

# FIFTH CONGRESS

MARCH 4, 1797, TO MARCH 3, 1799

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE—JAMES MATHERS, of New York

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—JONATHAN DAYTON,<sup>6</sup> of New Jersey

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

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

DOORKEEPER OF THE HOUSE—THOMAS CLAXTON

## CONNECTICUT

SENATORS

James Hillhouse  
Uriah Tracy

REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

John Allen  
Joshua Coit<sup>8</sup>  
Jonathan Brace<sup>9</sup>  
Samuel W. Dana  
Nathaniel Smith  
James Davenport<sup>10</sup>  
William Edmond<sup>11</sup>  
Chauncey Goodrich  
Roger Griswold<sup>12</sup>

## DELAWARE

SENATORS

John Vining<sup>13</sup>  
Joshua Clayton<sup>14</sup>  
William H. Wells<sup>15</sup>

Henry Latimer

REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE

James A. Bayard

## GEORGIA

SENATORS

James Gunn  
Josiah Tattnall

REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

Abraham Baldwin  
John Milledge

## KENTUCKY

SENATORS

John Brown  
Humphrey Marshall

REPRESENTATIVES

Thomas T. Davis  
John Fowler

## MARYLAND

SENATORS

John Henry<sup>16</sup>  
James Lloyd<sup>17</sup>  
John E. Howard

REPRESENTATIVES

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

## MASSACHUSETTS

SENATORS

Benjamin Goodhue  
Theodore Sedgwick

REPRESENTATIVES

Theophilus Bradbury<sup>18</sup>  
Bailey Bartlett<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Elected July 6, 1797.

<sup>2</sup> Elected November 22, 1797.

<sup>3</sup> Elected June 27, 1798.

<sup>4</sup> Elected December 6, 1798.

<sup>5</sup> Elected March 1, 1799.

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

<sup>7</sup> Elected May 15, 1797.

<sup>8</sup> Died September 5, 1798.

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

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<sup>10</sup> Died August 3, 1797.

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

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

<sup>13</sup> Resigned January 19, 1798.

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

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

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<sup>16</sup> Resigned December 10, 1797, having been elected governor.

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

<sup>18</sup> Resigned July 24, 1797.

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

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

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

SENATORS

John Langdon  
Samuel Livermore  
REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE  
Abiel Foster  
Jonathan Freeman  
William Gordon  
Jeremiah Smith<sup>20</sup>  
Peleg Sprague<sup>21</sup>

**NEW JERSEY**

SENATORS

John Rutherford<sup>22</sup>  
Franklin Davenport<sup>23</sup>  
Richard Stockton  
REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE  
Jonathan Dayton  
James H. Imlay  
James Schureman<sup>24</sup>  
Thomas Sinnickson  
Mark Thomson

**NEW YORK**

SENATORS

John Laurance  
Philip John Schuyler<sup>25</sup>  
John Sloss Hobart<sup>26</sup>  
William North<sup>27</sup>  
James Watson<sup>28</sup>  
REPRESENTATIVES  
David Brooks

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

**NORTH CAROLINA**

SENATORS

Alexander Martin  
Timothy Bloodworth  
REPRESENTATIVES  
Thomas Blount  
Nathan Bryan<sup>29</sup>  
Richard Dobbs Spaight<sup>30</sup>  
Dempsey Burges  
James Gillespie  
William Barry Grove  
Matthew Locke  
Nathaniel Macon  
Joseph McDowell  
Richard Stanford  
Robert Williams

**PENNSYLVANIA**

SENATORS

James Ross  
William Bingham  
REPRESENTATIVES  
David Bard  
Samuel Sitgreaves<sup>31</sup>  
Robert Brown<sup>32</sup>  
John Chapman  
William Findley  
Albert Gallatin  
Andrew Gregg  
John A. Hanna  
Thomas Hartley  
George Ege<sup>33</sup>  
Joseph Hiester<sup>34</sup>  
John Wilkes Kittera  
Blair McClenachan  
John Swanwick<sup>35</sup>  
Robert Wain<sup>36</sup>  
Richard Thomas

**RHODE ISLAND**

SENATORS

Theodore Foster  
William Bradford<sup>37</sup>  
Ray Greene<sup>38</sup>  
REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE  
Christopher G. Champlin  
Elisha R. Potter<sup>39</sup>  
Thomas Tillinghast<sup>40</sup>

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

SENATORS

Jacob Read  
John Hunter<sup>41</sup>  
Charles Pinckney<sup>42</sup>  
REPRESENTATIVES  
Lemuel Benton  
Robert Goodloe Harper  
John Rutledge, Jr.  
William L. Smith,<sup>43</sup> *Charleston*  
*district*<sup>44</sup>  
Thomas Pinckney<sup>45</sup>  
William Smith, *Spartan*  
*district*<sup>44</sup>  
Thomas Sumter

**TENNESSEE**

SENATORS

William Blount<sup>46</sup>  
Joseph Anderson<sup>47</sup>  
William Cocke<sup>48</sup>  
Andrew Jackson<sup>49</sup>  
Daniel Smith<sup>50</sup>  
REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE  
William C. C. Claiborne<sup>51</sup>

**VERMONT**

SENATORS

Elijah Paine  
Isaac Tichenor<sup>52</sup>  
Nathaniel Chipman<sup>53</sup>  
REPRESENTATIVES  
Matthew Lyon  
Lewis R. Morris

**VIRGINIA**

SENATORS

Henry Tazewell<sup>54</sup>

<sup>20</sup> Resigned July 26, 1797.

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

<sup>22</sup> Resigned November 26, 1798.

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

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

<sup>25</sup> Resigned January 3, 1798.

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

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

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

<sup>29</sup> Died June 4, 1798.

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

<sup>31</sup> Resigned in 1798, having been appointed commissioner to Great Britain.

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

<sup>33</sup> Resigned in October 1797.

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

<sup>35</sup> Died August 1, 1798.

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

<sup>37</sup> Resigned in October 1797.

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

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

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

<sup>41</sup> Resigned November 26, 1798.

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

<sup>43</sup> Resigned July 10, 1797, having been appointed minister plenipotentiary to Portugal.

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

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

<sup>46</sup> Expelled for "high misdemeanor" July 8, 1797.

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

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

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

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

<sup>51</sup> Took his seat November 23, 1797.

<sup>52</sup> Resigned October 17, 1797, having been elected governor.

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

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

**VIRGINIA—Continued**

## SENATORS—Continued

Stevens T. Mason

## REPRESENTATIVES

Richard Brent

Samuel J. Cabell

Thomas Claiborne

Matthew Clay

John Clopton

John Dawson

William B. Giles<sup>55</sup>Joseph Eggleston<sup>56</sup>

Thomas Evans

Carter B. Harrison

David Holmes

Walter Jones

James Machir

Daniel Morgan<sup>57</sup>

Anthony New

John Nicholas

Josiah Parker

Abram Trigg

John Trigg

Abraham B. Venable

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<sup>55</sup> Resigned October 2, 1798.

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

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<sup>57</sup> Election unsuccessfully contested by Robert Rutherford.