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The Proceedings of Congress, May 1789

House Proceedings, Tuesday, 4 May 1789

Before the house adjourned, Mr. [James] Madison gave notice, that he intended to bring on the subject of amendments to the constitution, on the 4th Monday of this month.

House Proceedings, Monday, 25 May 1789

The house being met,

Mr. Madison remarked, that he had some time since given notice, that he intended to call the attention of the house on this day to the consideration of the subject placed within the power of Congress by the 5th article of the constitution. He had named a distant day for two reasons—one, to give the members time to make up their minds; and the other, to give the house time to go through the impost business. The latter object was unaccomplished, inasmuch as a great deal remained to be done; and from what he had heard fall from gentlemen near him, he was inclined to believe a further delay would be agreeable to their inclination; wherefore he should inform the house that he did not mean to call up that subject until this day fortnight: Whereupon it was unanimously agreed to postpone the consideration thereof until Monday the 8th June.

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