Jan. 26, 1849

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was Jan. 26, 1849, the day the Jackson-Napton resolutions were introduced in the Missouri Senate.

The resolutions told Congress they had no authority to rule on slavery matters and the Missouri Compromise should be allowed in all U.S. territories.

The authors were Claiborne Fox Jackson, who was in his first year as a Missouri senator, and William Napton, who was a Missouri Supreme Court judge.

Despite overwhelming support by the Legislature, influential United States Sen. Thomas Hart Benton returned to the Show-Me State to argue against these resolutions. This sentiment would be added to in 1852, when Rep. Frank Blair of St. Louis would work to repeal the resolutions.

In any event, the Missouri General Assembly gave its support to the Jackson-Napton resolutions — telling Congress the Missouri Compromise should supersede federal law in relation to slavery — Jan. 26, 1849, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

(Sources: *Missouri Senate Journal* and The Civil War Muse)