samuel Sitgreaves³¹
Robert Brown³²
John Chapman
William Findley
Albert Gallatin
Andrew Gregg
John A. Hanna
Thomas Hartley
George Ege³³
Joseph Hiester³⁴
John Wilkes Kittera
Blair McClenachan
John Swanwick³⁵
Robert Wain³⁶
Richard Thomas

RHODE ISLAND

SENATORS

Theodore Foster
William Bradford³⁷
Ray Greene³⁸
REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE
Christopher G. Champlin
Elisha R. Potter³⁹
Thomas Tillinghast⁴⁰

SOUTH CAROLINA

SENATORS

Jacob Read
John Hunter⁴¹
Charles Pinckney⁴²
REPRESENTATIVES
Lemuel Benton
Robert Goodloe Harper
John Rutledge, Jr.
William L. Smith,⁴³ *Charleston*
*district*⁴⁴
Thomas Pinckney⁴⁵
William Smith, *Spartan*
*district*⁴⁴
Thomas Sumter

TENNESSEE

SENATORS

William Blount⁴⁶
Joseph Anderson⁴⁷
William Cocke⁴⁸
Andrew Jackson⁴⁹
Daniel Smith⁵⁰
REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE
William C. C. Claiborne⁵¹

VERMONT

SENATORS

Elijah Paine
Isaac Tichenor⁵²
Nathaniel Chipman⁵³
REPRESENTATIVES
Matthew Lyon
Lewis R. Morris

VIRGINIA

SENATORS

Henry Tazewell⁵⁴

²⁰ Resigned July 26, 1797.

²¹ Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Jeremiah Smith, and took his seat December 15, 1797.

²² Resigned November 26, 1798.

²³ Appointed to fill vacancy caused by resignation of John Rutherford, and took his seat December 19, 1798.

²⁴ Elected on February 14, 1799, to fill vacancy in Senate caused by resignation of John Rutherford, but did not take his seat until the following Congress, finishing out his term in the House.

²⁵ Resigned January 3, 1798.

²⁶ Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Philip Schuyler, and took his seat February 2, 1798; resigned April 16, 1798, having been appointed judge of the United States district court of New York.

²⁷ Appointed to fill vacancy caused by resignation of John Sloss Hobart, and took his seat May 21, 1798.

²⁸ Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of John Sloss Hobart, and took his seat December 11, 1798.

²⁹ Died June 4, 1798.

³⁰ Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of Nathan Bryan, and took his seat December 10, 1798.

³¹ Resigned in 1798, having been appointed commissioner to Great Britain.

³² Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Samuel Sitgreaves, and took his seat December 4, 1798.

³³ Resigned in October 1797.

³⁴ Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of George Ege, and took his seat December 1, 1797.

³⁵ Died August 1, 1798.

³⁶ Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of John Swanwick, and took his seat December 3, 1798.

³⁷ Resigned in October 1797.

³⁸ Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of William Bradford, and took his seat November 22, 1797.

³⁹ Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Representative-elect Benjamin Bourn in the preceding Congress; resigned in 1797.

⁴⁰ Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Elisha R. Potter, and took his seat November 13, 1797.

⁴¹ Resigned November 26, 1798.

⁴² Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of John Hunter, and took his seat February 16, 1799.

⁴³ Resigned July 10, 1797, having been appointed minister plenipotentiary to Portugal.

⁴⁴ Many biographical errors have resulted from the fact that Smith of Charleston district and Smith of Spartan district both formerly were known as "William Smith." It was about this time that Smith of Charleston district changed his name to "William Loughton Smith."

⁴⁵ Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of William L. Smith, and took his seat November 23, 1797.

⁴⁶ Expelled for "high misdemeanor" July 8, 1797.

⁴⁷ Elected to fill vacancy caused by expulsion of William Blount, and took his seat November 22, 1797, for the term ending March 3, 1799. (See footnote 50.)

⁴⁸ Appointed to fill vacancy in the term beginning March 4, 1797 (the legislature having failed to elect his successor), and took his seat May 15, 1797.

⁴⁹ Elected to fill vacancy in the term beginning March 4, 1797, and took his seat November 22, 1797; resigned in April 1798.

⁵⁰ Appointed to fill vacancy in the term beginning March 4, 1797, caused by the resignation of Andrew Jackson, and took his seat December 6, 1798; vacancy in this class from April 1798, to October 5, 1798. Joseph Anderson was elected December 12, 1798, to fill vacancy in the term beginning March 4, 1797, caused by resignation of Andrew Jackson, but did not present his credentials under this election until the Sixth Congress, continuing to serve in the other class, and on December 31, 1798, obtained leave of absence for Daniel Smith for the remainder of the session; technically, the term of Smith expired on the election of Anderson.

⁵¹ Took his seat November 23, 1797.

⁵² Resigned October 17, 1797, having been elected governor.

⁵³ Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Isaac Tichenor, and took his seat November 22, 1797.

⁵⁴ Died January 24, 1799. Letter from governor of Virginia (Senate Journal, p. 584) stating appointment would be deferred until legislature meets.

VIRGINIA—Continued

SENATORS—Continued

Stevens T. Mason

REPRESENTATIVES

Richard Brent

Samuel J. Cabell

Thomas Claiborne

Matthew Clay

John Clopton

John Dawson

William B. Giles⁵⁵Joseph Eggleston⁵⁶

Thomas Evans

Carter B. Harrison

David Holmes

Walter Jones

James Machir

Daniel Morgan⁵⁷

Anthony New

John Nicholas

Josiah Parker

Abram Trigg

John Trigg

Abraham B. Venable

⁵⁵ Resigned October 2, 1798.

⁵⁶ Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of William B. Giles, and took his seat December 3, 1798.

⁵⁷ Election unsuccessfully contested by Robert Rutherford.