

State of the resolutions submitted to the consideration of the House
by the honorable Mr. Randolph, as altered, amended, and agreed to
in a Committee of the whole House.

1. Resolved that it is the opinion of this Committee that a national
p. 2
H. p. 26 government ought to be established consisting of
a Supreme Legislative, Judiciary, and Executive.

2. Resolved that the national legislature ought to consist of
p. 3.
H. p. 27 Two Branches.

3. Resolved that the members of the first branch of the national
Legislature ought to be elected by
the People of the several States
for the term of Three years.

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the People of the several States
for the term of Three years.
to receive fixed Stipends, by which they may
be compensated for the devotion of their time
to public service
to be paid out of the National Treasury.
to be ineligible to any Office established by a
particular State or under the authority of the
United States (except those peculiarly belonging to
the functions of the first branch) during the term
of service, and under the national government
for the space of one year after its expiration.

4. Resolved. that the members of the second Branch of the
national Legislature ought to be chosen by
the individual Legislatures.
to be of the age of thirty years at least.
to hold their offices for a term sufficient to
ensure their independency, namely
Seven years.
to receive fixed Stipends, by which they may be
compensated for the devotion of their time to public
service - to be paid out of the National Treasury
to be ineligible to any Office established by a
particular State, or under the authority of
the United States (except those peculiarly be-
longing to the functions of the second branch)
during the term of service, and under the
national government, for the space of One
year after its expiration.

17. Reported. that provision ought to be made for the amendment
p 21 of the articles of Union, whenever it shall seem
necessary.

18. Reported. that the Legislative, Executive, and Judiciary powers
p 22 within the several States ought to be bound by
oath to support the articles of Union.

19. Reported. that the amendments which shall be offered to
the confederation by the Convention, ought at
a proper time or times, after the approbation of
Congress to be submitted to an assembly or
assemblies of representatives, recommended by
the several Legislatures, to be expressly chosen
by the People to consider and decide thereon.

Received this sheet from the President of the United
States, with the journals of the General Convention,

March 19th 1796.

Timothy Pickering
Secy of State

State of the Revolution, submitted
to by Mr. Randolph to the Con-
stitution of the House, as agreed
to in a committee of the whole
House.
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PRIMARY SOURCE
THE VIRGINIA PLAN

Resolutions submitted to the Constitutional Convention on May 29, 1787.

1. First: Resolved that the Articles of Confederation ought to be so corrected & enlarged as to
2. accomplish the objects proposed by their institution; namely, "common defence [sic], security of
3. liberty and general welfare."

4. Second: Resolved therefore that the rights of suffrage in the National Legislature ought to be
5. proportioned to the Quotas of contribution, or to the number of free inhabitants, as the one or the
6. other rule may seem best in different cases.

7. Third: Resolved that the National Legislature ought to consist of two branches.

8. Fourth: Resolved that the members of the first branch of the National Legislature ought to be elected
9. by the people of the several States every _____ for the term of _____ ; to be of the age of _____
10. years at least, to receive liberal stipends by which they may be compensated for the devotion of their
11. time to public service; to be ineligible to any office established by a particular State, or under the
12. authority of the United States, except those peculiarly belonging to the functions of the first branch,
13. during the term of service, and for the space of _____ after its expiration; to be incapable of reelection
14. for the space of _____ after the expiration of their term of service, and to be subject to recall.

15. Fifth: Resolved that the members of the second branch of the National Legislature ought to be elected
16. by those of the first, out of a proper number of persons nominated by the individual Legislatures, to
17. be of the age of _____ years at least; to hold their offices for a term sufficient to ensure their
18. independency; to receive liberal stipends, by which they may be compensated for the devotion of
19. their time to public service; and to be ineligible to any office established by a particular State, or
20. under the authority of the United States, except those peculiarly belonging to the functions of the
21. second branch, during the term of service, and for the space of _____ after the expiration thereof.

22. Sixth: Resolved that each branch ought to possess the right of originating Acts; that the National
23. Legislature ought to be empowered [sic] to enjoy the Legislative Rights vested in Congress by the
24. Confederation & moreover to legislate in all cases to which the separate States are incompetent, or in
25. which the harmony of the United States may be interrupted by the exercise of individual Legislation;
26. to negative all laws passed by the several States, contravening in the opinion of the National
27. Legislature the articles of Union; and to call forth the force of the Union against any member of the

28. Union failing to fulfill its duty under the articles thereof.

29. Seventh: Resolved that a National Executive be instituted; to be chosen by the National Legislature
30. for the term of _____ years, to receive punctually at stated times, a fixed compensation for the
31. services rendered, in which no increase or diminution shall be made so as to affect the Magistracy,
32. existing at the time of increase or diminution, and to be ineligible a second time; and that besides a
33. general authority to execute the National laws, it ought to enjoy the Executive rights vested in
34. Congress by the Confederation.

35. Eighth: Resolved that the Executive and a convenient number of the National Judiciary, ought to
36. compose a Council of revision with authority to examine every act of the National Legislature before
37. it shall operate, & every act of a particular Legislature before a Negative thereon shall be final; and
38. that the dissent of the said Council shall amount to a rejection, unless the Act of the National
39. Legislature be again passed, or that of a particular Legislature be again negated by _____ of the
40. members of each branch.

41. Ninth: Resolved that a National Judiciary be established to consist of one or more supreme tribunals,
42. and of inferior tribunals to be chosen by the National Legislature, to hold their offices during good
43. behaviour; and to receive punctually at stated times fixed compensation for their services, in which no
44. increase or diminution shall be made so as to affect the persons actually in office at the time of such
45. increase or diminution. that the jurisdiction of the inferior tribunals shall be to hear & determine in
46. the first instance, and of the supreme tribunal to hear and determine in the dernier resort, all piracies
47. & felonies on the high seas, captures from an enemy; cases in which foreigners or citizens of other
48. States applying to such jurisdictions may be interested, or which respect the collection of the National
49. revenue; impeachments of any National officers, and questions which may involve the national peace
50. and harmony.

51. Tenth: Resolved that provision ought to be made for the admission of States lawfully arising within
52. the limits of the United States, whether from a voluntary junction of Government & Territory on
53. otherwise, with the consent of a number of voices in the National legislature less than the whole.

54. Eleventh: Resolved that a Republican Government & the territory of each State, except in the instance
55. of a voluntary junction of Government & territory, ought to be guaranteed by the United States to
56. each State.

57. Twelfth: Resolved that provision ought to be made for the continuance of Congress and their
58. authorities and privileges, until a given day after the reform of the articles of Union shall be adopted,
59. and for the completion of all their engagements.

60. Thirteenth: Resolved that provision ought to be made for the amendment of the Articles of Union
61. whensoever it shall seem necessary, and that the assent of the National Legislature ought not to be
62. required thereto.

63. Fourteenth: Resolved that the Legislative Executive & Judiciary powers within the several States
64. ought to be bound by oath to support the articles of Union.

65. Fifteenth: Resolved that the amendments which shall be offered to the Confederation, by the
66. Convention ought at a proper time, or times, after the approbation of Congress to be submitted to an
67. assembly or assemblies of Representatives, recommended by the several Legislatures to be expressly
68. chosen by the people, to consider & decide thereon.