President Buchanan vetoed seven bills, of which four were regular vetoes and three were pocket vetoes. None was overridden.

Thirty-fifth Congress, First Session

Pocket Veto

46 H.J. Res. 37.

In regard to the carrying of the United States mails from St. Joseph's, Missouri, to Placerville, California.

Pocket veto occurred after the 1st session of the 35th Congress had adjourned sine die on June 14, 1858. A Presidential message was received by the 2d session of the 35th Congress on January 7, 1859. (January 7, 1859, H. Jour., p. 151; see also H.R. Doc. No. 493, 70th Cong. 2d sess., p. 11; S. Misc. Doc. No. 53, 49th Cong. 2d sess., p. 258).

Thirty-fifth Congress, Second Session

Regular Veto

47 H.R. 2.

Donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts.

Vetoed February 24, 1859. The veto message was laid before the House (February 24, 1859, H. Jour., pp. 501-508; see also S. Misc. Doc. No. 53, 49th Cong., 2d sess., pp. 259-266).

The House sustained the veto on February 26, 1859 by a vote of 105 yeas to 96 nays. (February 26, 1859, H. Jour., pp. 508, 509).

Veto sustained.

Pocket Vetoes

48 S. 321.

Making an appropriation for deepening the channel over the St. Clair flats, in the State of Michigan.
Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 35th Congress adjourned sine die on March 10, 1859. A Presidential message was received by the 1st session of the 36th Congress on February 2, 1860. (February 2, 1860, S. Jour., pp. 114–121; see also H.R. Doc. No. 493, 70th Cong., 2d sess., pp. 11, 12; S. Misc. Doc. No. 53, 49th Cong., 2d sess. pp. 266–274).

49 S.J. Res. 87.

In relation to removal of obstructions to navigation in the mouth of the Mississippi River.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 35th Congress had adjourned sine die on March 10, 1859. A Presidential message was received by the 1st session of the 30th Congress on February 7, 1860. (February 7, 1860, S. Jour., p. 129; see also S. Misc. Doc. No. 53, 49th Cong., 2d sess., p. 274; H.R. Doc. No. 493, 70th Cong., 2d sess., p. 12).

Thirty-sixth Congress, First Session

Regular Vetoes

50 S. 29.

For the relief of Arthur Edwards and his associates.


The Senate sustained the veto on June 7, 1860 by a vote of 22 yeas to 30 nays. (June 7, 1860, S. Jour., pp. 580, 581).

Veto sustained.

51 S. 416.

To secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain.


The Senate sustained the veto on June 23, 1860 by a vote of 28 yeas to 18 nays. (June 23, 1860, S. Jour., p. 757).

Veto sustained.
H.R. 915.

For the relief of Hockaday and Leggit.

*Vetoed January 25, 1861.* The veto message was laid before the House. (January 25, 1861, H. Jour., p. 227; see also S. Misc. Doc. No. 53, 49th Cong., 2d sess., pp. 287, 288).

The House sustained the veto on January 26, 1861 by a veto of 81 yeas to 67 nays. (January 26, 1861, H. Jour., pp. 228, 229).

*Veto sustained.*