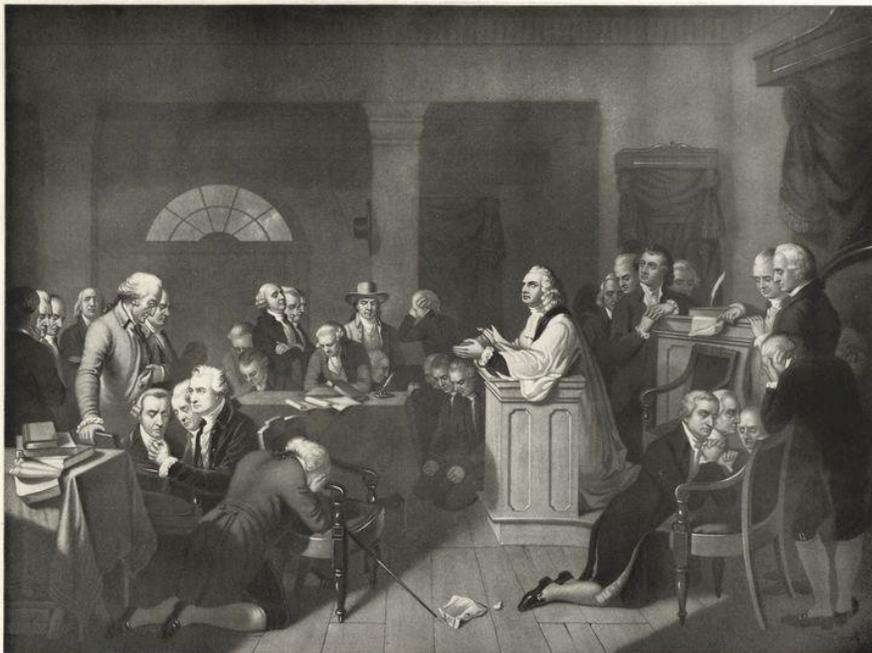


# THE CONSTITUTION

“STATES ARE RISING”

**On the 16th in 1907, Oklahoma (OK) becomes a State (#46).** Aka “Native America”, “Land of the Red Man”, “The Sooner State”, it is joked about that during the Great Depression and the time of the Dust Bowl, that as the Okies moved from Oklahoma to California, “they helped to raise the IQ’s of both States”. Then there is Will Rogers, a native Okie, said it best about politicians “There are men running governments who shouldn’t be allowed to play with matches”. Another great quote by Will, “There are three kinds of men. The one that learns by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves.” Finally, Will was proud of his Cherokee heritage, stating, “My ancestors didn’t come over on the Mayflower—they met the boat.”

## Thoughts on Thanksgiving and Religion



THE FIRST PRAYER IN CONGRESS.  
SEPT. 1774, IN CARPENTERS HALL, PHILA.

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*The First Prayer in Congress* by T. H. Matheson, 1848. Rev. Jacob Duché led the opening prayer on September 7, 1774, at the First Continental Congress held at Carpenters Hall in Philadelphia.

Declaration signer **Benjamin Rush** likewise expressed God’s role in the formation of the New Republic:

*“I do not believe that the Constitution was the offspring of [divine] inspiration, but I am perfectly satisfied, that the union of the states, in its form and adoption, is as much the work of divine providence, as any of the miracles recorded in the Old and New Testament were the effects of a divine power. ‘Tis done! We have become a nation.”*

**For a full read, [Divine Providence in the Declaration.](#)**

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## Abraham Lincoln reminded us:

**“It is the duty of nations as well as of men** to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and **to recognize the sublime truth**, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that **those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord.**”