



# **UN CONGRESO PARA LA CONFEDERACIÓN ARGENTINA**

**1854 - 1861**

A CONGRESS FOR THE  
ARGENTINE CONFEDERATION

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The history of our Congress began on 22 October 1854. After years of civil wars and almost four decades since independence, the Argentine Constitution was enacted on 1 May 1853 and the process of institutionalization of the three branches of government started.

Justo José de Urquiza (1854-1860) won the first presidential elections, while legislative elections took place shortly thereafter.

The Argentine House of Deputies was marked by the absence of representatives from Buenos Aires, a province that had been separated from the rest since 11 September 1852. During those years, two different political entities coexisted and contended with one another until the Battle of Pavón in 1861: the State of Buenos Aires and the Argentine Confederation.

**The House  
of Deputies  
dedicated to the  
passing of laws  
that laid the  
foundations of  
the new State:**

- Constitutional organization of the provinces.
- Promotion of infrastructure to unite the territory.
- Creation of a state bureaucracy.
- Establishment of diplomatic relations.