Feb. 18, 1843

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was Feb. 18, 1843, nearing the end of the First Session of the 12th General Assembly.

This was a Saturday. When the Legislature met every other year, and held shorter sessions, it was common not only to meet on Saturdays, but holidays as well. In fact, for a few years in the 1860s, the first day of session would fall on Christmas Day.

The day began as standard, with the Missouri Senate Engrossed Bills Committee issuing its report. This panel is the equivalent of today’s Rules Committee.

Among the bills signed on this date included one to allow Adam Martin to serve as Cole County deputy sheriff. At the time, the Legislature filled such vacancies. Also, Martin was a minor.

Missouri senators would also consider a petition from three people who asked the state to reimburse them for arresting some robbers. A three-person committee would take this under advisement.

After other business, senators would adjourn for the week and return the following Monday.

February 18, 1843, the date marking approximately the three-quarter point of the First Session of the 12th General Assembly, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

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