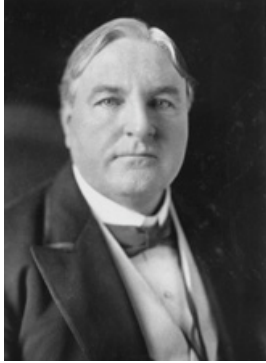


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Alabama Representative and Senator James Thomas Heflin (1869 - 1951). Image from the Biographical Dictionary of the United States

Congress. ^[2] "Yellow-Dog Democrat," a popular term sometimes applied to ultra-loyal supporters of Democratic ^[3] candidates for public office, came into use in the third decade of the twentieth century. In 1928 Democratic senator Tom Heflin ^[4] of Alabama supported Republican Herbert Hoover ^[5] in his campaign for the presidency. Heflin's detractors, in response to his defection, declared that they would vote for a "yellow dog" before they would cast a ballot for a Republican ^[6]. The term, used as both a compliment and an insult, has continued to appear in North Carolina political speech.

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