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Newspaper Coverage of Congress' Debate on Amendments

Newspapers throughout the country printed much of the debate over amendments in the House of Representatives. Little newspaper coverage reported on the Senate's actions since the Senate's debates were not open to the public. The House debate usually was first printed in two or three New York City newspapers. The *Gazette of the United States* and the *Daily Advertiser* printed their accounts within a day or two. The New York *Daily Gazette* sometimes followed with another original report. Thomas Lloyd, a shorthand note taker, also took notes of the House of Representatives debates. Lloyd's account was published weekly as the *Congressional Register*, which he sold on subscription. Eighty newspapers and two Philadelphia and one New York monthly magazines reprinted much of the congressional debate; sometimes as many as sixty newspapers reprinted one specific day's debate. Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts newspapers were most prolific in reprinting this debate. No newspaper was published in Delaware at this time and the South Carolina newspapers chose not to reprint the congressional debate on the amendments.