

Years of the 1st through 108th Congresses (1789-2004)

Since 1935, the first session of a Congress convenes on January 3 of odd-numbered years and adjourns on January 3 the following odd-numbered year. For ease of use, this table lists the closing date of each Congress as even-numbered years. For exact dates of sessions, consult the Congressional Directory, Sessions of Congress table on the following pages.

1 st	1789-1790	31 st	1849-1850	61 st	1909-1910	91 st	1969-1970
2 nd	1791-1792	32 nd	1851-1852	62 nd	1911-1912	92 nd	1971-1972
3 rd	1793-1794	33 rd	1853-1854	63 rd	1913-1914	93 rd	1973-1974
4 th	1795-1796	34 th	1855-1855	64 th	1915-1916	94 th	1975-1976
5 th	1797-1798	35 th	1857-1858	65 th	1917-1918	95 th	1977-1978
6 th	1799-1800	36 th	1859-1860	66 th	1919-1920	96 th	1979-1980
7 th	1801-1802	37 th	1861-1862	67 th	1921-1922	97 th	1981-1982
8 th	1803-1804	38 th	1863-1864	68 th	1923-1924	98 th	1983-1984
9 th	1805-1806	39 th	1865-1866	69 th	1925-1926	99 th	1985-1986
10 th	1807-1808	40 th	1867-1868	70 th	1927-1928	100 th	1987-1988
11 th	1809-1810	41 st	1869-1870	71 st	1929-1930	101 st	1989-1990
12 th	1811-1812	42 nd	1871-1872	72 nd	1931-1932	102 nd	1991-1992
13 th	1813-1814	43 rd	1873-1874	73 rd	1933-1934	103 rd	1993-1994
14 th	1815-1816	44 th	1875-1876	74 th	1935-1936	104 th	1995-1996
15 th	1817-1818	45 th	1877-1878	75 th	1937-1938	105 th	1997-1998
16 th	1819-1820	46 th	1879-1880	76 th	1939-1940	106 th	1999-2000
17 th	1821-1822	47 th	1881-1882	77 th	1941-1942	107 th	2001-2002
18 th	1823-1824	48 th	1883-1884	78 th	1943-1944	108 th	2003-2004
19 th	1825-1826	49 th	1885-1886	79 th	1945-1946		
20 th	1827-1828	50 th	1887-1888	80 th	1947-1948		
21 st	1829-1830	51 st	1889-1890	81 st	1949-1950		
22 nd	1831-1832	52 nd	1891-1892	82 nd	1951-1952		
23 rd	1833-1834	53 rd	1893-1894	83 rd	1953-1954		
24 th	1835-1836	54 th	1895-1896	84 th	1955-1956		
25 th	1837-1838	55 th	1897-1898	85 th	1957-1958		
26 th	1839-1840	56 th	1899-1900	86 th	1959-1960		
27 th	1841-1842	57 th	1901-1902	87 th	1961-1962		
28 th	1843-1844	58 th	1903-1904	88 th	1963-1964		
29 th	1845- 1846	59 th	1905-1906	89 th	1965-1966		
30 th	1847-1848	60 th	1907-1909	90 th	1967-1968		

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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. Henry Tazewell, of Virginia.	
4th	2	Nov. 3, 1794	Mar. 3, 1795	121		do.	Jonathan Dayton, of New Jersey.
	S	June 8, 1795	June 26, 1795	19			Henry Tazewell, of Virginia.	
	1	Dec. 7, 1795	June 1, 1796	177			.....do. Henry Tazewell, of Virginia; Samuel Livermore, of New Hampshire. William Bingham, of Pennsylvania.
5th	2	Dec. 5, 1796	Mar. 3, 1797	89			William Bradford, of Rhode Island	Do.
	S	Mar. 4, 1797	Mar. 4, 1797	1			.....do.
	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.	
6th	2	Nov. 13, 1797	July 16, 1798	246			Samuel Livermore, of New Hampshire; Uriah Tracy, of Connecticut.	Theodore Sedgwick, of Massachusetts.
	3	Dec. 3, 1798	Mar. 3, 1799	91			John E. Howard, of Maryland; James Hillhouse, of Connecticut.	
	1	Dec. 2, 1799	May 14, 1800	164			Dec. 23-Dec. 30, 1800	
7th	2	Nov. 17, 1800	Mar. 3, 1801	107	Dec. 23-Dec. 30, 1800	Dec. 23-Dec. 30, 1800	Abraham Baldwin, of Georgia	Nathaniel Macon, of North Carolina.
	S	Mar. 4, 1801	Mar. 5, 1801	2			.....do.
	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			.....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				
	1	May 22, 1809	June 28, 1809	38			Andrew Gregg, of Pennsylvania	Do.
	2	Nov. 27, 1809	May 1, 1810	156			John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	
	3	Dec. 3, 1810	Mar. 3, 1811	91			John Pope, of Kentucky.	
12th	1-E	Nov. 4, 1811	July 6, 1812	245			William H. Crawford, of Georgia	Henry Clay, of Kentucky.
	2	Nov. 2, 1812	Mar. 3, 1813	122			.....do	
13th	1	May 24, 1813	Aug. 2, 1813	71			.....do	Do. ⁴
	2	Dec. 6, 1813	Apr. 18, 1814	134			Joseph B. Varnum, of Massachusetts; John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	Langdon Cheves, of South Carolina. ⁴
							John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	
14th	3-E	Sept. 19, 1814	Mar. 3, 1815	166			.....do	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	.....do	Do.
	2	Nov. 16, 1818	Mar. 3, 1819	108			James Barbour, of Virginia.	
16th	1	Dec. 6, 1819	May 15, 1820	162			James Barbour, of Virginia; John Gaillard, of South Carolina.	Do. ⁵
							John Gaillard, of South Carolina	
17th	2	Nov. 13, 1820	Mar. 3, 1821	111			.....do	John W. Taylor, of New York. ⁵
	1	Dec. 3, 1821	May 8, 1822	157			.....do	Philip P. Barbour, of Virginia.
	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;	Do. ⁶
							George Poindexter, of Mississippi.	
	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	.....	.....	Ambrose H. Sevier; David R. Atchison, of Missouri.	John W. Davis, of Indiana.
	1	Dec. 1, 1845	Aug. 10, 1846 ..	253	.....	.....	David R. Atchison, of Missouri.	Robert C. Winthrop, of Massachusetts.
31st ...	2	Dec. 7, 1846	Mar. 3, 1847	87	.....	.....	.....do.	
	1	Dec. 6, 1847	Aug. 14, 1848 ..	254	.....	.....	.....do.	
32d	2	Dec. 4, 1848	Mar. 3, 1849	90	.....	.....	.....do.	
	S	Mar. 5, 1849	Mar. 23, 1849 ..	19	.....	.....	William R. King, of Alabama	Howell Cobb, of Georgia.
33d	1	Dec. 3, 1849	Sept. 30, 1850 ..	302	.....	.....	.....do.	
	2	Dec. 2, 1850	Mar. 3, 1851	92	.....	.....	.....do.	
34th ...	S	Mar. 4, 1851	Mar. 13, 1851 ..	10	.....	.....	.....do.	Linn Boyd, of Kentucky.
	1	Dec. 1, 1851	Aug. 31, 1852 ..	275	.....	.....	David R. Atchison, of Missouri.	
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.	Nathaniel P. Banks, of Massachusetts.
37th ...	1	Dec. 3, 1855	Aug. 18, 1856 ..	260	.....	.....	Charles E. Stuart, of Michigan; Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.	
	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.

	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.		
36th ...	S	Mar. 4, 1859	Mar. 10, 1859 ..	7	.....do.	.....do.	Benjamin Fitzpatrick, of Alabama; Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.	William Pennington, of New Jersey.	
	1	Dec. 5, 1859	June 25, 1860 ...	202	.....do.	.....do.	Benjamin Fitzpatrick, of Alabama.		
	S	June 26, 1860	June 28, 1860 ...	3	.....do.	.....do.	Solomon Foot, of Vermont	William Pennington, of New Jersey.	
	2	Dec. 3, 1860	Mar. 3, 1861	93	.....do.	.....do.	.....do.		
37th ...	S	Mar. 4, 1861	Mar. 28, 1861 ...	25	.....do.	.....do.	.....do.		
	1–E	July 4, 1861	Aug. 6, 1861	34	.....do.	.....do.	.....do.	Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania.	
	2	Dec. 2, 1861	July 17, 1862 ...	228	.....do.	.....do.	.....do.		
	3	Dec. 1, 1862	Mar. 3, 1863	93	Dec. 23, 1862–Jan. 5, 1863 ..	Dec. 23, 1862–Jan. 5, 1863 ..	.....do.		
38th ...	S	Mar. 4, 1863	Mar. 14, 1863 ...	11	Dec. 23, 1863–Jan. 5, 1864 ..	Dec. 23, 1863–Jan. 5, 1864 ..	.....do.		
	1	Dec. 7, 1863	July 4, 1864	209	.....do.	.....do.	Solomon Foot, of Vermont; Daniel Clark, of New Hampshire.	Schuyler Colfax, of Indiana.	
	2	Dec. 5, 1864	Mar. 3, 1865	89	Dec. 22, 1864–Jan. 5, 1865 ..	Dec. 22, 1864–Jan. 5, 1865 ..	Daniel Clark, of New Hampshire.		
39th ...	S	Mar. 4, 1865	Mar. 11, 1865 ...	8	.....do.	.....do.	Lafayette S. Foster, of Connecticut.		
	1	Dec. 4, 1865	July 28, 1866 ...	237	Dec. 6–Dec. 11, 1865	Dec. 6–Dec. 11, 1865 .....	.....do.	Do.	
	2	Dec. 3, 1866	Mar. 3, 1867	91	Dec. 21, 1865–Jan. 5, 1866	Dec. 21, 1865–Jan. 5, 1866	.....do.		
40th ...	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.	Do. ⁷	
	S	Apr. 1, 1867	Apr. 20, 1867 ...	20	Mar. 30–July 3, 1867	Mar. 30–July 3, 1867 .....	.....do.		
	2	Dec. 2, 1867	Nov. 10, 1868 ...	345	July 20–Nov. 21, 1867	July 20–Nov. 21, 1867	.....do.		
	3	Dec. 7, 1868	Mar. 3, 1869	87	Dec. 20, 1867–Jan. 6, 1868 ..	Dec. 20, 1867–Jan. 6, 1868 ..	.....do.		
41st ...	1	Mar. 4, 1869	Apr. 10, 1869 ...	38	July 27–Sept. 21, 1868	July 27–Sept. 21, 1868	.....do.	Theodore M. Pomeroy, of New York. ⁷	
	S	Apr. 12, 1869	Apr. 22, 1869 ...	11	Sept. 21–Oct. 16, 1868	Sept. 21–Oct. 16, 1868	.....do.	James G. Blaine, of Maine.	
	2	Dec. 6, 1869	July 15, 1870 ...	222	Oct. 16–Nov. 10, 1868	Oct. 16–Nov. 10, 1868	.....do.		
	3	Dec. 5, 1870	Mar. 3, 1871	89	Dec. 21, 1868–Jan. 5, 1869 ..	Dec. 21, 1868–Jan. 5, 1869 ..	Henry B. Anthony, of Rhode Island		
42d	1	Mar. 4, 1871	Apr. 20, 1871 ...	48	.....do.	.....do.	.....do.	Do.	
	S	May 10, 1871	May 27, 1871 ...	18	.....do.	.....do.	.....do.		
	2	Dec. 4, 1871	June 10, 1872 ...	190	Dec. 21, 1871–Jan. 8, 1872 ..	Dec. 21, 1871–Jan. 8, 1872 ..	.....do.		
	3	Dec. 2, 1872	Mar. 3, 1873	92	Dec. 20, 1872–Jan. 6, 1873 ..	Dec. 20, 1872–Jan. 6, 1873 ..	.....do.		
43d	S	Mar. 4, 1873	Mar. 26, 1873 ...	23	.....do.	.....do.	Matthew H. Carpenter, of Wisconsin.	Do.	
	1	Dec. 1, 1873	June 23, 1874 ...	204	Dec. 19, 1873–Jan. 5, 1874 ..	Dec. 19, 1873–Jan. 5, 1874 ..	.....do.		
	2	Dec. 7, 1874	Mar. 3, 1875	87	Dec. 23, 1874–Jan. 5, 1875 ..	Dec. 23, 1874–Jan. 5, 1875 ..	Matthew H. Carpenter, of Wisconsin; Henry B. Anthony, of Rhode Island.		
	S	Mar. 5, 1875	Mar. 24, 1875 ...	20	.....do.	.....do.	Thomas W. Ferry, of Michigan.		
44th ...	1	Dec. 6, 1875	Aug. 15, 1876 ...	254	Dec. 20, 1875–Jan. 5, 1876 ..	Dec. 21, 1875–Jan. 5, 1876 ..	.....do.	Michael C. Kerr, of Indiana. ⁸	
	2	Dec. 4, 1876	Mar. 3, 1877	90	.....do.	.....do.	.....do.	Samuel J. Randall, of Pennsylvania. ⁸	
45th ...	S	Mar. 5, 1877	Mar. 17, 1877 ...	13	.....do.	.....do.	.....do.		
	1–E	Oct. 15, 1877	Dec. 3, 1877	50	.....do.	.....do.	.....do.	Do.	
	2	Dec. 3, 1877	June 20, 1878 ...	200	Dec. 15, 1877–Jan. 10, 1878	Dec. 15, 1877–Jan. 10, 1878	.....do.		
	3	Dec. 2, 1878	Mar. 3, 1879	92	Dec. 20, 1878–Jan. 7, 1879 ..	Dec. 20, 1878–Jan. 7, 1879 ..	.....do.		
46th ...	1–E	Mar. 18, 1879	July 1, 1879	106	.....do.	.....do.	Allen G. Thurman, of Ohio	Do.	
	2	Dec. 1, 1879	June 16, 1880 ...	199	Dec. 19, 1879–Jan. 6, 1880 ..	Dec. 19, 1879–Jan. 6, 1880 ..	.....do.		
	3	Dec. 6, 1880	Mar. 3, 1881	88	Dec. 23, 1880–Jan. 5, 1881 ..	Dec. 23, 1880–Jan. 5, 1881 ..	.....do.		
47th ...	S	Mar. 4, 1881	May 20, 1881 ...	78	.....do.	.....do.	.....do.		
	S	Oct. 10, 1881	Oct. 29, 1881 ...	20	.....do.	.....do.	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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48th ...	2	Dec. 4, 1882	Mar. 3, 1883	90	George F. Edmunds, of Vermont.	John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky.
	1	Dec. 3, 1883	July 7, 1884	218	Dec. 24, 1883-Jan. 7, 1884 ..	Dec. 24, 1883-Jan. 7, 1884 ..	.....do	
49th ...	2	Dec. 1, 1884	Mar. 3, 1885	93	Dec. 24, 1884-Jan. 5, 1885 ..	Dec. 24, 1884-Jan. 5, 1885 ..	.....do	Do.
	S	Mar. 4, 1885	Apr. 2, 1885	30	.....	.....	.....do	
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.	
51st ...	1	Dec. 5, 1887	Oct. 20, 1888 ...	321	Dec. 22, 1887-Jan. 4, 1888 ..	Dec. 22, 1887-Jan. 4, 1888 ..	.....do	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	Thomas B. Reed, of Maine.
	1	Dec. 2, 1889	Oct. 1, 1890	304	Dec. 21, 1889-Jan. 6, 1890 ..	Dec. 21, 1889-Jan. 6, 1890 ..	.....do	
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	Do.
	S	Mar. 4, 1893	Apr. 15, 1893 ...	43	.....	.....	Charles F. Manderson, of Nebraska; Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee.	
55th ...	1-E	Aug. 7, 1893	Nov. 3, 1893	89	.....	.....	Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee	Do.
	2	Dec. 4, 1893	Aug. 28, 1894 ..	268	.....	Dec. 21, 1893-Jan. 3, 1894 ..	.....do	
56th ...	3	Dec. 3, 1894	Mar. 3, 1895	97	.....	Dec. 23, 1894-Jan. 3, 1895 ..	Matt W. Ransom, of North Carolina; Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee.	Thomas B. Reed, of Maine.
	1	Dec. 2, 1895	June 11, 1896 ...	193	.....	.....	William P. Frye, of Maine	
57th ...	2	Dec. 7, 1896	Mar. 3, 1897	87	Dec. 22, 1896-Jan. 5, 1897 ..	Dec. 22, 1896-Jan. 5, 1897 ..	.....do	Do.
	S	Mar. 4, 1897	Mar. 10, 1897 ...	11	.....	.....	.....do	
58th ...	1-E	Mar. 15, 1897	July 24, 1897 ...	131	.....	.....	.....do	Do.
	2	Dec. 6, 1897	July 8, 1898	215	Dec. 18, 1897-Jan. 5, 1898 ..	Dec. 18, 1897-Jan. 5, 1898 ..	.....do	
59th ...	3	Dec. 5, 1898	Mar. 3, 1899	89	Dec. 21, 1898-Jan. 4, 1899 ..	Dec. 21, 1898-Jan. 4, 1899 ..	.....do	David B. Henderson, of Iowa.
	1	Dec. 4, 1899	June 7, 1900	186	Dec. 20, 1899-Jan. 3, 1900 ..	Dec. 20, 1899-Jan. 3, 1900 ..	.....do	
60th ...	2	Dec. 3, 1900	Mar. 3, 1901	91	Dec. 20, 1900-Jan. 3, 1901 ..	Dec. 21, 1900-Jan. 3, 1901 ..	.....do	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 .....	.....do .....	.....do	
	1-E	Nov. 9, 1903	Dec. 7, 1903	29	.....do .....	.....do .....	.....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 .....	.....do .....	.....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 .....	.....do .....	.....do	
	1-E	Mar. 15, 1909	Aug. 5, 1909	144	.....do .....	.....do .....	.....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 .....	.....do .....	.....do	Champ Clark, of Missouri.
	2	Dec. 4, 1911	Aug. 26, 1912 ..	267	Dec. 21, 1911-Jan. 3, 1912 ..	Dec. 21, 1911-Jan. 3, 1912 ..	.....do, ⁹	
	3	Dec. 2, 1912	Mar. 3, 1913	92	Dec. 19, 1912-Jan. 2, 1913 ..	Dec. 19, 1912-Jan. 2, 1913 ..	.....do	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.
63d	S	Mar. 4, 1913	Mar. 17, 1913 ..	14	.....do .....	.....do .....	.....do	Do.
	1-E	Apr. 7, 1913	Dec. 1, 1913	239	.....do .....	.....do .....	.....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 ..	.....do	Champ Clark, of Missouri.
65th ...	S	Mar. 5, 1917	Mar. 16, 1917 ..	12	.....do .....	.....do .....	.....do	
	1-E	Apr. 2, 1917	Oct. 6, 1917	188	.....do .....	.....do .....	.....do	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 .....	.....do .....	.....do	
66th ...	1-E	May 19, 1919	Nov. 19, 1919 ..	185	July 1-July 8, 1919	July 1-July 8, 1919 .....	.....do	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 .....	.....do .....	.....do	
67th ...	S	Mar. 4, 1921	Mar. 15, 1921 ..	12	.....do .....	.....do .....	.....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 .....	.....do .....	.....do	
	4	Dec. 4, 1922	Mar. 3, 1923	90	.....do .....	.....do .....	.....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	.....do .....	.....do .....	.....do	
	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 .....	.....do .....	.....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	15dododo	

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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.	John N. Garner, of Texas.
	1	Dec. 7, 1931	July 16, 1932 ...	223	Dec. 22, 1931-Jan. 4, 1932 ..	Dec. 22, 1931-Jan. 4, 1932 ..	.....do	
73d	2	Dec. 5, 1932	Mar. 3, 1933	89	.....do .....	.....do .....	.....do	Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois.
	S	Mar. 4, 1933	Mar. 6, 1933	3	.....do .....	.....do .....	.....do	
74th	1-E	Mar. 9, 1933	June 15, 1933 ...	99	.....do .....	.....do	Key Pittman, of Nevada	Joseph W. Byrns, of Tennessee. ¹¹ William B. Bankhead, of Alabama. ¹¹
	2	Jan. 3, 1934	June 18, 1934 ...	167	.....do .....	.....do .....	.....do	
75th	1	Jan. 3, 1935	Aug. 26, 1935 ..	236	.....do .....	.....do .....	.....do	Do.
	2	Jan. 3, 1936	June 20, 1936 ...	170	June 8-June 15, 1936	June 8-June 15, 1936 .....	.....do	
76th	1	Jan. 5, 1937	Aug. 21, 1937 ..	229	.....do .....	.....do .....	.....do	Do. ¹²
	2-E	Nov. 15, 1937	Dec. 21, 1937 ...	37	.....do .....	.....do .....	.....do	
77th	3	Jan. 3, 1938	June 16, 1938 ...	165	.....do .....	.....do .....	.....do	Sam Rayburn, of Texas. ¹²
	1	Jan. 3, 1939	Aug. 5, 1939 ...	215	.....do .....	.....do .....	.....do	
78th	2-E	Sept. 21, 1939	Nov. 3, 1939	44	.....do .....	.....do .....	.....do	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. ¹⁵	
79th	1	Jan. 3, 1941	Jan. 2, 1942	365	.....do .....	.....do	Pat Harrison, of Mississippi; ¹⁴ Carter Glass, of Virginia. ¹⁴	Do.
	2	Jan. 5, 1942	Dec. 16, 1942 ...	346	.....do .....	.....do .....	.....do	
80th	1	Jan. 6, 1943	Dec. 21, 1943 ...	350	July 8-Sept. 14, 1943	July 8-Sept. 14, 1943 .....	.....do	Do.
	2	Jan. 10, 1944	Dec. 19, 1944 ...	345	Apr. 1-Apr. 12, 1944	Apr. 1-Apr. 12, 1944 .....	.....do	
79th	1	Jan. 3, 1945	Dec. 21, 1945 ...	353	June 23-Aug. 1, 1944	June 23-Aug. 1, 1944 .....	.....do	Do.
	2	Jan. 14, 1946	Aug. 2, 1946	201	Sept. 21-Nov. 14, 1944	Sept. 21-Nov. 14, 1944 .....	.....do	
80th	¹⁵ 1	Jan. 3, 1947	Dec. 19, 1947 ...	351	Aug. 1-Sept. 5, 1945	July 21-Sept. 5, 1945	Kenneth McKellar, of Tennessee	Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts.
	¹⁵ 2	Jan. 6, 1948	Dec. 31, 1948 ...	361	.....do .....	.....do .....	.....do	
					Aug. 7-Dec. 31, 1948	Aug. 7-Dec. 31, 1948 .....	.....do	

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	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	Nov. 18–Nov. 29, 1954	Apr. 15–Apr. 22, 1954 .....	.....do.	
	2	Jan. 3, 1956	July 27, 1956 ...	207	Apr. 4–Apr. 13, 1955	Apr. 15–Apr. 22, 1954	Adjoined sine die Aug. 20, 1954	Sam Rayburn, of Texas.
85th ...	1	Jan. 3, 1957	Aug. 30, 1957 ..	239	Mar. 29–Apr. 9, 1956	Apr. 4–Apr. 13, 1955	Walter F. George, of Georgia	
	2	Jan. 7, 1958	Aug. 24, 1958 ..	230	Mar. 29–Apr. 9, 1956	Apr. 4–Apr. 13, 1955 .....	.....do.	Do.
86th ...	1	Jan. 7, 1959	Sept. 15, 1959 ..	252	Apr. 18–Apr. 29, 1957	Apr. 18–Apr. 29, 1957	Carl Hayden, of Arizona	
	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	Do.
	2	Jan. 19, 1970	Jan. 2, 1971	349	Mar. 23–Apr. 3, 1967	Mar. 23–Apr. 3, 1967 .....	.....do	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	John W. McCormack, of Massachusetts.
					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, 1970do.	
					Aug. 14–Sept. 9, 1970do.	
					Oct. 14–Nov. 16, 1970do.	
					Nov. 25–Nov. 30, 1970do.	
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	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, 1973do.....	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, 1974do.	

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	Thomas P. O’Neill, Jr., of Massachu-
					Apr. 1–Apr. 13, 1982	Apr. 6–Apr. 20, 1982		setts.
					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		
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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 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	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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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 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.	
					Mar. 29–Apr. 15, 1996	Mar. 29–Apr. 15, 1996		
					May 24–June 3, 1996	May 23–May 29, 1996		
					June 28–July 8, 1996	June 28–July 8, 1996		
					Aug. 2–Sept. 3, 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	Jan. 21–Feb. 4, 1997		
					Mar. 21–Apr. 7, 1997	Feb. 13–Feb. 25, 1997		
					June 27–July 7, 1997	Mar. 21–Apr. 8, 1997		
					July 31–Sept. 2, 1997	June 26–July 8, 1997		
					Oct. 9–Oct. 20, 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	Feb. 5–Feb. 11, 1998		
					May 22–June 1, 1998	Feb. 12–Feb. 24, 1998		
					June 26–July 6, 1998	Apr. 1–Apr. 21, 1998		
					July 31–Aug. 31, 1998	May 22–June 3, 1998		
					Adjourned sine die, Oct. 21, 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	Jan. 19–Feb. 2, 1999		
					May 27–June 7, 1999	Feb. 12–Feb. 23, 1999		
					July 1–July 12, 1999	Mar. 25–Apr. 12, 1999		
					Aug. 5–Sept. 8, 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–May 2, 2000		
					Apr. 13–Apr. 25, 2000	May 25–June 6, 2000		
					May 25–June 6, 2000	June 30–July 10, 2000		
					June 30–July 10, 2000	July 27–Sept. 6, 2000		
					July 27–Sept. 5, 2000	Nov. 3–Nov. 13, 2000		
					Nov. 2–Nov. 14, 2000	Nov. 14–Dec. 4, 2000		
					Nov. 14–Dec. 5, 2000			
107th ..	1	Jan. 3, 2001 .....	.....	.....	Jan. 8–Jan. 20, 2001	Jan. 6–Jan. 20, 2001	Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia; ²¹	Do.
					Feb. 15–Feb. 26, 2001	Jan. 20–Jan 30, 2001	Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina; ²¹	
					Apr. 6–Apr. 23, 2001	Jan. 31–Feb. 6, 2001	Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia. ²¹	
					May 26–June 5, 2001	Feb. 14–Feb. 26, 2001		
					June 29–July 9, 2001	Apr. 4–Apr. 24, 2001		
					Aug. 3–Sept. 4, 2001	May 26–June 5, 2001		
					Oct. 18–Oct. 23, 2001	June 28–July 10, 2001		
						Aug. 2–Sept. 5, 2001		
						Oct. 17–Oct. 23, 2001		

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 any period of three or more complete days—excluding Sundays—when either the House of Representatives or the Senate is not in session. 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.

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 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 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.

