

U. S. Senate Election

30 September 1788

William Maclay (Anti-Federalist) - 2-year term

Robert Morris (Federalist) - 6-year term

According to the *Minutes of the Third Session of the Twelfth General Assembly*, William Maclay and Robert Morris were elected on 30 September 1788 by the Assembly to serve in the United States Senate.

The minutes of the election are as follows:

“Agreeably to the order of the day, the House proceeded to the election of Senators to represent this state in the Congress of the United States, agreeably to the constitution adopted for the government of the said states; and the ballots being taken, it appeared that the Honorable *William Maclay* and *Robert Morris*, Esquires, were duly elected.”

No details of the election were provided in the minutes. The dominant position of the Federalists in the General Assembly is reflected in the selection of Morris for the longer term.

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1791

No Election Held - Seat Vacant

A lengthy dispute in which the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives were unable to agree on the procedure to be followed for the selection of a U. S. Senator resulted in the failure to hold an election. The seat remained vacant until 1793 when agreement was finally reached between the two legislative bodies.