

SESSIONS OF CONGRESS, 1st–112th CONGRESSES, 1789–2011

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

8th	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.
9th	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.
10th	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.
	2	Nov. 7, 1808	Mar. 3, 1809	117			...	
11th	S	Mar. 4, 1809	Mar. 7, 1809	4			Andrew Gregg, of Pennsylvania	Do.
	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.	
	3	Dec. 3, 1810	Mar. 3, 1811	91			William H. Crawford, of Georgia	Henry Clay, of Kentucky.
12th	1-E	Nov. 4, 1811	July 6, 1812	245			...do.	
	2	Nov. 2, 1812	Mar. 3, 1813	122			Joseph B. Varnum, of Massachusetts; John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	Do. ⁴
13th	1	May 24, 1813	Aug. 2, 1813	71			John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	Langdon Cheves, of South Carolina. ⁴
	2	Dec. 6, 1813	Apr. 18, 1814	134			...do.	
14th	3-E	Sept. 19, 1814	Mar. 3, 1815	166			John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	Henry Clay, of Kentucky.
	1	Dec. 4, 1815	Apr. 30, 1816	148			...do.	
	2	Dec. 2, 1816	Mar. 3, 1817	92			...do.	
15th	S	Mar. 4, 1817	Mar. 6, 1817	3			...do.	
	1	Dec. 1, 1817	Apr. 20, 1818	141	Dec. 24-Dec. 29, 1817	Dec. 24-Dec. 29, 1817	James Barbour, of Virginia.	Do.
	2	Nov. 16, 1818	Mar. 3, 1819	108			James Barbour, of Virginia; John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	Do. ⁵
16th	1	Dec. 6, 1819	May 15, 1820	162			John Gaillard, of South Carolina	John W. Taylor, of New York. ⁵
	2	Nov. 13, 1820	Mar. 3, 1821	111			Philip P. Barbour, of Virginia.	Philip P. Barbour, of Virginia.
17th	1	Dec. 3, 1821	May 8, 1822	157			...do.	
	2	Dec. 2, 1822	Mar. 3, 1823	92			...do.	
18th	1	Dec. 1, 1823	May 27, 1824	178			...do.	Henry Clay, of Kentucky.
	2	Dec. 6, 1824	Mar. 3, 1825	88			...do.	
19th	S	Mar. 4, 1825	Mar. 9, 1825	6			...do.	
	1	Dec. 5, 1825	May 22, 1826	169			Nathaniel Macon, of North Carolina	John W. Taylor, of New York.
	2	Dec. 4, 1826	Mar. 3, 1827	90			...do.	
20th	1	Dec. 3, 1827	May 26, 1828	175			Samuel Smith, of Maryland	Andrew Stevenson, of Virginia.
	2	Dec. 1, 1828	Mar. 3, 1829	93	Dec. 24-Dec. 29, 1828	Dec. 24-Dec. 29, 1828	...do.	
21st	S	Mar. 4, 1829	Mar. 17, 1829	14			...do.	
	1	Dec. 7, 1829	May 31, 1830	176			...do.	Do.
	2	Dec. 6, 1830	Mar. 3, 1831	88			...do.	
22d	1	Dec. 5, 1831	July 16, 1832	225			Littleton Waller Tazewell, of Virginia	Do.
	2	Dec. 3, 1832	Mar. 2, 1833	91			Hugh Lawson White, of Tennessee.	
23d	1	Dec. 2, 1833	June 30, 1834	211			Hugh Lawson White, of Tennessee; George Poindexter, of Mississippi.	Do. ⁶
	2	Dec. 1, 1834	Mar. 3, 1835	93			John Tyler, of Virginia	John Bell, of Tennessee. ⁶
24th	1	Dec. 7, 1835	July 4, 1836	211			William R. King, of Alabama	James K. Polk, of Tennessee.
	2	Dec. 5, 1836	Mar. 3, 1837	89			...do.	
25th	S	Mar. 4, 1837	Mar. 10, 1837	7			...do.	
	1-E	Sept. 4, 1837	Oct. 16, 1837	43			...do.	Do.
	2	Dec. 4, 1837	July 9, 1838	218			...do.	
	3	Dec. 3, 1838	Mar. 3, 1839	91			...do.	
26th	1	Dec. 2, 1839	July 21, 1840	233			...do.	Robert M.T. Hunter, of Virginia.
	2	Dec. 7, 1840	Mar. 3, 1841	87			...do.	
27th	S	Mar. 4, 1841	Mar. 15, 1841	12			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.	
29th ...	1	Dec. 4, 1843	June 17, 1844 ...	196	.....	.....	...do.	John W. Jones, of Virginia.
	2	Dec. 2, 1844	Mar. 3, 1845	92	.....	.....	...do.	
30th ...	S	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.
31st ...	2	Dec. 7, 1846	Mar. 3, 1847	87	.....	.....	David R. Atchison, of Missouri.	
	1	Dec. 6, 1847	Aug. 14, 1848 ..	254	.....	.....	...do.	Robert C. Winthrop, of Massachusetts.
32d	2	Dec. 4, 1848	Mar. 3, 1849	90	.....	.....	...do.	
	S	Mar. 5, 1849	Mar. 23, 1849 ..	19	.....	.....	...do.	
33d	1	Dec. 3, 1849	Sept. 30, 1850 ..	302	.....	.....	William R. King, of Alabama	Howell Cobb, of Georgia.
	2	Dec. 2, 1850	Mar. 3, 1851	92	.....	.....	...do.	
34th ...	S	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.
35th ...	2	Dec. 6, 1852	Mar. 3, 1853	88	.....	.....	...do.	
	S	Mar. 4, 1853	Apr. 11, 1853 ...	39	.....	.....	...do.	Do.
36th ...	1	Dec. 5, 1853	Aug. 7, 1854	246	.....	.....	...do.	
	2	Dec. 4, 1854	Mar. 3, 1855	90	.....	.....	Lewis Cass, of Michigan; Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.	
37th ...	1	Dec. 3, 1855	Aug. 18, 1856 ..	260	.....	.....	Charles E. Stuart, of Michigan; Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.	Nathaniel P. Banks, of Massachusetts.
	2-E	Aug. 21, 1856	Aug. 30, 1856 ..	10	.....	.....	Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.	
38th ...	3	Dec. 1, 1856	Mar. 3, 1857	93	.....	.....	James M. Mason, of Virginia.	
	S	Mar. 4, 1857	Mar. 14, 1857 ...	11	.....	.....	James M. Mason, of Virginia; Thomas J. Rusk, of Texas.	
39th ...	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 ...	S	June 15, 1858	June 16, 1858 ...	2						
	2	Dec. 6, 1858	Mar. 3, 1859	88	Dec. 23, 1858-Jan. 4, 1859 ..	Dec. 23, 1858-Jan. 4, 1859 ..	...do.			
	S	Mar. 4, 1859	Mar. 10, 1859 ..	7	.....	.....	...do.			
	1	Dec. 5, 1859	June 25, 1860 ...	202	.....	.....	Benjamin Fitzpatrick, of Alabama; Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.		William Pennington, of New Jersey.	
37th ...	S	June 26, 1860	June 28, 1860 ...	3						
	2	Dec. 3, 1860	Mar. 3, 1861	93						
	S	Mar. 4, 1861	Mar. 28, 1861 ..	25						
	1-E	July 4, 1861	Aug. 6, 1861	34						
38th ...	2	Dec. 2, 1861	July 17, 1862 ...	228						
	3	Dec. 1, 1862	Mar. 3, 1863	93	Dec. 23, 1862-Jan. 5, 1863 ..	Dec. 23, 1862-Jan. 5, 1863 ..	...do.			
	S	Mar. 4, 1863	Mar. 14, 1863 ...	11	.....	.....	...do.			
	1	Dec. 7, 1863	July 4, 1864	209	Dec. 23, 1863-Jan. 5, 1864 ..	Dec. 23, 1863-Jan. 5, 1864 ..	...do.			
39th ...	2	Dec. 5, 1864	Mar. 3, 1865	89	Dec. 22, 1864-Jan. 5, 1865 ..	Dec. 22, 1864-Jan. 5, 1865 ..	Solomon Foot, of Vermont; Daniel Clark, of New Hampshire.		Schuyler Colfax, of Indiana.	
	S	Mar. 4, 1865	Mar. 11, 1865 ...	8						
	1	Dec. 4, 1865	July 28, 1866 ...	237	Dec. 6-Dec. 11, 1865	Dec. 6-Dec. 11, 1865	Daniel Clark, of New Hampshire.			
					.....	.....	Lafayette S. Foster, of Connecticut.		Do.	
40th ...	2	Dec. 3, 1866	Mar. 3, 1867	91	Dec. 21, 1865-Jan. 5, 1866	Dec. 21, 1865-Jan. 5, 1866				
	1	Mar. 4, 1867	Dec. 1, 1867	273	Dec. 20, 1866-Jan. 3, 1867 ..	Dec. 20, 1866-Jan. 3, 1867 ..	Benjamin F. Wade, of Ohio.			
					Mar. 30-July 3, 1867	Mar. 30-July 3, 1867 .....	...do.		Do. ⁷	
					July 20-Nov. 21, 1867	July 20-Nov. 21, 1867				
41st ...	S	Apr. 1, 1867	Apr. 20, 1867 ...	20	Dec. 20, 1867-Jan. 6, 1868 ..	Dec. 20, 1867-Jan. 6, 1868				
	2	Dec. 2, 1867	Nov. 10, 1868 ...	345	July 27-Sept. 21, 1868	July 27-Sept. 21, 1868				
					Sept. 21-Oct. 16, 1868	Sept. 21-Oct. 16, 1868				
					Oct. 16-Nov. 10, 1868	Oct. 16-Nov. 10, 1868				
42d	3	Dec. 7, 1868	Mar. 3, 1869	87	Dec. 21, 1868-Jan. 5, 1869 ..	Dec. 21, 1868-Jan. 5, 1869 ..	...do.			
	1	Mar. 4, 1869	Apr. 10, 1869 ...	38	.....	.....	Henry B. Anthony, of Rhode Island		Theodore M. Pomeroy, of New York. ⁷	
	S	Apr. 12, 1869	Apr. 22, 1869 ...	11					James G. Blaine, of Maine.	
	2	Dec. 6, 1869	July 15, 1870 ...	222	Dec. 22, 1869-Jan. 10, 1870	Dec. 22, 1869-Jan. 10, 1870	...do.			
43d	3	Dec. 5, 1870	Mar. 3, 1871	89	Dec. 23, 1870-Jan. 4, 1871 ..	Dec. 23, 1870-Jan. 4, 1871 ..	...do.			
	1	Mar. 4, 1871	Apr. 20, 1871 ...	48	.....	.....	...do.		Do.	
	S	May 10, 1871	May 27, 1871 ...	18						
	2	Dec. 4, 1871	June 10, 1872 ...	190	Dec. 21, 1871-Jan. 8, 1872 ..	Dec. 21, 1871-Jan. 8, 1872 ..	...do.			
44th ...	3	Dec. 2, 1872	Mar. 3, 1873	92	Dec. 20, 1872-Jan. 6, 1873 ..	Dec. 20, 1872-Jan. 6, 1873 ..	...do.			
	S	Mar. 4, 1873	Mar. 26, 1873 ...	23						
	1	Dec. 1, 1873	June 23, 1874 ...	204	Dec. 19, 1873-Jan. 5, 1874 ..	Dec. 19, 1873-Jan. 5, 1874 ..	Matthew H. Carpenter, of Wisconsin.		Do.	
	2	Dec. 7, 1874	Mar. 3, 1875	87	Dec. 23, 1874-Jan. 5, 1875 ..	Dec. 23, 1874-Jan. 5, 1875 ..	...do.			
45th ...	S	Mar. 5, 1875	Mar. 24, 1875 ..	20	Dec. 20, 1875-Jan. 5, 1876 ..	Dec. 21, 1875-Jan. 5, 1876 ..	Matthew H. Carpenter, of Wisconsin; Henry B. Anthony, of Rhode Island.			
	1	Dec. 6, 1875	Aug. 15, 1876 ...	254	.....	.....	Thomas W. Ferry, of Michigan.		Michael C. Kerr, of Indiana. ⁸	
	2	Dec. 4, 1876	Mar. 3, 1877	90					Samuel J. Randall, of Pennsylvania. ⁸	
	S	Mar. 5, 1877	Mar. 17, 1877 ..	13	.....	.....	...do.			
46th ...	1-E	Oct. 15, 1877	Dec. 3, 1877	50	Dec. 15, 1877-Jan. 10, 1878	Dec. 15, 1877-Jan. 10, 1878	...do.		Do.	
	2	Dec. 3, 1877	June 20, 1878 ...	200	Dec. 20, 1878-Jan. 7, 1879 ..	Dec. 20, 1878-Jan. 7, 1879 ..	...do.			
	3	Dec. 2, 1878	Mar. 3, 1879	92						
	1-E	Mar. 18, 1879	July 1, 1879	106	Dec. 19, 1879-Jan. 6, 1880 ..	Dec. 19, 1879-Jan. 6, 1880 ..	Allen G. Thurman, of Ohio		Do.	
47th ...	2	Dec. 1, 1879	June 16, 1880 ...	199	Dec. 23, 1880-Jan. 5, 1881 ..	Dec. 23, 1880-Jan. 5, 1881 ..	...do.			
	3	Dec. 6, 1880	Mar. 3, 1881	88	.....	.....	...do.			
	S	Mar. 4, 1881	May 20, 1881 ...	78						
	S	Oct. 10, 1881	Oct. 29, 1881 ...	20	.....	.....	Thomas F. Bayard, of Delaware; David Davis, of Illinois.			
	1	Dec. 5, 1881	Aug. 8, 1882	247	Dec. 22, 1881-Jan. 5, 1882 ..	Dec. 22, 1881-Jan. 5, 1882 ..	David Davis, of Illinois		J. Warren Keifer, of Ohio.	

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	1	Dec. 3, 1883	July 7, 1884	218	Dec. 24, 1883–Jan. 7, 1884 ..	Dec. 24, 1883–Jan. 7, 1884do	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	.....	.....	.....
50th ...	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.
51st ...	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	
52d	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.
53d	2	Dec. 1, 1890	Mar. 3, 1891	93	.....	.....	Charles F. Manderson, of Nebraska.	Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia.
	1	Dec. 7, 1891	Aug. 5, 1892	251	.....	.....	...do	
54th ...	2	Dec. 5, 1892	Mar. 3, 1893	89	Dec. 22, 1892–Jan. 4, 1893 ..	Dec. 22, 1892–Jan. 4, 1893 ..	...do	
	S	Mar. 4, 1893	Apr. 15, 1893 ...	43	.....	.....	Charles F. Manderson, of Nebraska;	
	1–E	Aug. 7, 1893	Nov. 3, 1893	89	.....	.....	Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee.	Do.
55th ...	2	Dec. 4, 1893	Aug. 28, 1894 ..	268	.....	Dec. 21, 1893–Jan. 3, 1894 ..	...do	
	3	Dec. 3, 1894	Mar. 3, 1895	97	.....	Dec. 23, 1894–Jan. 3, 1895 ..	Matt W. Ransom, of North Carolina;	
	1	Dec. 2, 1895	June 11, 1896 ...	193	.....	.....	Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee.	Thomas B. Reed, of Maine.
56th ...	2	Dec. 7, 1896	Mar. 3, 1897	87	Dec. 22, 1896–Jan. 5, 1897 ..	Dec. 22, 1896–Jan. 5, 1897 ..	William P. Frye, of Maine	
	S	Mar. 4, 1897	Mar. 10, 1897 ...	11	.....	.....	...do	
	1–E	Mar. 15, 1897	July 24, 1897 ...	131	.....	.....	...do	Do.
57th ...	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	
	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.
57th ...	2	Dec. 3, 1900	Mar. 3, 1901	91	Dec. 20, 1900–Jan. 3, 1901 ..	Dec. 21, 1900–Jan. 3, 1901 ..	...do	
	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 ⁹	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. James P. Clarke, of Arkansas.	
	3	Dec. 2, 1912	Mar. 3, 1913	92	Dec. 19, 1912–Jan. 2, 1913 ..	Dec. 19, 1912–Jan. 2, 1913 ..	.....
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 ¹⁰	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 ¹⁰	
65th ...	S	Mar. 5, 1917	Mar. 16, 1917 ..	12	.....	.....	...do	Do.
	1–E	Apr. 2, 1917	Oct. 6, 1917	188	.....	.....	...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, 1930do	
	S	July 7, 1930	July 21, 1930	15do	

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					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. Byrns, of Tennessee. ¹¹
	2	Jan. 3, 1936	June 20, 1936	170	June 8–June 15, 1936	June 8–June 15, 1936	...do	William B. Bankhead, of Alabama. ¹¹
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	Do. ¹²
	1	Jan. 3, 1939	Aug. 5, 1939	215	.....	.....	...do	.....
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; ¹³ William H. King, of Utah. ¹³	Sam Rayburn, of Texas. ¹²
79th	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	.....	.....	Carter Glass, of Virginia.	Do.
80th	1	Jan. 6, 1943	Dec. 21, 1943	350	July 8–Sept. 14, 1943	July 8–Sept. 14, 1943	.....	.....
	2	Jan. 10, 1944	Dec. 19, 1944	345	Apr. 1–Apr. 12, 1944	Apr. 1–Apr. 12, 1944	.....	.....
79th	1	Jan. 3, 1945	Dec. 21, 1945	353	June 23–Aug. 1, 1944	June 23–Aug. 1, 1944	.....	.....
	2	Jan. 14, 1946	Aug. 2, 1946	201	Sept. 21–Nov. 14, 1944	Sept. 21–Nov. 14, 1944	Kenneth McKellar, of Tennessee	Do.
80th	¹⁵ 1	Jan. 3, 1947	Dec. 19, 1947	351	Aug. 1–Sept. 5, 1945	July 21–Sept. 5, 1945	.....	.....
	¹⁵ 2	Jan. 6, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948	361	.....	Apr. 18–Apr. 30, 1946	Arthur H. Vandenberg, of Michigan	Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts.
					June 20–July 26, 1948	June 20–July 26, 1948	...do	.....
					Aug. 7–Dec. 31, 1948	Aug. 7–Dec. 31, 1948	.....	.....

81st ...	1	Jan. 3, 1949	Oct. 19, 1949 ...	290	.....	.....	Kenneth McKellar, of Tennessee	Sam Rayburn, of Texas.
	2	Jan. 3, 1950	Jan. 2, 1951	365	Sept. 23–Nov. 27, 1950 ^p	Apr. 6–Apr. 18, 1950 .....	...do.	
82d	1	Jan. 3, 1951	Oct. 20, 1951 ...	291	.....	Sept. 23–Nov. 27, 1950 .....	...do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 8, 1952	July 7, 1952	182	.....	Mar. 22–Apr. 2, 1951 .....	...do.	
83d	1	Jan. 3, 1953	Aug. 3, 1953	213	.....	Aug. 23–Sept. 12, 1951 .....	...do.	Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachu-
	2	Jan. 6, 1954	Dec. 2, 1954	331	Aug. 20–Nov. 8, 1954	Apr. 10–Apr. 22, 1952	Styles Bridges, of New Hampshire	setts.
84th ...	1	Jan. 5, 1955	Aug. 2, 1955 ...	210	Apr. 4–Apr. 13, 1955	Apr. 2–Apr. 13, 1953 .....	...do.	
	2	Jan. 3, 1956	July 27, 1956 ...	207	Nov. 18–Nov. 29, 1954	Apr. 15–Apr. 22, 1954	Walter F. George, of Georgia	Sam Rayburn, of Texas.
85th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1957	Aug. 30, 1957 ..	239	.....	Adjoined sine die Aug. 20, 1954	...do.	
	2	Jan. 7, 1958	Aug. 24, 1958 ..	230	Mar. 29–Apr. 9, 1956	Apr. 4–Apr. 13, 1955	Carl Hayden, of Arizona	Do.
86th ...	1	Jan. 7, 1959	Sept. 15, 1959 ..	252	Apr. 18–Apr. 29, 1957	Apr. 18–Apr. 29, 1957 .....	...do.	
	2	Jan. 6, 1960	Sept. 1, 1960	240	Apr. 3–Apr. 14, 1958	Apr. 3–Apr. 14, 1958 .....	...do.	Do.
87th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1961	Sept. 27, 1961 ..	268	Mar. 26–Apr. 7, 1959	Mar. 26–Apr. 7, 1959 .....	...do.	
	2	Jan. 10, 1962	Oct. 13, 1962 ...	277	Apr. 14–Apr. 18, 1960	Apr. 14–Apr. 18, 1960 .....	...do.	Do, ¹⁶
88th ...	1	Jan. 9, 1963	Dec. 30, 1963 ...	356	May 27–May 31, 1960	May 27–May 31, 1960 .....	...do.	John W. McCormack, of Massachu-
	2	Jan. 7, 1964	Oct. 3, 1964	270	July 3–Aug. 8, 1960	July 3–Aug. 15, 1960 .....	...do.	setts, ¹⁶
89th ...	1	Jan. 4, 1965	Oct. 23, 1965 ...	293	.....	Mar. 30–Apr. 10, 1961 .....	...do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 10, 1966	Oct. 22, 1966 ...	286	July 10–July 20, 1964	Apr. 19–Apr. 30, 1962 .....	...do.	
90th ...	1	Jan. 10, 1967	Dec. 15, 1967 ...	340	Aug. 21–Aug. 31, 1964	Apr. 11–Apr. 22, 1963 .....	...do.	Do.
	2	Jan. 15, 1968	Oct. 14, 1968 ...	274	Apr. 7–Apr. 13, 1966	Apr. 7–Apr. 18, 1966 .....	...do.	
91st	1	Jan. 3, 1969	Dec. 23, 1969 ...	355	June 30–July 11, 1966	June 30–July 11, 1966 .....	...do.	
	2	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971	349	Mar. 23–Apr. 3, 1967	Mar. 23–Apr. 3, 1967	Richard B. Russell, of Georgia	Do.
					June 29–July 10, 1967	June 29–July 10, 1967 .....	...do.	
					Aug. 31–Sept. 11, 1967	Aug. 31–Sept. 11, 1967 .....	...do.	
					Nov. 22–Nov. 27, 1967	Nov. 22–Nov. 27, 1967 .....	...do.	
					Apr. 11–Apr. 17, 1968	Apr. 11–Apr. 22, 1968 .....	...do.	
					May 29–June 3, 1968	May 29–June 3, 1968 .....	...do.	
					June 3–July 8, 1968	June 3–July 8, 1968 .....	...do.	
					Aug. 2–Sept. 4, 1968	Aug. 2–Sept. 4, 1968 .....	...do.	
					Feb. 7–Feb. 17, 1969	Feb. 7–Feb. 17, 1969	Richard B. Russell, of Georgia	Do.
					Apr. 3–Apr. 14, 1969	Apr. 3–Apr. 14, 1969 .....	...do.	
					July 2–July 7, 1969	May 28–June 2, 1969 .....	...do.	
					Aug. 13–Sept. 3, 1969	July 2–July 7, 1969 .....	...do.	
					Nov. 26–Dec. 1, 1969	Aug. 13–Sept. 3, 1969 .....	...do.	
					.....	Nov. 6–Nov. 12, 1969 .....	...do.	
					.....	Nov. 26–Dec. 1, 1969 .....	...do.	
					.....	Feb. 10–Feb. 16, 1970 .....	...do.	
					.....	Mar. 26–Mar. 31, 1970 .....	...do.	
					.....	May 27–June 1, 1970 .....	...do.	
					.....	July 1–July 6, 1970 .....	...do.	
					Aug. 14–Sept. 9, 1970do.	
					Oct. 14–Nov. 16, 1970do.	
					Nov. 25–Nov. 30, 1970do.	
					Dec. 22–Dec. 28, 1970do.	

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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}
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	Mar. 26–Apr. 7, 1975 .....	...do	Do.
					May 22–June 2, 1975	May 22–June 2, 1975		
					June 27–July 7, 1975	June 26–July 8, 1975		
					Aug. 1–Sept. 3, 1975	Aug. 1–Sept. 3, 1975		
					Oct. 9–Oct. 20, 1975	Oct. 9–Oct. 20, 1975		
					Oct. 23–Oct. 28, 1975	Oct. 23–Oct. 28, 1975		
					Nov. 20–Dec. 1, 1975	Nov. 20–Dec. 1, 1975		
	2	Jan. 19, 1976	Oct. 1, 1976	257	Feb. 6–Feb. 16, 1976	Feb. 11–Feb. 16, 1976 .....	...do.	
					Apr. 14–Apr. 26, 1976	Apr. 14–Apr. 26, 1976		
					May 28–June 2, 1976	May 27–June 1, 1976		
					July 2–July 19, 1976	July 2–July 19, 1976		
					Aug. 10–Aug. 23, 1976	Aug. 10–Aug. 23, 1976		
					Sept. 1–Sept. 7, 1976	Sept. 2–Sept. 8, 1976		
95th ...	1	Jan. 4, 1977	Dec. 15, 1977 ...	346	Feb. 11–Feb. 21, 1977	Feb. 9–Feb. 16, 1977 .....	...do	Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., of Massachu-
					Apr. 7–Apr. 18, 1977	Apr. 6–Apr. 18, 1977		setts.
					May 27–June 6, 1977	May 26–June 1, 1977		
					July 1–July 11, 1977	June 30–July 11, 1977		
					Aug. 6–Sept. 7, 1977	Aug. 5–Sept. 7, 1977		
	2	Jan. 19, 1978	Oct. 15, 1978 ...	270	Feb. 10–Feb. 20, 1978	Feb. 9–Feb. 14, 1978 .....	...do.	
					Mar. 23–Apr. 3, 1978	Mar. 22–Apr. 3, 1978		
					May 26–June 5, 1978	May 25–May 31, 1978		
					June 29–July 10, 1978	June 29–July 10, 1978		
					Aug. 25–Sept. 6, 1978	Aug. 17–Sept. 6, 1978		
96th ...	1	Jan. 15, 1979	Jan. 3, 1980	354	Feb. 9–Feb. 19, 1979	Feb. 8–Feb. 13, 1979	Warren G. Magnuson, of Washington ...	Do.
					Apr. 10–Apr. 23, 1979	Apr. 10–Apr. 23, 1979		
					May 24–June 4, 1979	May 24–May 30, 1979		
					June 27–July 9, 1979	June 29–July 9, 1979		
					Aug. 3–Sept. 5, 1979	Aug. 2–Sept. 5, 1979		
					Nov. 20–Nov. 26, 1979	Nov. 20–Nov. 26, 1979		
					Adjourned sine die, Dec. 20, 1979			
	2	Jan. 3, 1980	Dec. 16, 1980 ...	349	Apr. 3–Apr. 15, 1980	Feb. 13–Feb. 19, 1980	Warren G. Magnuson, of Washington;	
					May 22–May 28, 1980	Apr. 2–Apr. 15, 1980	Milton Young, of North Dakota; ¹⁹	
					July 2–July 21, 1980	May 22–May 28, 1980	Warren G. Magnuson, of Wash-	
					Aug. 6–Aug. 18, 1980	July 2–July 21, 1980	ington. ¹⁹	
					Aug. 27–Sept. 3, 1980	Aug. 1–Aug. 18, 1980		
					Oct. 1–Nov. 12, 1980	Aug. 28–Sept. 3, 1980		
					Nov. 25–Dec. 1, 1980	Oct. 2–Nov. 12, 1980		
						Nov. 21–Dec. 1, 1980		
97th ...	1	Jan. 5, 1981	Dec. 16, 1981 ...	347	Feb. 6–Feb. 16, 1981	Feb. 6–Feb. 17, 1981	Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina	Do.
					Apr. 10–Apr. 27, 1981	Apr. 10–Apr. 27, 1981		
					June 25–July 8, 1981	June 26–July 8, 1981		
					Aug. 3–Sept. 9, 1981	Aug. 4–Sept. 9, 1981		
					Oct. 7–Oct. 14, 1981	Oct. 7–Oct. 13, 1981		
					Nov. 24–Nov. 30, 1981	Nov. 23–Nov. 30, 1981		
	2	Jan. 25, 1982	Dec. 23, 1982 ...	333	Feb. 11–Feb. 22, 1982	Feb. 10–Feb. 22, 1982 .....	...do	
					Apr. 1–Apr. 13, 1982	Apr. 6–Apr. 20, 1982		
					May 27–June 8, 1982	May 27–June 2, 1982		
					July 1–July 12, 1982	July 1–July 12, 1982		
					Aug. 20–Sept. 8, 1982	Aug. 20–Sept. 8, 1982		
					Oct. 1–Nov. 29, 1982	Oct. 1–Nov. 29, 1982		

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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 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	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		
	2	Jan. 23, 1984	Oct. 12, 1984 ...	264	Feb. 9–Feb. 20, 1984	Feb. 9–Feb. 21, 1984 .....	...do.	
					Apr. 12–Apr. 24, 1984 May 24–May 31, 1984 June 29–July 23, 1984 Aug. 10–Sept. 5, 1984	Apr. 12–Apr. 24, 1984 May 24–May 30, 1984 June 29–July 23, 1984 Aug. 10–Sept. 5, 1984		
99th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1985	Dec. 20, 1985 ...	352	Jan. 7–Jan. 21, 1985	Jan. 3–Jan. 21, 1985 .....	...do	Do.
					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	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		
	2	Jan. 21, 1986	Oct. 18, 1986 ...	278	Feb. 7–Feb. 17, 1986	Feb. 6–Feb. 18, 1986 .....	...do.	
					Mar. 27–Apr. 8, 1986 May 21–June 2, 1986 June 26–July 7, 1986 Aug. 15–Sept. 8, 1986	Mar. 25–Apr. 8, 1986 May 22–June 3, 1986 June 26–July 14, 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		
					Apr. 10–Apr. 21, 1987	Apr. 9–Apr. 21, 1987		
					May 21–May 27, 1987	May 21–May 27, 1987		
					July 1–July 7, 1987	July 1–July 7, 1987		
					Aug. 7–Sept. 9, 1987	July 15–July 20, 1987		
					Nov. 20–Nov. 30, 1987	Aug. 7–Sept. 9, 1987		
						Nov. 10–Nov. 16, 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. 31–Apr. 11, 1988		
					Mar. 31–Apr. 11, 1988	May 26–June 1, 1988		
					Apr. 29–May 9, 1988	June 30–July 7, 1988		
					May 27–June 6, 1988	July 14–July 26, 1988		
					June 29–July 6, 1988	Aug. 11–Sept. 7, 1988		
					July 14–July 25, 1988			
					Aug. 11–Sept. 7, 1988			
101st ..	1	Jan. 3, 1989	Nov. 22, 1989 ..	324	Jan. 4–Jan. 20, 1989	Jan. 4–Jan. 19, 1989	Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia	James C. Wright, Jr., of Texas; ²⁰ Thomas S. Foley, of Washington. ²⁰
					Jan. 20–Jan. 25, 1989	Feb. 9–Feb. 21, 1989		
					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			
	2	Jan. 23, 1990	Oct. 28, 1990 ...	260	Feb. 8–Feb. 20, 1990	Feb. 7–Feb. 20, 1990 .....	...do.	
					Mar. 9–Mar. 20, 1990	Apr. 4–Apr. 18, 1990		
					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			
102d ...	1	Jan. 3, 1991	Jan. 3, 1992	366	Feb. 7–Feb. 19, 1991	Feb. 6–Feb. 19, 1991 .....	...do	Thomas S. Foley, of Washington.
					Mar. 22–Apr. 9, 1991	Mar. 22–Apr. 9, 1991		
					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			
	2	Jan. 3, 1992	Oct. 9, 1992	281	Jan. 3–Jan. 21, 1992	Jan. 3–Jan. 22, 1992 .....	...do.	
					Feb. 7–Feb. 18, 1992 ^P	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		
					Aug. 12–Sept. 8, 1992	Aug. 12–Sept. 9, 1992		

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Congress	Session	Convening Date	Adjournment Date	Length in days ¹	Recesses ²		President pro tempore of the Senate ³	Speaker of the House of Representatives
					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.
	2	Jan. 25, 1994	Dec. 1, 1994	311	Feb. 4–Feb. 16, 1993 Feb. 18–Feb. 24, 1993 ^p Apr. 7–Apr. 19, 1993 May 28–June 7, 1993 July 1–July 13, 1993 Aug. 7–Sept. 7, 1993 Oct. 7–Oct. 13, 1993 Nov. 11–Nov. 16, 1993	Jan. 27–Feb. 2, 1993 Feb. 4–Feb. 16, 1993 Apr. 7–Apr. 19, 1993 May 27–June 8, 1993 July 1–July 13, 1993 Aug. 6–Sept. 8, 1993 Sept. 15–Sept. 21, 1993 Oct. 7–Oct. 12, 1993 Nov. 10–Nov. 15, 1993	...do.	
104th .	1	Jan. 4, 1995	Jan. 3, 1996	365	Feb. 11–Feb. 22, 1994	Feb. 16–Feb. 21, 1995	Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina	Newt Gingrich, of Georgia.
					Mar. 26–Apr. 11, 1994 May 25–June 7, 1994 July 1–July 11, 1994 Aug. 25–Sept. 12, 1994 Oct. 8–Nov. 30, 1994	Mar. 16–Mar. 21, 1995 Apr. 7–May 1, 1995 May 3–May 9, 1995 May 25–June 6, 1995 June 30–July 10, 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.	
					Feb. 1–Feb. 6, 1996 ^P Feb. 7–Feb. 20, 1996 ^P Feb. 29–Mar. 5, 1996 ^P Mar. 29–Apr. 15, 1996 May 24–June 3, 1996 June 28–July 8, 1996 Aug. 2–Sept. 3, 1996	Feb. 1–Feb. 27, 1996 ^P Mar. 29–Apr. 15, 1996 May 23–May 29, 1996 June 28–July 8, 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 Mar. 21–Apr. 7, 1997 May 23–June 2, 1997 ^P June 27–July 7, 1997 July 31–Sept. 2, 1997 Oct. 9–Oct. 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		
	2	Jan. 27, 1998	Dec. 19, 1998 ...	327	Feb. 13–Feb. 23, 1998	Jan. 28–Feb. 3, 1998 .....	...do.	
					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. 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		
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 May 27–June 7, 1999 July 1–July 12, 1999 Aug. 5–Sept. 8, 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		
	2	Jan. 24, 2000	Dec. 15, 2000 ...	326	Feb. 10–Feb. 22, 2000	Feb. 16–Feb. 29, 2000 .....	...do.	
					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	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		
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; ²¹ Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina; ²¹ Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia. ²¹	Do.
					Feb. 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	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		

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					Senate	House of Representatives		
108th	2	Jan. 23, 2002	Nov. 22, 2002 ..	304	Jan. 29–Feb. 4, 2002	Jan. 29–Feb. 4, 2002	Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia.	
	1	Jan. 7, 2003	Dec. 9, 2003	337	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 Oct. 17–Nov. 12, 2002 ^p Feb. 14–Feb. 24, 2003	Feb. 14–Feb. 26, 2002 Mar. 20–Apr. 9, 2002 May 24–June 4, 2002 June 28–July 8, 2002 July 27–Sept. 4, 2002 Jan. 8–Jan. 27, 2003	Ted Stevens, of Alaska	J. Dennis Hastert, of Illinois.
	2	Jan. 20, 2004	Dec. 8, 2004	324	Apr. 11–Apr. 28, 2003 May 23–June 2, 2003 June 27–July 7, 2003 Aug. 1–Sept 2, 2003 Oct. 3–Oct. 14, 2003 Nov. 25–Dec. 9, 2003 Feb. 12–Feb. 23, 2004	July 29–Sept. 3, 2003 Nov. 25–Dec. 8, 2003 Feb. 11–Feb. 24, 2004 .....	...do.	

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 Feb. 18–Feb. 28, 2005 Mar. 20–Apr. 4, 2005 Apr. 29–May 9, 2005 May 26–June 6, 2005 July 1–July 11, 2005 July 29–Sept. 1, 2005 Sept. 1–Sept. 6, 2005 Oct. 7–Oct. 17, 2005 Nov. 18–Dec. 12, 2005	Jan. 20–Jan. 25, 2005 Jan. 26–Feb. 1, 2005 Feb. 2–Feb. 8, 2005 Feb. 17–Mar. 1, 2005 Mar. 21–Apr. 5, 2005 May 26–June 7, 2005 July 1–July 11, 2005 July 29–Sept. 2, 2005 Oct. 7–Oct. 17, 2005 Nov. 18–Dec. 6, 2005		
	2	Jan. 3, 2006	Dec. 9, 2006	341	Jan. 3–Jan. 18, 2006	Jan. 3–Jan. 31, 2006 .....	...do.	
					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	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		
110th.	1	Jan. 4, 2007	Dec. 31, 2007 ...	362	Feb. 17–Feb. 26, 2007	Jan. 24–Jan. 29, 2007	Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia	Nancy Pelosi, of California.
					Mar. 29–Apr. 10, 2007 May 25–June 4, 2007 June 29–July 9, 2007 Aug. 3–Sept. 4, 2007 Oct. 5–Oct. 15, 2007 Nov. 16–Dec. 3, 2007 ^P Dec. 19–Dec. 31, 2007 ^P	Feb. 16–Feb. 27, 2007 Mar. 30–Apr. 16, 2007 May 24–June 5, 2007 June 28–July 10, 2007 Aug. 4–Sept. 4, 2007 Nov. 15–Dec. 4, 2007		
	2	Jan. 3, 2008	Jan. 3, 2009	367	Jan. 3–Jan. 22, 2008 ^P	Jan. 3–Jan. 15, 2008 .....	...do	
					Feb. 14–Feb. 26, 2008 ^P Mar. 13–Mar. 31, 2008 ^P May 22–June 2, 2008 ^P June 27–July 7, 2008 Aug. 1–Sept. 8, 2008 ^P Oct. 2–Nov. 17, 2008 ^P Nov. 20–Dec. 8, 2008 ^P Dec. 11–Jan. 2, 2009 ^P	Mar. 14–Mar. 31, 2008 May 22–June 3, 2008 June 26–July 8, 2008 Aug. 1–Sept. 8, 2008 Oct. 3–Nov. 19, 2008 Nov. 20–Dec. 9, 2008 Dec. 10–Jan. 3, 2009		
111th.	1	Jan. 6, 2009	Dec. 24, 2009 ...	353	Feb. 13–Feb. 23, 2009 ^P	Feb. 13–Feb. 23, 2009 .....	...do	Do.
					Apr. 2–Apr. 20, 2009 May 21–June 1, 2009 June 25–July 6, 2009 Aug. 7–Sept. 8, 2009 ^P Oct. 8–Oct. 13, 2009 ^P Nov. 10–Nov. 16, 2009 Nov. 21–Nov. 30, 2009	Apr. 2–Apr. 21, 2009 May 21–June 2, 2009 June 26–July 7, 2009 July 31–Sept. 8, 2009 Nov. 6–Nov. 16, 2009 Nov. 19–Dec. 1, 2009		

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					Senate	House of Representatives		
112th	2	Jan. 5, 2010	Dec. 22, 2010 ...	352	Jan. 5–Jan. 20, 2010 ^P	Jan. 5–Jan. 12, 2010	Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia; ²² Daniel K. Inouye, of Hawaii. ²²	
					Feb. 11–Feb. 23, 2010 Mar. 26–Apr. 12, 2010 May 28–June 7, 2010 June 30–July 12, 2010 Aug. 5–Aug. 12, 2010 Aug. 12–Sept. 13, 2010 Sept. 29–Nov. 15, 2010 ^P Nov. 19–Nov. 29, 2010	Feb. 9–Feb. 22, 2010 Mar. 25–Apr. 13, 2010 May 28–June 8, 2010 July 1–July 13, 2010 July 30–Aug. 9, 2010 Aug. 10–Sept. 14, 2010 Sept. 29–Nov. 15, 2010 Nov. 18–Nov. 29, 2010		
	1	Jan. 5, 2011 .....	.....	.....	Jan. 5–Jan. 25, 2011	Jan. 26–Feb. 8, 2011	Daniel K. Inouye, of Hawaii	John A. Boehner, of Ohio.
					Feb. 17–Feb. 28, 2011 Mar. 17–Mar. 28, 2011 Apr. 14–May 2, 2011 May 26–June 6, 2011 ^P Aug. 2–Sept. 6, 2011 ^P	Feb. 18–Feb. 28, 2011 Mar. 17–Mar. 29, 2011 Apr. 15–May 2, 2011 May 13–May 23, 2011 June 24–July 5, 2011 ^P Aug. 1–Sept. 6, 2011 ^P		

¹For 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.

²For the purposes of this table, a “recess” is defined as a break in House or Senate proceedings of three or more days, excluding Sundays. According to Article I, section 5 of the U.S. Constitution, neither house may adjourn for more than three days without the consent of the other. On occasion, both chambers have held one or more pro forma sessions because of this constitutional obligation or for other purposes. Treated here as recesses, usually no business is conducted during these time periods. On this table, beginning in the 1990s, such pro forma sessions are indicated with a P.

³The 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 Presidency 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.

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

⁵Henry 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.

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

⁷Speaker 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.

⁸Speaker 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.

⁹William P. Frye resigned as President pro tempore on Apr. 27, 1911.

¹⁰President 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.

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

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

¹³President 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.

¹⁴President 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.

¹⁵President 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.

¹⁶Speaker 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.

¹⁷President 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.

¹⁸President 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.

¹⁹Milton 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 a Republican, which was the minority party at that time. Warren G. Magnuson resumed the position of President pro tempore on Dec. 6, 1980.

²⁰James 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's tie breaking vote resulted in 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.

²²President pro tempore Robert C. Byrd died on June 28, 2010. He was succeeded by Daniel K. Inouye who was elected President pro tempore on that same 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.

-July 16, 1887, 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.

-September 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.