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The Great Compromise

The Great Compromise, also known as The Connecticut Compromise, was the Constitutional Convention's agreement to establish a *bi-cameral* or two-house national legislature, with each state having equal representation in one house and each state having representation based on its population in the other house. To satisfy the smaller states, each state would have equal representation in the Senate. To satisfy the larger states, each state would have representation in the House of Representatives based on state population. The Great Compromise was finally approved on July 16th 1787.

Big State Plan (Virginia Plan):

wanted representation based on population

Small State Plan (New Jersey Plan):

wanted equal representation
1 vote per state

The Great Compromise:

2 House Congress
Senate - equal rep.
2 per state
House of Rep. - rep.
based on population

Define *bicameral*:

2 House Congress