

# TWENTY-FIFTH CONGRESS

MARCH 4, 1837, TO MARCH 3, 1839

FIRST SESSION—*September 4, 1837, to October 16, 1837*

SECOND SESSION—*December 4, 1837, to July 9, 1838*

THIRD SESSION—*December 3, 1838, to March 3, 1839*

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SENATE—*March 4, 1837, to March 10, 1837*

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES—RICHARD M. JOHNSON,<sup>1</sup> of Kentucky

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE—WILLIAM R. KING,<sup>2</sup> of Alabama

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE—ASBURY DICKENS,<sup>3</sup> of North Carolina

SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE SENATE—JOHN SHACKFORD, of New Hampshire; STEPHEN HAIGHT,<sup>4</sup> of New York

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—JAMES K. POLK,<sup>5</sup> of Tennessee

CLERK OF THE HOUSE—WALTER S. FRANKLIN,<sup>6</sup> of Pennsylvania; HUGH A. GARLAND,<sup>7</sup> of Virginia

SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE HOUSE—RODERICK DORSEY, of Maryland

DOORKEEPER OF THE HOUSE—OVERTON CARR, of Maryland

## ALABAMA

SENATORS

William R. King, *Selma*  
John McKinley,<sup>8</sup> *Florence*  
Clement C. Clay,<sup>9</sup> *Huntsville*

REPRESENTATIVES

Reuben Chapman, *Somerville*  
Joshua L. Martin, *Athens*  
Joab Lawler,<sup>10</sup> *Mardisville*  
George W. Crabb,<sup>11</sup> *Tuscaloosa*  
Dixon H. Lewis, *Lowndesboro*  
Francis S. Lyon, *Demopolis*

## ARKANSAS

SENATORS

William S. Fulton, *Little Rock*  
Ambrose H. Sevier, *Lake Port*  
REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE  
Archibald Yell, *Fayetteville*

## CONNECTICUT

SENATORS

John M. Niles, *Hartford*  
Perry Smith, *New Milford*  
REPRESENTATIVES  
Isaac Toucey, *Hartford*

Samuel Ingham, *Saybrook*  
Thomas T. Whittlesey, *Danbury*  
Elisha Haley, *Mystic*  
Lancelot Phelps, *Hitchcockville*  
Orrin Holt, *Willington*

## DELAWARE

SENATORS

Richard H. Bayard, *Wilmington*  
Thomas Clayton, *New Castle*  
REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE  
John J. Milligan, *Wilmington*

## GEORGIA

SENATORS

Alfred Cuthbert, *Monticello*  
John P. King,<sup>12</sup> *Augusta*  
Wilson Lumpkin,<sup>13</sup> *Athens*  
REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

Jesse F. Cleveland, *Decatur*  
William C. Dawson, *Greensboro*  
Thomas Glascock, *Augusta*  
Seaton Grantland, *Milledgeville*  
Charles E. Haynes, *Sparta*  
Hopkins Holsey, *Hamilton*

Jabez Y. Jackson, *Clarkesville*  
George W. Owens, *Savannah*  
George W. B. Towns, *Talbotton*

## ILLINOIS

SENATORS

John M. Robinson, *Carmi*  
Richard M. Young, *Quincy*  
REPRESENTATIVES  
Adam W. Snyder, *Belleville*  
Zadoc Casey, *Mount Vernon*  
William L. May, *Springfield*

## INDIANA

SENATORS

John Tipton, *Logansport*  
Oliver H. Smith, *Connersville*  
REPRESENTATIVES

Ratliff Boon, *Boonville*  
John Ewing, *Vincennes*  
William Graham, *Vallonia*  
George H. Dunn, *Lawrenceburg*  
James Rariden, *Centerville*  
William Herod, *Columbus*  
Albert S. White, *La Fayette*

<sup>1</sup> Elected by the Senate February 8, 1837.

<sup>2</sup> Elected March 7, 1837 (special session of the Senate);  
October 13, 1837; July 2, 1838; February 25, 1839.

<sup>3</sup> Reelected September 11, 1837.

<sup>4</sup> Elected September 4, 1837.

<sup>5</sup> Reelected September 4, 1837.

<sup>6</sup> Reelected September 4, 1837; died September 20, 1838.

<sup>7</sup> Elected December 3, 1838; Samuel Burch, the chief  
clerk, acted as clerk in the interim.

<sup>8</sup> Resigned April 22, 1837, never having qualified.

<sup>9</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of John  
McKinley, and took his seat September 4, 1837.

<sup>10</sup> Died May 8, 1838.

<sup>11</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of Joab Lawler,  
and took his seat December 3, 1838.

<sup>12</sup> Resigned November 1, 1837.

<sup>13</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of John  
P. King, and took his seat December 13, 1837.

**KENTUCKY**

## SENATORS

Henry Clay, *Lexington*  
John J. Crittenden, *Frankfort*

## REPRESENTATIVES

John L. Murray, *Wadesboro*  
Edward Rumsey, *Greenville*  
Joseph R. Underwood, *Bowling Green*  
Sherrod Williams, *Monticello*  
James Harlan, *Harrodsburg*  
John Calhoon, *Hardinsburg*  
John Pope, *Springfield*  
William J. Graves, *New Castle*  
John White, *Richmond*  
Richard Hawes, *Winchester*  
Richard H. Menifee, *Mount Sterling*  
John Chambers, *Washington*  
William W. Southgate, *Covington*

**LOUISIANA**

## SENATORS

Robert C. Nicholas, *Donaldsonville*  
Alexander Mouton, *Vermilionville*

## REPRESENTATIVES

Henry Johnson, *Donaldsonville*  
Eleazer W. Ripley, <sup>14</sup> *Jackson*  
Rice Garland, *Opelousas*

**MAINE**

## SENATORS

John Ruggles, *Thomaston*  
Reuel Williams, <sup>15</sup> *Augusta*

## REPRESENTATIVES

Hugh J. Anderson, *Belfast*  
Timothy J. Carter, <sup>16</sup> *Paris*  
Virgil D. Parris, <sup>17</sup> *Buckfield*  
Jonathan Cilley, <sup>18</sup> *Thomaston*  
Edward Robinson, <sup>19</sup> *Thomaston*  
John Fairfield, <sup>20</sup> *Saco*  
Joseph C. Noyes, *Eastport*  
Francis O. J. Smith, *Portland*  
Thomas Davee, *Blanchard*  
George Evans, *Gardiner*

**MARYLAND**

## SENATORS

Joseph Kent, <sup>21</sup> *Bladensburg*  
William D. Merrick, <sup>22</sup> *Allens Fresh*  
John S. Spence, *Berlin*

## REPRESENTATIVES

John Dennis, *Princess Anne*  
James A. Pearce, *Chestertown*  
John T. H. Worthington, *Golden*

Benjamin C. Howard, *Baltimore*  
Isaac McKim, <sup>23</sup> *Baltimore*  
John P. Kennedy, <sup>24</sup> *Baltimore*  
William Cost Johnson, *Jefferson*  
Francis Thomas, *Frederick*  
Daniel Jenifer, *Harris Lot*

**MASSACHUSETTS**

## SENATORS

Daniel Webster, *Boston*  
John Davis, *Worcester*

## REPRESENTATIVES

Richard Fletcher, *Boston*  
Stephen C. Phillips, <sup>25</sup> *Salem*  
Leverett Saltonstall, <sup>26</sup> *Salem*  
Caleb Cushing, *Newburyport*  
William Parmenter, *East Cambridge*  
Levi Lincoln, *Worcester*  
George Grennell, Jr., *Greenfield*  
George N. Briggs, *Lanesboro*  
William B. Calhoun, *Springfield*  
William S. Hastings, *Mendon*  
Nathaniel B. Borden, *Fall River*  
John Reed, *Yarmouth*  
John Quincy Adams, *Quincy*

**MICHIGAN**

## SENATORS

Lucius Lyon, *Bronson*  
John Norvell, *Detroit*

## REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE

Isaac E. Crary, *Marshall*

**MISSISSIPPI**

## SENATORS

John Black, <sup>27</sup> *Monroe*  
James F. Trotter, <sup>28</sup> *Holly Springs*  
Thomas H. Williams, <sup>29</sup> *Pontotoc*  
Robert J. Walker, *Madisonville*

## REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

John F. H. Claiborne, <sup>30</sup> *Madisonville*  
Samuel J. Gholson, <sup>30</sup> *Athens*  
Sergeant S. Prentiss, <sup>30</sup> *Vicksburg*  
Thomas J. Word, <sup>30</sup> *Pontotoc*

**MISSOURI**

## SENATORS

Thomas H. Benton, *St. Louis*  
Lewis F. Linn, *Ste. Genevieve*

## REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

Albert G. Harrison, *Fulton*  
John Miller, *Boonville*

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

## SENATORS

Henry Hubbard, *Charlestown*

Franklin Pierce, *Hillsboro*

## REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

Charles G. Atherton, *Nashua*  
Samuel Cushman, *Portsmouth*  
James Farrington, *Rochester*  
Joseph Weeks, *Richmond*  
Jared W. Williams, *Lancaster*

**NEW JERSEY**

## SENATORS

Samuel L. Southard, *Trenton*  
Garret D. Wall, *Burlington*

## REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

John B. Aycrigg, *Hackensack*  
William Halstead, *Trenton*  
John P. B. Maxwell, *Belvidere*  
Joseph F. Randolph, *Freehold*  
Charles C. Stratton, *Swedesboro*  
Thomas Jones Yorke, *Salem*

**NEW YORK**

## SENATORS

Silas Wright, Jr., *Canton*  
Nathaniel P. Tallmadge, *Poughkeepsie*

## REPRESENTATIVES

Thomas B. Jackson, *Newtown*  
Abraham Vanderveer, *Brooklyn*  
J. Ogden Hoffman, *New York City*  
Edward Curtis, *New York City*  
Churchill C. Cambreleng, *New York City*  
Ely Moore, *New York City*  
Gouverneur Kemble, *Cold Spring*  
Obadiah Titus, *Washington*  
Nathaniel Jones, *Warwick*  
John C. Brodhead, *Modena*  
Zadock Pratt, *Prattsville*  
Robert McClellan, *Middleburg*  
Henry Vail, *Troy*  
Albert Gallup, *East Berne*  
John I. De Graff, *Schenectady*  
David A. Russell, *Salem*  
John Palmer, *Plattsburg*  
James B. Spencer, *Fort Covington*  
John Edwards, *Ephratah*  
Arphaxed Loomis, *Little Falls*  
Henry A. Foster, *Rome*  
Abraham P. Grant, *Oswego*  
Isaac H. Bronson, *Watertown*  
John H. Prentiss, *Cooperstown*  
Amasa J. Parker, *Delhi*  
John C. Clark, *Bainbridge*  
Andrew D. W. Bruyn, <sup>31</sup> *Ithaca*

<sup>14</sup> Never qualified owing to prolonged illness.

<sup>15</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Ether Shepley in preceding Congress, and took his seat March 4, 1837.

<sup>16</sup> Died March 14, 1838.

<sup>17</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of Timothy J. Carter, and took his seat May 29, 1838.

<sup>18</sup> Killed in a duel with William J. Graves, of Kentucky, February 24, 1838.

<sup>19</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of Jonathan Cilley, and took his seat April 28, 1838.

<sup>20</sup> Resigned December 24, 1838, having been elected governor of Maine.

<sup>21</sup> Died November 24, 1837.

<sup>22</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of Joseph Kent, and took his seat January 5, 1838.

<sup>23</sup> Died April 1, 1838.

<sup>24</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of Isaac McKim, and took his seat April 30, 1838.

<sup>25</sup> Resigned September 28, 1838.

<sup>26</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Stephen C. Phillips, and took his seat December 5, 1838.

<sup>27</sup> Resigned January 22, 1838.

<sup>28</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of John Black, and took his seat February 19, 1838; resigned July 10, 1838.

<sup>29</sup> Appointed to fill vacancy caused by resignation of James F. Trotter, and took his seat December 13, 1838; subsequently elected.

<sup>30</sup> Mississippi elected its Representatives in November of odd numbered years (after the beginning of the congressional term); as Congress had been called to meet in Sep-

tember, the governor issued writs for a special election to fill vacancies until the regular election; John F. H. Claiborne and Samuel J. Gholson presented credentials and were seated September 4, 1837, when, at their request the question of the validity of their election was referred to the Committee on Elections; on October 3, 1837, the House decided they had been elected for the full term; Sergeant S. Prentiss and Thomas J. Word presented credentials on December 27, 1837, and on February 5, 1838, the House rescinded its former decision and declared the seats vacant; Prentiss and Word were subsequently elected, and took their seats May 30, 1838.

<sup>31</sup> Died July 27, 1838.

Cyrus Beers,<sup>32</sup> *Ithaca*  
 Hiram Gray, *Elmira*  
 William Taylor, *Manlius*  
 Bennet Bicknell, *Morrisville*  
 William H. Noble, *Cato*  
 Samuel Birdsall, *Waterloo*  
 Mark H. Sibley, *Canandaigua*  
 John T. Andrews, *North Reading*  
 Timothy Childs, *Rochester*  
 William Patterson,<sup>33</sup> *Warsaw*  
 Harvey Putnam,<sup>34</sup> *Attica*  
 Luther C. Peck, *Pike*  
 Richard P. Marvin, *Jamestown*  
 Millard Fillmore, *Buffalo*  
 Charles F. Mitchell, *Lockport*

**NORTH CAROLINA**

SENATORS

Bedford Brown, *Browns Store*  
 Robert Strange, *Fayetteville*

REPRESENTATIVES

Samuel T. Sawyer, *Edenton*  
 Jesse A. Bynum, *Halifax*  
 Edward Stanly, *Washington*  
 Charles B. Shepard, *New Bern*  
 James I. McKay, *Elizabethtown*  
 Micajah T. Hawkins, *Warrenton*  
 Edmund Deberry, *Lawrenceville*  
 William Montgomery, *Albrights*  
 Augustine H. Shepperd, *Bethania*  
 Abraham Rencher, *Pittsboro*  
 Henry W. Connor, *Sherrills Ford*  
 James Graham, *Rutherfordton*  
 Lewis Williams, *Panther Creek*

**OHIO**

SENATORS

Thomas Morris, *Bethel*  
 William Allen, *Chillicothe*

REPRESENTATIVES

Alexander Duncan, *Cincinnati*  
 Taylor Webster, *Hamilton*  
 Patrick G. Goode, *Sidney*  
 Thomas Corwin, *Lebanon*  
 Thomas L. Hamer, *Georgetown*  
 Calvary Morris, *Athens*  
 William K. Bond, *Chillicothe*  
 Joseph Ridgway, *Columbus*  
 John Chaney, *Courtwright*  
 Samson Mason, *Springfield*  
 James Alexander, Jr., *St. Clairsville*  
 Alexander Harper, *Zanesville*  
 Daniel P. Leadbetter, *Millersburg*  
 William H. Hunter, *Sandusky*  
 John W. Allen, *Cleveland*  
 Elisha Whittlesey,<sup>35</sup> *Canfield*  
 Joshua R. Giddings,<sup>36</sup> *Jefferson*  
 Andrew W. Loomis,<sup>37</sup> *New Lisbon*  
 Charles D. Coffin,<sup>38</sup> *New Lisbon*  
 Matthias Shepler, *Bethlehem*

Daniel Kilgore,<sup>39</sup> *Cadiz*  
 Henry Swearingen,<sup>40</sup> *Smithfield*

**PENNSYLVANIA**

SENATORS

Samuel McKean, *Burlington*  
 James Buchanan, *Lancaster*

REPRESENTATIVES

Lemuel Paynter, *Philadelphia*  
 John Sergeant, *Philadelphia*  
 George W. Toland, *Philadelphia*  
 Francis J. Harper,<sup>41</sup> *Frankford*  
 Charles Naylor,<sup>42</sup> *Philadelphia*  
 Edward Davies, *Churchtown*  
 David Potts, Jr., *Pottstown*  
 Edward Darlington, *Chester*  
 Jacob Fry, Jr., *Trappe*  
 Mathias Morris, *Doylestown*  
 David D. Wagener, *Easton*  
 Edward B. Hubley, *Orwigsburg*  
 Henry A. P. Muhlenberg,<sup>43</sup> *Reading*  
 George M. Keim,<sup>44</sup> *Reading*  
 Luther Reily, *Harrisburg*  
 Henry Logan, *Dillsburg*  
 Daniel Sheffer, *York*  
 Charles McClure, *Carlisle*  
 William W. Potter, *Bellefonte*  
 David Petrikin, *Danville*  
 Robert H. Hammond, *Milton*  
 Samuel W. Morris, *Wellsboro*  
 Charles Ogle, *Somerset*  
 John Klingensmith, Jr., *Stewartsville*  
 Andrew Buchanan, *Waynesburg*  
 Thomas M. T. McKennan, *Washington*  
 Richard Biddle, *Pittsburgh*  
 William Beatty, *Butler*  
 Thomas Henry, *Beaver*  
 Arnold Plumer, *Franklin*

**RHODE ISLAND**

SENATORS

Nehemiah R. Knight, *Providence*  
 Asher Robbins, *Newport*

REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

Robert B. Cranston, *Newport*  
 Joseph L. Tillinghast, *Providence*

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

SENATORS

John C. Calhoun, *Fort Hill*  
 William C. Preston, *Columbia*

REPRESENTATIVES

John Campbell, *Parnassus*  
 William K. Clowney, *Union*  
 Franklin H. Elmore, *Columbia*  
 John K. Griffin, *Milton*  
 Hugh S. Legare, *Charleston*

Francis W. Pickens, *Edgefield*  
 R. Barnwell Rhett, *Beaufort*  
 John P. Richardson, *Fulton*  
 Waddy Thompson, Jr., *Greenville*

**TENNESSEE**

SENATORS

Hugh Lawson White, *Knoxville*  
 Felix Grundy,<sup>45</sup> *Nashville*  
 Ephraim H. Foster,<sup>46</sup> *Nashville*

REPRESENTATIVES

William B. Carter, *Elizabethton*  
 Abraham McClellan, *Blountville*  
 Joseph L. Williams, *Knoxville*  
 James Standifer,<sup>47</sup> *Mountairy*  
 William Stone,<sup>48</sup> *Delphi*  
 Hopkins L. Turney, *Winchester*  
 William B. Campbell, *Carthage*  
 John Bell, *Nashville*  
 Abram P. Maury, *Franklin*  
 James K. Polk, *Columbia*  
 Ebenezer J. Shields, *Pulaski*  
 Richard Cheatham, *Springfield*  
 John W. Crockett, *Paris*  
 Christopher H. Williams, *Lexington*

**VERMONT**

SENATORS

Samuel Prentiss, *Montpelier*  
 Benjamin Swift, *St. Albans*

REPRESENTATIVES

Hiland Hall, *Bennington*  
 William Slade, *Middlebury*  
 Horace Everett, *Windsor*  
 Heman Allen, *Burlington*  
 Isaac Fletcher, *Lyndon*

**VIRGINIA**

SENATORS

William C. Rives, *Lindseys Store*  
 Richard E. Parker,<sup>49</sup> *Snickersville*  
 William H. Roane,<sup>50</sup> *Richmond*

REPRESENTATIVES

Andrew Beirne, *Union*  
 James W. Bouldin, *Charlotte*  
 Walter Coles, *Robertsons Store*  
 Robert Craig, *Christiansburg*  
 George C. Dromgoole, *Gholsonville*  
 James Garland, *Lovingston*  
 George W. Hopkins, *Lebanon*  
 Robert M. T. Hunter, *Lloyds*  
 Joseph Johnson, *Bridgeport*  
 John W. Jones, *Petersburg*  
 Francis Mallory, *Hampton*  
 James M. Mason, *Winchester*  
 Charles F. Mercer, *Aldie*  
 William S. Morgan, *White Day*

<sup>32</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of Andrew D. W. Bruyn, and took his seat December 3, 1838.

<sup>33</sup> Died August 14, 1838.

<sup>34</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of William Patterson, and took his seat December 3, 1828.

<sup>35</sup> Resigned July 9, 1838.

<sup>36</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Elisha Whittlesey, and took his seat December 3, 1838.

<sup>37</sup> Resigned October 20, 1837.

<sup>38</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Andrew W. Loomis, and took his seat December 20, 1837.

<sup>39</sup> Resigned July 4, 1838.

<sup>40</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Daniel Kilgore, and took his seat December 3, 1838.

<sup>41</sup> Died March 18, 1837, before Congress assembled.

<sup>42</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of Francis J. Harper, and took his seat September 4, 1837.

<sup>43</sup> Resigned February 9, 1838.

<sup>44</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Henry A. P. Muhlenberg, and took his seat March 17, 1838.

<sup>45</sup> Resigned July 4, 1838.

<sup>46</sup> Appointed to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Felix Grundy, and took his seat December 3, 1838; subsequently elected for full term commencing March 4, 1839, but resigned March 3, 1839.

<sup>47</sup> Died August 20, 1837, before Congress assembled.

<sup>48</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by death of James Standifer, and took his seat October 6, 1837.

<sup>49</sup> Resigned March 13, 1837.

<sup>50</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Richard E. Parker, and took his seat September 4, 1837.

**VIRGINIA—Continued**

REPRESENTATIVES—Continued

John M. Patton,<sup>51</sup> *Fredericksburg*  
 Linn Banks,<sup>52</sup> *Madison*  
 Isaac S. Pennybacker, *Harrisonburg*  
 Francis E. Rives, *Littleton*  
 John Robertson, *Richmond*  
 Archibald Stuart, *Mount Airy*

John Talliaferro, *Fredericksburg*Henry A. Wise, *Accomac***TERRITORY OF FLORIDA**

DELEGATE

Charles Downing, *St. Augustine***TERRITORY OF IOWA**<sup>53</sup>

DELEGATE

William W. Chapman,<sup>54</sup> *Burlington***TERRITORY OF WISCONSIN**

DELEGATE

George W. Jones,<sup>55</sup> *Sinsinawa Mound*James D. Doty,<sup>56</sup> *Astor*<sup>51</sup> Resigned in 1838.<sup>52</sup> Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of John M. Patton, and took his seat May 19, 1838.<sup>53</sup> Formed from a portion of the Territory of Wisconsin and granted a Delegate in Congress by act of June 12, 1838.<sup>54</sup> Took his seat December 3, 1838.<sup>55</sup> Served until January 14, 1839; succeeded by James D. Doty, who contested his election.<sup>56</sup> Successfully contested the election of George W. Jones, and took his seat January 14, 1839.