Dec. 20, 1865

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was Dec. 20, 1865, the end of the first portion of the Adjourned Session of the 23rd General Assembly.

This adjourned session started on Nov. 1. This was lawmakers’ final day of the year. They would break for Christmas and New Year’s, and then return on Jan. 8, for a session that would continue into March of 1866. It may be worth noting when lawmakers came back on Jan. 8, the Missouri Senate was unable to reach a quorum, so a motion was made to adjourn until the following morning. This was becoming quite common during the Civil War.

This particular Wednesday began with a couple of measures aimed at paying state militia members. You may recall the end of the Civil War was a part of the governor’s call for this adjourned session, along with some budgetary matters and some concerns over recent elections.

December 20, 1865, the date marking the end of the first seven weeks of the Adjourned Session of the 23rd General Assembly, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

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