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the Constitution. In Bond v. Floyd, 385 U.S. 116 (1966), the Supreme Court held that the exclusion by a State legislature of a member-elect of that body was unconstitutional, where the legislature had asserted the power to judge the sincerity with which the Member-elect could take the oath to support the Constitution of the United States. In the 97th Congress, the House declared vacant a seat where the Member-elect was unable to take the oath because of illness, where the medical prognosis showed no likelihood of improvement to permit the Member-elect to take the oath or assume the duties of a Representative (H. Res. 80, Feb. 24, 1981, pp. 2916–18).

Decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States: McCulloch v. Maryland, 17 U.S. (4 Wheat.) 316 (1819); Ex parte Garland,

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71 U.S. (4 Wall.) 333 (1867); Davis v. Beason, 133 U.S.
333 (1890); Mormon Church v. United States, 136 U.S.
1 (1890).

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The Ratification of the Conventions of nine ^{§ 207. Ratification of} States, shall be sufficient for the ^{the Constitution.} Establishment of this Constitution between the States so ratifying the Same.

DONE in Convention by the Unanimous Consent of the States present the Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Twelfth IN WITNESS whereof We have hereunto subscribed our Names,

> G° WASHINGTON—Presidt. and Deputy from Virginia.

[Signed also by the deputies of twelve States.]

New Hampshire.

JOHN LANGDON,

NICHOLAS GILMAN.

RUFUS KING.

Massachusetts.

NATHANIEL GORHAM,

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Connecticut.

WM. SAML. JOHNSON,

ROGER SHERMAN.

New York.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON.

New Jersey.

WIL: LIVINGSTON, DAVID BREARLEY,

JONA: DAYTON.

WM. PATERSON,

Pennsylvania.

B FRANKLIN, ROB^{T.} MORRIS, THOS. FITZSIMONS, JAMES WILSON,

GEO. READ,

JACO BROOM,

JOHN DICKINSON,

JAMES MCHENRY,

DAN¹ CARROLL,

THOMAS MIFFLIN, GEO. CLYMER, JARED INGERSOLL, GOUV MORRIS.

Delaware.

Gunning Bedford jun, Richard Bassett.

JAMES MADISON Jr.

RICH'D. DOBBS SPAIGHT.

Maryland.

DAN OF S^T THOS. JENIFER.

Virginia.

JOHN BLAIR,

North Carolina.

Wm. Blount, Hu Williamson,

South Carolina.

J. RUTLEDGE, CHARLES PINCKNEY, CHARLES COTESWORTH PINCKNEY, PIERCE BUTLER.

Georgia.

WILLIAM FEW, Attest: Abr Baldwin. William Jackson, *Secretary.*

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