

X. PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS

[Printed records or reports of the debates and other proceedings of the 2 branches composing the Congress of the United States are extant for the whole period of its existence, from Mar. 4, 1789, to the present time. Though these records have been issued under various titles and auspices, they form a continuous and connected documentary chronicle, and the different series of which it is composed have had the sanction of Congress as official and have been distributed as Government publications. The series containing the proceedings are as follows: Annals of Congress, 1st Congress, 1st session, to 18th Congress, 1st session, 1789-1824; Register of debates, 18th Congress, 2d session, to 25th Congress, 1st session, 1824-37; Congressional globe, 23d Congress, 1st session, to 42d Congress, 3d session, 1833-73; Congressional record, 43d Congress, 1st session, to 61st Congress, 1st session, 1873-1909. The Register of debates and the Globe overlap each other, the proceedings of the 23d and 24th Congresses and the 1st session of the 25th Congress being in both. The proceedings of Congress do not appear in the Congressional set.]

The methods of publication of the Register, Globe, and Record are somewhat peculiar. There is a numbered volume for each session of Congress, but each volume is divided into as many parts as the quantity of material may make necessary. Each of these parts is a distinct book, usually of about 1,000 p. Thus, while the Globe purports to be in 46 v., it is really in 109 quarto books, and the Record, to the close of the 61st Congress, 1st session, though filling 258 great books, is published in only 44 v. The Annals and the Register are large 8° volumes, while the Globe and Record have been issued in 4° size. All of the volumes of the 4 series are indexed, an index for each volume; that is, for each session. In the Annals, Register, and Globe the indexes are found in the volumes of proceedings, but in the Record series in all but one case, v. 37, 58th Congress, 1st session, the index for each volume is in a separate book. See, for Tables showing contents of volumes comprising Annals of Congress, Congressional debates, Congressional globe, Congressional record, Statutes at large, Supreme Court reports, and succession of Supreme Court justices, arranged by years and Congresses, compiled by Alonzo W. Church and Henry H. Smith, Y1.1:An7. See also note under X^a.]

ANNALS OF CONGRESS

[The period of Congressional activity covered by these 42 v. is that of the first 17 Congresses and the 1st session of the 18th Congress, being the years 1789-1824. There is no contemporaneous record of the debates for this period, verbatim reporting not having been attempted till later and not having been officially provided for till 1874. As indicated by the title-page, these volumes record "Debates and proceedings in the Congress of the United States; with an Appendix, containing important state papers and public documents, and all laws of a public nature; with a copious index, compiled from authentic materials." Of v. 1 and 2 there were 2 prints. The one with back-title "Debates in Congress, old series" and running page-title "Gales & Seaton's history of debates in Congress" has been placed under Y1.1:D35^{1,2} since it does not belong to the regular set under X. The other, with back-title "Annals of Congress" and running page-title "History of Congress," uniform with the set, has been entered as X1.2. Other differences between the 2 prints of v. 1 and 2 have been noted in the entries under Y1.1:

The Annals do not contain a full report of Congressional proceedings, but sketches of the more important debates prepared by the compilers from contemporaneous records. Of the Senate proceedings, until 1794, only meager record is found, as the Senate sat with closed doors up to the 2d session of the 3d Congress. The proceedings of the two Houses are arranged separately by sessions, and not by days, as in the Congressional globe and Record, so that the record of each House is consecutive through the session. The pages are in double-column, and each column is numbered as if it were a page. In the Appendix incorporated in the last volume for each Congress are found executive and other documents, and laws of a public character passed by that Congress. By joint resolution of Mar. 3, 1849 (Stat. L. v. 9, p. 419), and by act of Sept. 30, 1850 (Stat. L. v. 9, p. 524), the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House were authorized to subscribe for 2,000 sets of Annals of Congress, the appropriation for the same being made by acts of Sept. 30, 1850, and Mar. 3, 1851 (Stat. L. v. 9, p. 543, 599). The Annals were compiled as well as published by Gales & Seaton.]

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✓ X1	1	1	1	Mar. 4-Sept. 29, 1789	Senate and House.	} See also Y1.1:D35 ¹ .
	1	2	1	Jan. 4-Aug. 12, 1790	Senate	
	1	2	1	.....	Jan. 4-Feb. 10, 1790	House
✓ X2	1	2	2	Feb. 10-Aug. 12, 1790do	} See also Y1.1:D35 ² .
	1	3	2	Dec. 6, 1790-Mar. 3, 1791	Senate and House.	
	2	sp.	2	Mar. 4, 1791	Senate	

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X3	2	1	3		Oct. 24, 1791–May 8, 1792	Senate and House.	
	2	2	3		Nov. 5, 1792–Mar. 2, 1793	do.	
	3	sp.	3		Mar. 4, 1793	Senate.	NOT LOCATED
X4	3	1	4		Dec. 2, 1793–June 9, 1794	Senate and House.	
	3	2	4		Nov. 3, 1794–Mar. 3, 1795	do.	
X5	4	sp.	4		June 8–26, 1795	Senate.	
X6	4	1	5		Dec. 7, 1795–June 1, 1796	Senate and House.	
	4	2	6		Dec. 5, 1796–Mar. 3, 1797	do.	
X7	5	sp.	6		Mar. 4, 1797	Senate.	
	5	1	7		May 15–July 10, 1797	Senate and House.	
	5	2	7		Nov. 13, 1797–July 16, 1798	Senate.	
X8	5	2	7		Nov. 13, 1797–Mar. 5, 1798	House.	
	5	sp.	7		July 17–19, 1798	Senate.	
	5	2	8		Mar. 5–July 16, 1798	House.	Also impeachment of Wm. Blount.
X9	5	3	8		Dec. 3, 1798–Mar. 2, 1799	Senate.	
X10	5	3	9		Dec. 3, 1798–Mar. 3, 1799	House.	
	6	1	10		Dec. 2, 1799–May 14, 1800	Senate and House.	
	6	2	10		Nov. 17, 1800–Mar. 3, 1801	do.	
X11	7	sp.	10		Mar. 4, 5, 1801	Senate.	Also: Sen. Secret Sess
	7	1	11		Dec. 7, 1801–May 3, 1802	Senate and House.	
X12	7	2	12		Dec. 6, 1802–Mar. 3, 1803	do.	
X13	8	1	13		Oct. 17, 1803–Mar. 27, 1804	do.	Also impeachment of John Pickering.
X14	8	2	14		Nov. 5, 1804–Mar. 3, 1805	do.	Also impeachment of Samuel Chase.
X15	9	1	15		Dec. 2, 1805–Apr. 21, 1806	do.	
X16	9	2	16		Dec. 1, 1806–Mar. 3, 1807	do.	
X17	10	1	17		Oct. 26, 1807–Apr. 25, 1808	Senate.	Also trial of Aaron Burr.
	10	1	17		Oct. 26, 1807–Jan. 13, 1808	House.	
X18	10	1	18		Jan. 13–Apr. 25, 1808	do.	
X19	10	2	19		Nov. 7, 1808–Mar. 3, 1809	Senate and House.	
	11	sp.	19		Mar. 4–7, 1809	Senate.	
X20	11	1	20		May 22–June 28, 1809	Senate and House.	
	11	2	20		Nov. 27, 1809–May 1, 1810	Senate.	
	11	2	20		Nov. 27, 1809–Jan. 23, 1810	House.	
X21	11	2	21		Jan. 23–May 1, 1810	do.	
X22	11	3	22		Dec. 2, 1810–Mar. 3, 1811	Senate and House.	
X23	12	1	23		Nov. 4, 1811–July 6, 1812	Senate.	
	12	1	23		Nov. 4, 1811–Mar. 9, 1812	House.	
X24	12	1	24		Mar. 9–July 6, 1812	do.	
X25	12	2	25		Nov. 2, 1812–Mar. 3, 1813	Senate and House.	
	13	1	26		May 24–Aug. 2, 1813	do.	
	13	2	26		Dec. 6, 1813–Apr. 18, 1814	Senate.	
X26	13	2	26		Dec. 6, 1813–Feb. 16, 1814	House.	
	13	2	27		Feb. 16–Apr. 18, 1814	do.	
X27	13	3	28		Sept. 19, 1814–Mar. 3, 1815	Senate and House.	
X28	14	1	29		Dec. 4, 1815–Apr. 30, 1816	do.	
X29	14	2	30		Dec. 2, 1816–Mar. 3, 1817	do.	
	15	sp.	30		Mar. 4–6, 1817	Senate.	
X30	15	1	31		Dec. 1, 1817–Apr. 20, 1818	do.	
	15	1	31		Dec. 1, 1817–Mar. 12, 1818	House.	

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X32	15	1	32	Mar. 12—Apr. 20, 1818.....	House.....	
X33	15	2	33	Nov. 16, 1818—Mar. 3, 1819....	Senate.....	
X34	15	2	33	Nov. 16, 1818—Feb. 17, 1819....	House.....	
X35	16	1	34	.....	Feb. 17—Mar. 3, 1819.....	do.....	
X36	16	1	35	.....	Dec. 6, 1819—May 15, 1820....	Senate.....	
X37	16	1	35	.....	Dec. 6, 1819—Feb. 12, 1820....	House.....	
X38	16	2	36	.....	Feb. 12—May 15, 1820.....	do.....	
X39	16	2	37	.....	Nov. 13, 1820—Mar. 3, 1821...	Senate and House.	
X40	17	1	38	.....	Dec. 3, 1821—May 8, 1822.....	Senate.....	
X41	17	1	38	.....	Dec. 3, 1821—Mar. 11, 1822....	House.....	
X42	17	1	39	.....	Mar. 11—May 8, 1822.....	do.....	
X43	17	2	40	.....	Dec. 2, 1822—Mar. 3, 1823....	Senate and House.	
X44	18	1	41	.....	Dec. 1, 1823—May 27, 1824....	Senate.....	
X45	18	1	41	.....	Dec. 1, 1823—Feb. 27, 1824....	House.....	
X46	18	1	42	.....	Feb. 27—May 27, 1824.....	do.....	

REGISTER OF DEBATES

The second series of the proceedings, and the first to be contemporaneously reported and published, bears the title "Register of debates in Congress" on the title-page, the back-title being "Congressional debates." It began with the 2d session of the 18th Congress, Dec. 6, 1824, and continued to the end of the 1st session of the 25th Congress, Oct. 16, 1837, making in all 14 v. in 29 books.

No part of the proceedings is given which does not involve debate or some incident novel or important in character. The debates are not in all cases literally reported, but their substantial accuracy may be relied upon. Each page has 2 page numbers, one for each column. The record of each House is arranged by sessions, as in the Annals, excepting in the first volume, which is by days, as in the Globe and the Record.

In the Appendix attached to the last volume of each session are printed the messages of the President, the most important reports from departments of the Government and committees of Congress, and all acts passed during the session. The Register was compiled and published by Gales & Seaton, the first volume issued in 1825, the last in 1837. Provision for the purchase of copies for the use of Congress was made from time to time. Duff Green published in Washington, 1834, 2 v. of a "Register of debates" (Y1.1:D35^{3,4}) giving a report of the proceedings of the 23d Congress, Dec. 2, 1833—May 31, 1834, and for that period duplicating Gales & Seaton's Register.]

X43	18	2	1	.....	Dec. 6, 1824—Mar. 3, 1825....	Senate and House.	
	19	sp.	.....	.....	Mar. 4—9, 1825.....	Senate.....	No proceedings printed.
X44	19	1	2	1	Dec. 5, 1825—May 22, 1826....	do.....	
X45	19	1	2	1	Dec. 5, 1825—Mar. 13, 1826....	House.....	
X46	19	1	2	2	Mar. 13—May 22, 1826.....	do.....	
X47	19	2	3	.....	Dec. 4, 1826—Mar. 3, 1827...	Senate and House.	
X48	20	1	4	1	Dec. 3, 1827—May 26, 1828....	Senate.....	
X49	20	1	4	1	Dec. 3, 1827—Feb. 7, 1828....	House.....	
X50	20	1	4	2	Feb. 7—May 26, 1828.....	do.....	
X51	20	2	5	.....	Dec. 1, 1828—Mar. 3, 1829....	Senate and House.	No proceedings for
X52	21	sp.	5	.....	Mar. [4]5—16[17], 1829.....	Senate.....	Mar. 4 or 17, 1829.
X53	21	1	6	1	Dec. 7, 1829—May 31, 1830....	do.....	
X54	21	1	6	1	Dec. 7, 1829—Mar. 24, 1830....	House.....	
X55	21	1	6	2	Mar. 24—May 31, 1830.....	do.....	
X56	21	2	7	.....	Dec. 6, 1830—Mar. 3, 1831....	Senate and House.	
X57	22	1	8	1	Dec. 5, 1831—July 16, 1832....	Senate.....	
X58	22	1	8	2	Dec. 5, 1831—May 9, 1832....	House.....	
X59	22	1	8	3	May 9—July 16, 1832.....	do.....	
X60	22	2	9	1	Dec. 3, 1832—Mar. 2, 1833....	Senate.....	
X61	22	2	9	1	Dec. 3, 1832—Jan. 24, 1833....	House.....	

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