



IN COMMEMORATION OF

*The Bicentennial
of
The United States Congress
1789-1989*

Special Joint Meeting
of the
One Hundred First Congress
of the
United States

10:00 a.m.
Thursday, March 2, 1989
Hall of the House of Representatives

Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Senate

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd, *Chairman*
The Honorable Bob Dole, *Vice Chairman*
The Honorable George Mitchell
The Honorable Strom Thurmond
The Honorable Wendell H. Ford
The Honorable Mark O. Hatfield
The Honorable Nancy Landon Kassebaum
The Honorable Paul Simon
The Honorable Terry Sanford

Commission on the Bicentenary of the U.S. House of Representatives

MEMBERS

The Honorable Lindy (Mrs. Hale) Boggs, *Chairperson*
The Honorable Thomas M. Foglietta
The Honorable Phil Sharp
The Honorable Bud Shuster
The Honorable Newt Gingrich
The Honorable Paul B. Henry

FORMER MEMBERS

The Honorable Tom Vandergriff
The Honorable John J. Rhodes

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

The Honorable Thomas S. Foley, *Majority Leader*
The Honorable Robert H. Michel, *Minority Leader*

“SPEAKING OF CONGRESS...”

The Eyes of the World Are Upon You

“Congress is the great commanding theater of this nation.”—*Thomas Jefferson*

“A trust of the greatest magnitude is committed to this Legislature—and the eyes of the world are upon you.”
—*John Adams*

“The eyes and the hopes of the American people are anxiously turned to Congress.”—*Senator Henry Clay*

“Sure Congress is an inefficient instrument of government. But the people are not stupid enough to abandon representative government for any other kind, including government by the guy who knows.”—*Bernard De Voto*

“We cuss Congress, and we joke about ’em, but they are all good fellows at heart—and if they wasn’t in Congress, why, they would be doing something else against us that might even be worse.”—*Will Rogers*

“Congress is so strange. A man gets up to speak and says nothing. Nobody listens—and then everybody disagrees.”—*Boris Marshalov*



A Senate of Equals

“This is a Senate of equals, of men of individual honor and personal character, and of absolute independence. We know no masters, we acknowledge no dictators.”—*Senator Daniel Webster*

“I believe that every member ought to be equal in fact, no less than in theory.”—*Senator Mike Mansfield*

“I believe if we introduced the Lord’s Prayer here, senators would propose a large number of amendments to it.”—*Senator Henry Wilson*

No Two House Members Alike

"No two members of the 435-member United States House of Representatives perform their jobs in exactly the same fashion. Each of us has a different piece of the geography of the United States to represent, and naturally each of us represents a different group of people."

—*Representative Richard Bolling.*

"It is the duty of every member of this House to act upon his conscience and his sense of duty. It is his business to stand up for what he believes to be right, careless of what may happen to him in consequence thereof."

—*Speaker Thomas B. Reed.*

"The great mass of legislation is a matter of expediency. Not once in a thousand times is it a matter of what is usually thought of as right and wrong. Only when right and wrong are at stake may the legislator refuse to concede, to compromise, or to yield."—*Representative Robert Luce*



The Other House

"It is a breach of order in debate to notice what has been said on the same subject in the other House. . . because the opinion of each House should be left to its own independency."—*Jefferson's Manual.*

"It is a maxim that 'the least numerous body is the fittest for deliberation; the most numerous, for decision.'"
—*James Wilson*

"The boasted deliberation of the Senate has been purchased at the cost of efficiency, while the House, by becoming undeliberative, has suffered from too much efficiency."—*Chester H. Rowell*

Program

Presiding Officer

The Speaker, Honorable Jim Wright

Prelude Concerts

The United States Army Band
Colonel Eugene W. Allen, Leader and Conductor
Major C. Benjamin DuBose, conducting

Presentation of the Colors

Joint Armed Forces Color Guard
Third United States Infantry Fife and Drum Corps

The National Anthem

Invocation

Reverend James David Ford, D.D.
Chaplain of the House

Presentation of the Journals

Honorable Donnalld K. Anderson
Clerk of the House

Honorable Walter J. Stewart
Secretary of the Senate

Presentation of the Mace and the Gavel

Honorable Jack Russ
Sergeant at Arms of the House

Honorable Henry K. Giugni
Sergeant at Arms of the Senate

Welcoming Remarks

Honorable Lindy Boggs

Address

Honorable Robert C. Byrd

Address

Honorable Jim Wright

Address

Honorable George Mitchell

Address

Honorable Thomas S. Foley

Musical Interlude

America the Beautiful

Address

Honorable Robert H. Michel

Poem

*To the Congress of the United States Entering Its Third
Century*

Mr. Howard Nemerov
Poet Laureate of the United States

Address

Honorable Bob Dole

Address

Time and History on the Hill
Mr. David McCullough

Musical Interlude

America
God Bless America
Sergeant First Class Will Shead
Sergeant First Class Evelyn Yount

Unveiling of House and Senate Postage Stamp Designs

Honorable Anthony M. Frank
Postmaster General

Unveiling of Commemorative Coin Designs

Honorable Dante B. Fascell
Honorable Frank Annunzio
Honorable Alan J. Dixon
Honorable Nicholas F. Brady
Secretary of the U.S. Treasury

Benediction

Reverend Richard C. Halverson, L.L.D., D.D.
Chaplain of the Senate

Retiring of the Colors

Third United States Infantry Fife and Drum Corps

Recessional

Work Horses and Show Horses

“They say women talk too much. If you worked in Congress you know that the filibuster was invented by men.”—*Representative Clare Booth Luce*

“A brilliant orator will be beaten in a House debate every time by a poor speaker who knows his subject better.”—*Speaker Sam Rayburn*

“There are two kinds of Congressmen—show horses and work horses. If you want to get your name in the papers, be a show horse. If you want to gain the respect of your colleagues, keep quiet and be a work horse.”—*Senator Carl Hayden*



A Sore Trial to Presidents

“Congress does from a third to a half of what I think is the minimum that it ought to do, and I am profoundly grateful that I get that much.”—*Theodore Roosevelt*

“A member of long standing in the Senate feels that he is the professional, the President an amateur.”—*Woodrow Wilson*

“The Congress has sometimes been a sore trial to Presidents.”—*Calvin Coolidge*

“In moments of crisis, at least, the President and Congress cannot be adversaries; they must be allies who, together, must delineate the path to guide the nation’s massive machinery of government in a fashion which serves the interests of the people and is acceptable to the people.”—*Senator Mike Mansfield*

Knowing the Rules

“Far more than the rules, the precedents govern the Senate.”—*Senator George H. Moses.*

“Under these century-old rules, for which there is often a fine disregard, the Senate still transacts its business, largely by unanimous consent, and with a consideration for the wishes and convenience of each Senator very agreeable to them, although not a little laughed at by an irreverent public.”—*Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Sr.*

“Knowledge of the rules isn’t too important. What’s important is getting the votes.”—*Senate Parliamentarian Charles Watkins.*



Congress at Work

“It is not far from the truth to say that Congress in session is Congress on public exhibition, while Congress in its committee rooms is Congress at work.”—*Woodrow Wilson*

“The career of a member of the House . . . is determined, except in rare cases, by his assignment to committees.”—*Representative George F. Hoar*

“There are no insignificant Members of Congress, when it comes to votes in the committee rooms.”—*Representative Robert Luce*

“Generals should never do anything that needs to be explained to a Senate committee—there is nothing one can explain to a Senate committee.”—*Harry S. Truman*

Power and Leadership

“To hear some men talk of government, you would suppose that Congress was the law of gravitation, and kept the planets in their places.”—*Wendell Phillips*

“The only real power available to the leader is the power of persuasion.”—*Senator Lyndon B. Johnson*

“We have the power to do any damn fool thing we want to do, and we seem to do it about every ten minutes.”—*Senator J. William Fulbright*



Living with Criticism

“Too many critics mistake the deliberations of the Congress for its decisions.”—*Speaker Sam Rayburn*

“I determined long ago that those who would best serve their country and their constituents to the best of their ability cannot afford the luxury of undue sensitivity to attacks . . . but must content themselves with the knowledge that Father Time and the history books will be the best and ultimate judge of their motives and abilities.”—*Senator Everett Dirksen*

All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested
in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist
of a Senate and House of Representatives.

ARTICLE I, SECTION 1, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES