

Congress and Civility by Design

Worksheet 1: Studying Actions of the House of Representatives, April 6, 1789

Instructions:

Using the following table, list the 6 actions undertaken by the House of Representatives. The first column contains the word from the Journal indicating the start of the action, for example, "Ordered." Complete the table by filling the blank column with a brief summary of the action written in your own words.

Answer the questions by drawing from your summaries.

Action	Summary of the action in your words
Ordered	
Resolved	
Message Received	
Resolved	
Ordered	
Adjournment	

Questions

1. Which of the actions listed did the House decide by vote?
2. Which actions show the House fulfilling Constitutional responsibilities? (Refer to a copy of the Constitution if in doubt.)
3. How does the way these actions were undertaken and how they were recorded reflect the saying that "public office is a public trust"?