

Presidential Addresses to Congress

| <u>Congress/Date</u> | <u>Body</u> | <u>Speaker</u> | <u>Occasion/Subject</u> |
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| 1st Congress | | | |
| Jan. 8, 1790 | Jt. Session | President George Washington | Annual Message |
| Dec. 8, 1790 | Jt. Session | President George Washington | Annual Message |
| 2nd Congress | | | |
| Oct. 25, 1791 | Jt. Session | President George Washington | Annual Message |
| Nov. 6, 1792 | Jt. Session | President George Washington | Annual Message |
| 3rd Congress | | | |
| Dec. 3, 1793 | Jt. Session | President George Washington | Annual Message |
| Nov. 19, 1794 | Jt. Session | President George Washington | Annual Message |
| 4th Congress | | | |
| Dec. 8, 1795 | Jt. Session | President George Washington | Annual Message |
| Dec. 7, 1796 | Jt. Session | President George Washington | Annual Message |
| 5th Congress | | | |
| May 16, 1797 | Jt. Session | President John Adams | Relations with France |
| Nov. 23, 1797 | Jt. Session | President John Adams | Annual Message |
| Dec. 8, 1798 | Jt. Session | President John Adams | Annual Message |
| 6th Congress | | | |
| Dec. 3, 1799 | Jt. Session | President John Adams | Annual Message |
| Nov. 22, 1800 | Jt. Session | President John Adams | Annual Message |

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| 31st Congress | | | |
| July 10, 1850 | Jt. Session | President Millard Fillmore | Oath of Office¹ |
| 63rd Congress | | | |
| April 8, 1913 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | Tariff Message |
| June 23, 1913 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | Currency/Bank Reform |
| August 27, 1913 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | Mexican Affairs |
| Dec. 2, 1913 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | Annual Message |
| Jan. 20, 1914 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | Trusts Message |
| March 5, 1914 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | Panama Canal tolls |
| April 20, 1914 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | Mexico Message |
| Sept. 4, 1914 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | War Tax Message |
| Dec. 8, 1914 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | Annual Message |
| 64th Congress | | | |
| Dec. 7, 1915 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | Annual Message |
| Aug. 29, 1916 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | Railroad Message (labor/management dispute) |
| Dec. 5, 1916 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | Annual Message |
| Jan. 22, 1917 | Senate | President Woodrow Wilson | Plan for Peace |
| Feb. 3, 1917 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | Severing German Relations |
| Feb. 26, 1917 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | Arming Merchant Ships |
| 65th Congress | | | |
| April 2, 1917 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | War with Germany |

¹Vice President Fillmore took the oath of office in the Hall of the House following death of President Zachary Taylor.

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| Dec. 4, 1917 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | Annual Message/War with Austria/Hungary |
| Feb. 11, 1918 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | Peace Message |
| May 27, 1918 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | War Finance Message |
| Sept. 30, 1918 | Senate | President Woodrow Wilson | Women's Suffrage |
| Nov. 11, 1918 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | Terms of Armistice/Germany |
| Dec. 2, 1918 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | Annual Message |
| 66th Congress | | | |
| July 10, 1919 | Senate | President Woodrow Wilson | Versailles Treaty |
| August 8, 1919 | Jt. Session | President Woodrow Wilson | Cost of Living Message |
| 67th Congress | | | |
| April 12, 1921 | Jt. Session | President Warren G. Harding | Federal Problems Message |
| July 12, 1921 | Senate | President Warren G. Harding | WWI Veterans Compensation |
| Dec. 6, 1921 | Jt. Session | President Warren G. Harding | Annual Message |
| Feb. 28, 1922 | Jt. Session | President Warren G. Harding | Maintenance/Merchant Marine |
| August 18, 1922 | Jt. Session | President Warren G. Harding | Coal/Railroad Message |
| Nov. 21, 1922 | Jt. Session | President Warren G. Harding | Promote/Merchant Marine |
| Dec. 8, 1922 | Jt. Session | President Warren G. Harding | Annual Message |
| Feb. 7, 1923 | Jt. Session | President Warren G. Harding | British Debt Message |
| 68th Congress | | | |
| Dec. 6, 1923 | Jt. Session | President Calvin Coolidge | Annual Message |
| 69th Congress | | | |
| Feb. 22, 1927 | Jt. Session | President Calvin Coolidge | George Washington's Birthday Message |

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| 72nd Congress | | | |
| Feb. 22, 1932 | Jt. Session | President Herbert Hoover | Bicentennial - George Washington's Birth |
| May 31, 1932 | Senate | President Herbert Hoover | Economy Message |
| 73rd Congress | | | |
| Jan. 3, 1934 | Jt. Session | President Franklin D. Roosevelt | Annual Message |
| May 20, 1934 | Jt. Session | President Franklin D. Roosevelt Ambassador Andre de Laboulaye | 100th anniversary - death of Lafayette² |
| 74th Congress | | | |
| Jan. 4, 1935 | Jt. Session | President Franklin D. Roosevelt | Annual Message |
| May 22, 1935 | Jt. Session | President Franklin D. Roosevelt | Veto Message |
| Jan 3, 1936 | Jt. Session | President Franklin D. Roosevelt | Annual Message |
| 75th Congress | | | |
| Jan. 6, 1937 | Jt. Session | President Franklin D. Roosevelt | Annual Message |
| Jan. 3, 1938 | Jt. Session | President Franklin D. Roosevelt | Annual Message |
| 76th Congress | | | |
| Jan. 4, 1939 | Jt. Session | President Franklin D. Roosevelt | Annual Message |
| March 4, 1939 | Jt. Session | President Franklin D. Roosevelt | Sesquicentennial - First Congress |
| Sept. 21, 1939 | Jt. Session | President Franklin D. Roosevelt | Neutrality Address |
| Jan. 3, 1940 | Jt. Session | President Franklin D. Roosevelt | Annual Message |
| May 16, 1940 | Jt. Session | President Franklin D. Roosevelt | National Defense Address |

² Count de Chambrun, great-grandson of Lafayette, attended ceremony.

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| 77th Congress | | | |
| Jan. 6, 1941 | Jt. Session | President Franklin D. Roosevelt | Annual Message |
| Dec. 8, 1941 | Jt. Session | President Franklin D. Roosevelt | Declaration of War/Japan |
| Jan. 6, 1942 | Jt. Session | President Franklin D. Roosevelt | Annual Message |
| 78th Congress | | | |
| Jan. 7, 1943 | Jt. Session | President Franklin D. Roosevelt | Annual Message |
| 79th Congress | | | |
| Mar. 1, 1945 | Jt. Session | President Franklin D. Roosevelt | Yalta Conference |
| April 16, 1945 | Jt. Session | President Harry S. Truman | Prosecution of War³ |
| July 2, 1945 | Senate | President Harry S. Truman | United Nations Charter |
| Oct. 23, 1945 | Jt. Session | President Harry S. Truman | Universal Military Training Message |
| May 25, 1946 | Jt. Session | President Harry S. Truman | Railroad Strike Message |
| 80th Congress | | | |
| Jan. 6, 1947 | Jt. Session | President Harry S. Truman | State of the Union |
| Mar. 12, 1947 | Jt. Session | President Harry S. Truman | Greek-Turkish Aid Policy |
| Nov. 17, 1947 | Jt. Session | President Harry S. Truman | Aid to Europe Message |
| Jan. 7, 1948 | Jt. Session | President Harry S. Truman | State of the Union |
| March 17, 1948 | Jt. Session | President Harry S. Truman | National Security/conditions Europe |
| April 19, 1948 | Jt. Session | President Harry S. Truman Ambassador Guillermo Belt | 50th anniversary - liberation of Cuba |
| July 27, 1948 | Jt. Session | President Harry S. Truman | Inflation, housing, civil rights |

³ President Roosevelt died April 12, 1945, in Warm Springs, Georgia.

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| 81st Congress | | | |
| Jan. 5, 1949 | Jt. Session | President Harry S. Truman | State of the Union |
| Jan. 4, 1950 | Jt. Session | President Harry S. Truman | State of the Union |
| 82nd Congress | | | |
| Jan. 8, 1951 | Jt. Session | President Harry S. Truman | State of the Union |
| Jan. 9, 1952 | Jt. Session | President Harry S. Truman | State of the Union |
| June 10, 1952 | Jt. Session | President Harry S. Truman | Steel Industry Dispute |
| 83rd Congress | | | |
| Feb. 2, 1953 | Jt. Session | President Dwight D. Eisenhower | State of the Union |
| Jan. 7, 1954 | Jt. Session | President Dwight D. Eisenhower | State of the Union |
| 84th Congress | | | |
| Jan. 6, 1955 | Jt. Session | President Dwight D. Eisenhower | State of the Union |
| 85th Congress | | | |
| Jan. 5, 1957 | Jt. Session | President Dwight D. Eisenhower | Middle East Message |
| Jan. 10, 1957 | Jt. Session | President Dwight D. Eisenhower | State of the Union |
| Jan. 9, 1958 | Jt. Session | President Dwight D. Eisenhower | State of the Union |
| 86th Congress | | | |
| Jan. 9, 1959 | Jt. Session | President Dwight D. Eisenhower | State of the Union |
| Jan. 7, 1960 | Jt. Session | President Dwight D. Eisenhower | State of the Union |
| 87th Congress | | | |
| Jan. 30, 1961 | Jt. Session | President John F. Kennedy | State of the Union |
| May 25, 1961 | Jt. Session | President John F. Kennedy | Special Message to Congress on Urgent National Needs |

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| Jan. 11, 1962 | Jt. Session | President John F. Kennedy | State of the Union |
| 88th Congress | | | |
| Jan. 14, 1963 | Jt. Session | President John F. Kennedy | State of the Union |
| Nov. 27, 1963 | Jt. Session | President Lyndon B. Johnson | Assumption of Office ⁴ |
| Jan. 8, 1964 | Jt. Session | President Lyndon B. Johnson | State of the Union |
| 89th Congress | | | |
| Jan. 4, 1965 | Jt. Session | President Lyndon B. Johnson | State of the Union |
| March 15, 1965 | Jt. Session | President Lyndon B. Johnson | Voting Rights |
| Jan. 12, 1966 | Jt. Session | President Lyndon B. Johnson | State of the Union |
| 90th Congress | | | |
| Jan. 10, 1967 | Jt. Session | President Lyndon B. Johnson | State of the Union |
| Jan. 17, 1968 | Jt. Session | President Lyndon B. Johnson | State of the Union |
| 91st Congress | | | |
| Jan. 14, 1969 | Jt. Session | President Lyndon B. Johnson | State of the Union |
| Nov. 13, 1969 | Senate | President Richard M. Nixon | Vietnam Policy |
| Nov. 13, 1969 | House | President Richard M. Nixon | Vietnam Policy |
| Jan. 22, 1970 | Jt. Session | President Richard M. Nixon | State of the Union |
| 92nd Congress | | | |
| Jan. 22, 1971 | Jt. Session | President Richard M. Nixon | State of the Union |
| Sept. 9, 1971 | Jt. Session | President Richard M. Nixon | Economic Policy |
| Jan. 20, 1972 | Jt. Session | President Richard M. Nixon | State of the Union |

⁴ Plans for office following assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963.

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| June 1, 1972 | Jt. Session | President Richard M. Nixon | European Trip Report – Moscow Summit |
| 93rd Congress | | | |
| Jan. 30, 1974 | Jt. Session | President Richard M. Nixon | State of the Union |
| August 12, 1974 | Jt. Session | President Gerald R. Ford | Assumption of Office⁵ |
| August 21, 1974 | House | President Gerald R. Ford | Cost of Living Council |
| August 21, 1974 | Senate | President Gerald R. Ford | Cost of Living Council |
| Oct. 8, 1974 | Jt. Session | President Gerald R. Ford | Economic Policy |
| 94th Congress | | | |
| Jan. 15, 1975 | Jt. Session | President Gerald R. Ford | State of the Union |
| April 10, 1975 | Jt. Session | President Gerald R. Ford | State of the World |
| Jan. 19, 1976 | Jt. Session | President Gerald R. Ford | State of the Union |
| 95th Congress | | | |
| Jan. 12, 1977 | Jt. Session | President Gerald R. Ford | State of the Union |
| April 20, 1977 | Jt. Session | President Jimmy Carter | Energy Policy |
| Jan. 19, 1978 | Jt. Session | President Jimmy Carter | State of the Union |
| Sept. 18, 1978 | Jt. Session | President Jimmy Carter | Middle East Peace Agreements |
| 96th Congress | | | |
| Jan. 23, 1979 | Jt. Session | President Jimmy Carter | State of the Union |
| June 18, 1979 | Jt. Session | President Jimmy Carter | SALT II Agreements |
| Jan. 23, 1980 | Jt. Session | President Jimmy Carter | State of the Union |

⁵ Subsequent to the resignation of Richard M. Nixon, August 9, 1974.

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| 97th Congress | | | |
| Feb. 18, 1981 | Jt. Session | President Ronald Reagan | Economic Recovery |
| April 28, 1981 | Jt. Session | President Ronald Reagan | Economic Recovery - inflation |
| Jan 26, 1982 | Jt. Session | President Ronald Reagan | State of the Union |
| 98th Congress | | | |
| Jan. 25, 1983 | Jt. Session | President Ronald Reagan | State of the Union |
| April 27, 1983 | Jt. Session | President Ronald Reagan | Central America |
| Jan. 25, 1984 | Jt. Session | President Ronald Reagan | State of the Union |
| 99th Congress | | | |
| Feb. 6, 1985 | Jt. Session | President Ronald Reagan | State of the Union |
| Nov. 21, 1985 | Jt. Session | President Ronald Reagan | Geneva Summit |
| Feb. 4, 1986 | Jt. Session | President Ronald Reagan | State of the Union |
| 100th Congress | | | |
| Jan. 27, 1987 | Jt. Session | President Ronald Reagan | State of the Union |
| Jan. 25, 1988 | Jt. Session | President Ronald Reagan | State of the Union |
| 101st Congress | | | |
| Feb. 9, 1989 | Jt. Session | President George H. W. Bush | State of the Union (Budget) |
| Jan. 31, 1990 | Jt. Session | President George H. W. Bush | State of the Union |
| Sept. 11, 1990 | Jt. Session | President George H. W. Bush | Iraq's Invasion of Kuwait |
| 102nd Congress | | | |
| Jan. 29, 1991 | Jt. Session | President George H. W. Bush | State of the Union |
| March 6, 1991 | Jt. Session | President George H. W. Bush ⁶ | Conclusion Persian Gulf War |

⁶Speaker Thomas Foley departed from established protocolary procedures to congratulate the President in behalf of Congress and the American people for the successful conclusion of Operation Desert Storm.

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| January 28, 1992 | Jt. Session | President George Bush | State of the Union |
| 103rd Congress | | | |
| Feb. 17, 1993 | Jt. Session | President William J. Clinton | Economic Message |
| Sept. 22, 1993 | Jt. Session | President William J. Clinton | Health Care Reform |
| Jan. 25, 1994 | Jt. Session | President William J. Clinton | State of the Union |
| 104th Congress | | | |
| Jan. 24, 1995 | Jt. Session | President William J. Clinton | State of the Union |
| January 23, 1996 | Jt. Session | President William J. Clinton | State of the Union |
| 105th Congress | | | |
| Feb. 4, 1997 | Jt. Session | President William J. Clinton | State of the Union |
| Jan. 27, 1998 | Jt. Session | President William J. Clinton | State of the Union |
| 106th Congress | | | |
| Jan. 19, 1999 | Jt. Session | President William J. Clinton | State of the Union |
| Jan. 27, 2000 | Jt. Session | President William J. Clinton | State of the Union |
| 107th Congress | | | |
| Feb. 27, 2001 | Jt. Session | President George W. Bush | Economic Message |
| Sept. 20, 2001 | Jt. Session | President George W. Bush | Terrorist Attack on WTC and Pentagon |
| Jan. 29, 2002 | Jt. Session | President George W. Bush | State of the Union |
| 108th Congress | | | |
| January 28, 2003 | Jt. Session | President George W. Bush | State of the Union |
| January 20, 2004 | Jt. Session | President George W. Bush | State of the Union |

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| 109th Congress | | | |
| February 2, 2005 | Jt. Session | President George W. Bush | State of the Union |
| January 31, 2006 | Jt. Session | President George W. Bush | State of the Union |
| 110th Congress | | | |
| January 23, 2007 | Jt. Session | President George W. Bush | State of the Union |
| January 28, 2008 | Jt. Session | President George W. Bush | State of the Union |
| 111th Congress | | | |
| February 24, 2009 | Jt. Session | President Barack Obama | Address |

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