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### 1. COMPROMISE PROPOSED BY HENRY CLAY: ALL PROVISIONS VOTED ON TOGETHER AS PART OF SAME BILL

**California admitted to Union as Free State**

**Passage of a tough new fugitive slave act by Congress (Fugitive Slave Act of 1850)**

**Ending/abolishing of slave trade in District of Columbia (but not slavery itself)**

**Creation of Utah and New Mexico territories out of remaining land of Mexican Cession, with popular sovereignty applying**

**Adjustment of border between Texas and the new territories of Utah and New Mexico**

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