Electoral College
agreed to on September 6, 1787

Large and small states debated over the election of the executive. Thus the development of the idea of the electoral college. James Wilson, delegate from Pennsylvania, suggested that:

"the states be divided into districts and that the persons qualified to vote in each district for members of the first branch of the national legislature elect members for their respective districts to be electors of the executive magistracy. Each state shall appoint in such a manner as its legislature may direct a number of electors equal to the number of Senators and members of the House of Representatives to which a state may be entitled in the Legislature."

Number of Each State’s Electoral College Members = # State Senators + # State Representatives

President’s term of office and re-election
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After considerable debate, the term of the president was agreed upon. The debate on re-eligibility of the president was left to history.

Initial proposition defeated: Presidential term ≠ 7 years
Compromise: Presidential term = 4 years

With this compromise came the provision that, in the event that no president was elected by majority vote of the electors, the House of Representatives would elect the president. This was a concession to the small states.

No majority vote of electors = Election by House of Representatives