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1/ Thread:

Senate Action Against Disloyal Members, 1861-1862

2/ Alabama
Clement Clay, Jr: Did not appear on March 14, 1861; salary paid to January 21, 1861; seat declared vacant on March 14, 1861; member of the Confederate Senate 1861-1863; was a diplomatic agent of the Confederate States; arrested and imprisoned in Fortress Monroe in 1865

3/ Alabama
Benjamin Fitzpatrick: Salary paid to February 4, 1861; term expired on March 3, 1861, and Senate took no formal action against him; president of the constitutional convention of Alabama in 1865.

4/ Arkansas
William K. Sebastian: Expelled on July 11, 1861; returned to Helena, Ark., where he resided during the Civil War and practiced law; after federal troops occupied Helena, Ark., moved to Memphis, TN., in 1864 and resumed the practice of law.

5/ Arkansas
Charles B. Mitchel : Expelled on July 11, 1861; elected to the Confederate senate at the first session of the State legislature and served until his death in Little Rock, AR, September 20, 1864.

6/ Florida
David Yulee : Withdrew on January 21, 1861; salary paid to this date; term expired on March 3, 1861, and Senate took no formal action against him; due to his support of the Confederacy, was a prisoner at Fort Pulaski in 1865

7/ Florida
Stephen Mallory: Withdrew on January 21, 1861; seat declared vacant on March 14, 1861; salary paid to this date; Secretary of the Navy of the Confederacy; imprisoned at the close of the Civil War 1865-1866.

8/ Georgia
Robert A. Toombs: Withdrew on February 4, 1861; salary paid to this date; seat declared vacant on March 14, 1861; SecState of the Confederate States; brigadier general in the Confederate Army; in order to avoid arrest, fled to Havana and

to London

9/ Georgia
Alfred Iverson, Sr: Withdrew on January 28, 1861; term expired on March 3, 1861, and Senate took no formal action against him; resumed the practice of law. In 1868, when he purchased a plantation in East Macon, GA., and engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death.

10/ Indiana
Jesse D. Bright: Expelled on February 5, 1862 for disloyalty to the Union; unsuccessful candidate for election in 1863 to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by his expulsion.

11/ Kentucky
John C. Breckinridge: Expelled on December 4, 1861, for disloyalty to the Union; entered the Confederate Army during the Civil War as brigadier general and soon became a major general; Sec of War in the Cabinet of the Confederate States from January until April 1865.

12/ Louisiana
Judah P. Benjamin: Withdrew on February 4, 1861; seat declared vacant on March 14, 1861; appointed Attorney General under the provisional government of the Confederate States, February 1861; appointed Acting Secretary of War of the Confederate States in August 1861

13/ Louisiana
John Slidell: Withdrew on February 4, 1861; salary paid to this date; term expired on March 3, 1861, and Senate took no formal action against him

14/ Mississippi
Jefferson Davis: Withdrew on January 21, 1861; seat declared vacant on March 14, 1861; salary paid to this date; elected Pres of Confederacy for a term of six years and inaugurated in Richmond, Va., February 22, 1862; captured by Union troops in Irwinsville, Ga

15/ Mississippi
Albert G. Brown: Withdrew on January 12, 1861; salary paid to January 14, 1861; seat declared vacant on March 14, 1861; served as captain in the Confederate Army; elected a member of the Confederate Senate in 1862

16/ Missouri
Waldo P. Johnson: Expelled on January 10, 1862, upon rumors he aided the Confederacy; served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War; attained the rank of lieutenant colonel of the Fourth Missouri Infantry;

17/ Missouri
Trusten Polk: Expelled on January 10, 1862, upon rumors he aided the Confederacy; served as colonel in the Confederate Army; judge in the military courts of the department of Mississippi in 1864 and 1865.

18/ North Carolina
Thomas Bragg: Withdrew on March 8, 1861; expelled on July 11, 1861; appointed Attorney General of the Confederate

States November 21, 1861, and served two years.

19/ North Carolina
Thomas L. Clingman: Withdrew March 11, 1861; expelled on July 11, 1861; served as brigadier general in the Confederate Army.

20/ South Carolina
James Chesnut, Jr.: Withdrew on November 10, 1860; salary paid to this date; expelled on July 11, 1861; served as colonel in the Confederate Army; appointed brigadier general in 1864.

21/ South Carolina
James H. Hammond: Withdrew on November 11, 1860; salary paid to this date; term expired on March 3, 1861, and Senate took no formal action against him; died at “Redcliffe,” Beach Island, SC, November 13, 1864.

22/ Tennessee
Alfred O. P. Nicholson: Withdrew on March 3, 1861; expelled on July 11, 1861; chief justice of the supreme court of Tennessee 1870-1876.

23/ Texas
Louis T. Wigfall: Withdrew on March 23, 1861; expelled on July 11, 1861; served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War; represented the State of Texas in the Confederate Congress.

24/ Texas
John Hemphill: Did not appear on March 4, 1861, for the 38th Congress; expelled on July 11, 1861; represented the state of Texas in the Congress of the Confederate States of America until his death.

25/ Virginia
James M. Mason: Withdrew on March 28, 1861; expelled on July 11, 1861; appointed commissioner of the Confederacy to Great Britain and France.

26/ Virginia
Robert M. T. Hunter: Withdrew on March 28, 1861; expelled on July 11, 1861; Confederate Secretary of State 1861-1862; served in the Confederate Senate from Virginia in the First and Second Congresses 1862-1865 and was President pro tempore on various occasions.

27/ There is ample precedent for both the House and Senate to expel Members for disloyalty to the Union and the Constitution. I think I know where we can find a list of names.

28/ References for the above thread can be found here.

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