

# LINCOLN LORE

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## A COMPENDIUM OF CONGRESSMAN LINCOLN'S ACTS

A general idea of Abraham Lincoln's activities as a Congressman can best be visualized by arranging in the form of a compendium certain subjects occupying his attention which are recorded in the House Journal and the Congressional Record. There is no attempt to tabulate Lincoln's votes on various issues.

### First Session

1847

*Dec. 9.* Appointed on Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads. Also on the Committee of Expenditures in the War Department.

*Dec. 20.* Submits petition of A. G. Henry of Pekin, Ill. "praying reimbursement for expenses in supplying volunteers."

*Dec. 20.* Gives notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill of amendment to an act entitled "An act to raise for a limited time an additional military force and for other purposes."

*Dec. 22.* Presents memorial of citizens of Illinois on behalf of Great Western Railroad.

*Dec. 22.* Offers the preamble and resolution with reference to the beginning of the Mexican War known as the "Spot Resolutions".

1848

*Jan. 4.* Presents memorial of citizens of Alton, Ill. relating to relinquishment of certain lands.

*Jan. 5.* Replies to Botts of Virginia in support of Postmaster General.

*Jan. 6.* Explains attitude of P. O. Committee on Botts's accusations.

*Jan. 11.* Obtains floor but House adjourns before he had opportunity to speak.

*Jan. 12.* Attacks Polk's war policy.

*Jan. 13.* Obtains floor to introduce Bill no. 89, an act referred to on December 20th.

*Jan. 19.* Reports upon petition of William Fuller and Orlando Saltmarsh (Post Office Committee).

*Jan. 21.* Submits petition of Uriah Brown "praying for a further testing of his discovery of 'Liquid Fire' to be used in national defenses."

*Jan. 24.* Submits petition of John Dawson "praying remuneration for his services as acting pension agent."

*Jan. 25.* Presents petition of citizens of Scott County, Ill. "praying for establishment of mail route."

*Feb. 7.* Presents petition of citizens of Tazewell County, Ill. "praying for reduction of postage on government publications and certain newspapers."

*Feb. 14.* Presents petition of citizens of Illinois "praying for grant of public lands for railroad."

*Feb. 14.* Presents petition of citizens of Illinois "praying that soldiers of war of 1812 and Mexican war share alike in relation to bounty land."

*Feb. 15.* Presents petition of Daniel Wadsworth, of Auburn, Ill. "praying for an increase of compensation to certain postmasters."

*Feb. 18.* Presents petition of citizens of Edgar County, Ill. "praying for a reduction of postage on certain mail."

*Feb. 24.* Appointee on committee to "Superintend the funeral solemnities of John Quincy Adams."

*Feb. 26.* Marches with "Committee of Arrangements" in funeral procession of John Quincy Adams.

*March 1.* Presents memorial from citizens of Cass County, Ill. "praying for the establishment of a mail route."

*March 6.* Presents petition of Hickon and Brothers "praying compensation for service in transporting Illinois volunteers."

*March 9.* Presents petition of H. M. Barney accompanied by joint resolution no. 18.

*March 29.* Makes speech on military Bounty Lands.

*April 3.* Moves to suspend rules and proceed to consider resolution "respecting contracts for hemp for the use of the American navy."

*April 29.* Presents memorial of Archibald McAllister relating to a patent.

*May 11.* Moves to reconsider bill admitting Wisconsin to the Union.

*May 11.* Speaks on policy of granting alternate sections of land.

*May 12.* Debates the bill for selling claims of estate of Richard W. Mead deceased.

*May 30.* Moves the previous question in routine business.

*June 20.* Speaks in favor of internal improvements.

*July 13.* Moves previous question on remittance of fines of absentees.

*July 19.* Reports Bill 599 to establish certain post roads.

*July 19.* Speaks on aforesaid bill.

*July 19.* Moves that the vote on passage of the bill be reconsidered.

*July 24.* Obtains floor to speak but gives way to committee.

*July 27.* Delivers his famous coat-tail speech against Cass.

*Aug. 8.* Reports resolution from Post Office Committee on disability.

*Aug. 14.* Announces that committee on expenditures in War Department has prepared report on Taylor expeditions.

### Second Session

1848

*Dec. 11.* Reappointed on committee of Post Office and Post Roads.

*Dec. 23.* Appointed on Select committee for erection of monument at Yorktown.

*Dec. 27.* Calls for division of question on motion respecting absentees.

*Jan. 8.* Gives notice to introduce bill on school lands.

*Jan. 10.* Reads amendment which he proposes to make on bill abolishing slavery in District of Columbia.

*Jan. 13.* Gives notice of a bill to abolish slavery in District of Columbia with compensation to owners.

*Jan. 29.* Presents memorial from citizens of Illinois relating to land grants for railroads.

*Feb. 15.* Presents five memorials from citizens of Illinois relating to land grants for railroads.

*Feb. 19.* Requests unanimous consent to present joint resolutions of the Illinois Legislature asking grants of land to aid in construction of railroads.

*Feb. 19.* Presents resolution in favor of uniform rate of letter postage of five cents.

*Feb. 19.* Presents resolutions in relation to erecting a marine hospital at Rock Island, Ill.

*Feb. 19.* Presents resolutions in relation to the improvements of western rivers and lakes.

*Feb. 19.* Presents resolutions in relation to pre-emption of lands granted for internal improvements.

*Feb. 19.* Presents petition of citizens of Woodford County, Ill. in behalf of donation for Conrad Summer.

*Feb. 19.* Presents petition of citizens of Fayette County, Ill. for protection of emigrants.

*Feb. 28.* Reports Senate Bill no. 399 back to House without amendment and moved the previous question.

*Feb. 28.* Presents petition of citizens of Morgan County, Ill. to abolish slavery in District of Columbia.