Record Nr. UNINA9910960280403321 Autore Webster Daniel <1782-1852.> **Titolo** The Webster-Hayne debate on the nature of the Union: selected documents / / edited by Herman Belz Indianapolis, : Liberty Fund, 2000 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-61487-773-4 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (513 p.) Altri autori (Persone) HayneRobert Young <1791-1839.> BelzHerman Disciplina 320.473/049 Soggetti Speeches, addresses, etc., American Foot's resolution, 1829 Nullification (States' rights) United States Politics and government 1829-1837 Sources Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto ""The Webster-Hayne Debate on the Nature of the Union ""; ""Front Matter ""; ""Title Page ""; ""Copyright Details ""; ""Table of Contents, p. v ""; ""Foreword, p. vii ""; ""Note on the Text, p. xvi ""; ""The Webweter-Hayne Debate on the Nature of the Union ""; ""Speech of Mr. Hayne, of South Carolina, p. 3 ""; ""Speech of Mr. Webster, of Massachusetts, p. 15 ""; ""Speech of Mr. Hayne, of South Carolina, p. 35 ""; ""Speech of Mr. Webster, of Massachusetts, p. 81 ""; ""Speech of Mr. Hayne, of South Carolina, p. 155 ""; ""Speech of Mr. Benton, of Missouri, p. 185 "" ""Speech of Mr. Rowan, of Kentucky, p. 257 """"Speech of Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, p. 307 ""; ""Speech of Mr. Clayton, of Delaware, p. 349 ""; ""Speech of Mr. Livingston, of Louisiana, p. 409 ""; ""Index, p. 483 "" The debates between Daniel Webster of Massachusetts and Robert Sommario/riassunto Hayne of South Carolina gave fateful utterance to the differing understandings of the nature of the American Union that had come to predominate in the North and the South, respectively, by 1830. To Webster the Union was the indivisible expression of one nation of people. To Hayne the Union was the voluntary compact among

sovereign states. Each man spoke more or less for his section, and their

classic expositions of their respective views framed the political

conflicts that culminated at last in the secession of the Southern states and war between advocates of Union and champions of Confederacy. "The Webster-Hayne Debate" consists of speeches delivered in the United States Senate in January of 1830. By no means were Webster and Hayne the only Senators who engaged in debate "on the nature of the Union." Well over a score of the Senate's members spoke in response in sixty-five speeches all told, and these Senators did not merely echo either of the principals. The key speakers and viewpoints are included in "The Webster-Hayne Debate." The volume opens with Hayne's speech, which, as Herman Belz observes, turned debates on "the public lands" into "a clash between state sovereignty and national sovereignty. expounded as rival and irreconcilable theories of constitutional construction and the nature of the federal Union." Webster responded, Hayne retorted, and Webster concluded with an appeal to "Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable," in what later historians would deem to be "the most powerful and effective speech ever given in an American legislature." Other speeches in the volume are by Senators Thomas Hart Benton, John Rowan, William Smith, John M. Clayton, and Edward Livingston. Together, these speeches represent every major perspective on "the nature of the Union" in the early nineteenth century. Herman Belz is Professor of History at the University of Maryland, and the author most recently of "A Living Constitution or Fundamental Law?: American Constitutionalism in Historical Perspective and Abraham Lincoln, Constitutionalism, " and "Equal Rights During the Civil War Era."