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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OF

THE UNITED STATES:

BEING THE

FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH CONGRESS,

BEGUN AND HELD

AT THE CITY OF WASHINGTON,

DECEMBER 3, 1855,

AND IN THE EIGHTIETH YEAR OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON:
CORNELIUS WENDELL, PRINTER.
1855.

On motion of Mr. Zollicoffer, at 2 o'clock and 5 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1856.

Mr. Dowdell submitted the following preamble and resolutions; which were read, and, under the operation of the previous question, agreed to, viz:

Whereas the people of these United States, from their earliest history to the present time, have been led by the hand of a kind Providence, and are indebted for the countless blessings of the past and present, and dependent for continued prosperity in the future upon Almighty God; and whereas the great vital and conservative element in our system is the belief of our people in the pure doctrines and divine truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ, it eminently becomes the representatives of a people so highly favored, to acknowledge, in the most public manner, their reverence for God: Therefore,

Resolved, first, That the daily sessions of this body be opened with prayer.

Resolved, second, That the ministers of the gospel in this city are hereby requested to attend and alternately perform this solemn duty.

The House then proceeded to vote the *one hundred and twenty-second* time *viva voce* for Speaker; when it appeared that

The following named members voted for WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON, of Illinois:

William Aiken, James C. Allen, David Barclay, William Barksdale, Hendley S. Bennett, Thomas S. Bocock, Thomas F. Bowie, William W. Boyce, Henry C. Burnett, John Cadwalader, Samuel Caruthers, John S. Caskie, Thomas L. Clingman, Howell Cobb, Williamson R. W. Cobb, Burton Craige, Thomas G. Davidson, James F. Dowdell, Henry A. Edmundson, John M. Elliott, William H. English, Charles J. Faulkner, Thomas B. Florence, Thomas J. D. Fuller, William O. Goode, Alfred B. Greenwood, Sampson W. Harris, Thomas L. Harris, Philemon T. Herbert, George S. Houston, Joshua H. Jewett, George W. Jones, John Kelly, Zedekiah Kidwell, John Letcher, John H. Lumpkin, Samuel S. Marshall, Augustus E. Maxwell, Fayette McMullin, John McQueen, John S. Millson, Mordecai Oliver, James L. Orr, Asa Packer, George W. Peck, John S. Phelps, Paulus Powell, John A. Quitman, Thomas Ruffin, Albert Rust, John M. Sandidge, John H. Savage, Samuel A. Smith, William Smith, Alexander H. Stephens, James A. Stewart, Albert G. Talbot, Miles Taylor, Hiram Warner, Albert G. Watkins, Daniel Wells, jr., John Williams, Warren Winslow, Daniel B. Wright, John V. Wright.

The following named members voted for NATHANIEL P. BANKS, jr., of Massachusetts:

Charles J. Albright, John Allison, Edward Ball, Lucian Barbour, Henry Bennett, Samuel P. Benson, Charles Billingham, John A. Bingham, Philemon Bliss, Samuel C. Bradshaw, Samuel Brenton, James Buffinton, Anson Burlingame, Lewis D. Campbell, Calvin C.