December 25, 1848

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

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Christmas Day marked the opening day of the First Regular Session of the 15th General Assembly. According to the Missouri Senate Journal for that day, the Senate was called to order by Lt. Gov. James Young and Senate President Falkland Martin.

After roll call, which included swearing in new senators, members began to approve Senate officers. The first to elect was the Senate secretary. There were three names submitted. It took two votes, since none of the three got a majority of votes the first time.

Up next was election of an assistant secretary. There were four names submitted. None received a majority vote.

The Senate then adjourned until 2:30 that afternoon. Seven votes later, an assistant Senate secretary was picked.

It took 12 votes to choose a doorkeeper.

Missouri senators would spend the rest of their Christmas voting on other Senate officers, until agreeing to adjourn and start anew the next day.

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