There is no dispute about chads; this is about fairness. Martin Luther King, Jr. fought for the right to vote. Medgar Evers died for the right to vote. Today, we stand here in their memory. The right to vote is meaningless if every vote is not counted.

So let the world know that we failed in upholding our democratic principles, and that it was the Reagan-Bush Supreme Court, not the people of the United States, who decided the outcome of this election.

I object to the tallying and accepting the electoral votes and will formally do so.

CONGRESS READY TO GOVERN AND LEAD IN A BIPARTISAN WAY

(Mr. HUTCHINSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, we should rejoice today in the beginning of the 107th Congress. We have an opportunity to lead and to govern; and in that, we should take pride in that responsibility.

I noted that friends from the other side of the aisle indicated they will file an objection today to certain electors. I support the right of them to do that under the Constitution of the United States.

But the fact that no Senator has indicated a willingness to join in that objection indicates that that body, and the vast majority of those in this body, say we are ready to move on and accept the results of the election that has been approved under our rule of law.

So today we are ready to govern, to lead in a bipartisan way; and I think that we should rejoice in that. If there has been problems in the election system, we should review that. If there has been disenfranchisement of any minority voter or any member of the Armed Forces, that should be reviewed.

But we should work together in a positive way in this session of Congress.

GROSS VIOLATIONS OF VOTING RIGHTS ACT

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, we have our problems in Georgia, but the Florida elections were marred by gross violations of the Voting Rights Act. Voters who had never been to jail were listed as felons and then were not able to vote. Translators were not provided. A second ID was requested of immigrants even though it was not required.

But while Floridians pored over hanging chads and dimpled ballots, first-class African American voters were denied the right to vote because of felony convictions.

The Congress today will rubber stamp these gross violations of the Violating Rights Act. For black voters, these egregious insults must be addressed. It is not the act of voting that is democracy, but the counting of those votes; and that is what measures a true democracy.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COMBEST). The Chair desires to make a statement.

The Chair desires to defer further unanimous consent requests and 1-minute speeches until after the formal ceremony of the day, which is the counting of the electoral votes for President and Vice President.

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The Speaker having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 1 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.

COUNTING ELECTORAL VOTES—JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE HELD PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1

At 1:02 p.m. the Sergeant at Arms, Wilson Livingood, announced the Vice President and the Senate of the United States.

The Senate entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, headed by the Vice President and the Secretary of the Senate, the Members and officers of the House rising to receive them.

The Vice President took his seat as the Presiding Officer of the joint convention of the two Houses, the Speaker of the House occupying the chair on his left. Senators took seats to the right of the rostrum as prescribed by law.

The joint session was called to order by the Vice President. The VICE PRESIDENT. Mr. Speaker and Members of Congress, the Senate and the House or Representatives, pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and the laws of the United States, are meeting in joint session for the purpose of opening the certificates and ascertaining and counting the votes of the electors of the several States for President and Vice President.

After ascertainment has been had that the certificates are authentic and correct in form, the tellers will count and make a list of the votes cast by the electors of the several States.

The tellers on the part of the two Houses will take their places at the Clerk's desk.
The tellers, Senator Dodd and Senator McConnell on the part of the Senate, and Mr. Thomas and Mr. Fattah on the part of the House, took their places at the desk.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair will now transmit the certificates in alphabetical order and pass to the tellers the certificates showing the votes of the electors in each State, and the tellers will then read, count, and announce the result in each State.

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Vice President, I make a point of order.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Vice President, we have just completed the closest election in American history.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The gentleman will suspend.

The Chair is advised by the Parliamentarian that, under section 18 of title 3, United States Code, no debate is allowed in the joint session.

If the gentleman has a point of order, please present the point of order.

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Vice President, there are many Americans who still believe that the results we are going to certify today are illegitimate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The gentleman will suspend.

If the gentleman from Florida has a point of order, he may present the point of order at this time. Otherwise, the gentleman will suspend.

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Vice President, I will note the absence of a quorum and respectfully request that we delay the proceedings until a quorum is present.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair is advised by the Parliamentarian that section 17 of title 3, United States Code, prescribes a single procedure for resolution of either an objection to a certificate or other questions arising in the matter. That includes a point of order that is not present.

The Chair rules, on the advice of the Parliamentarian, that the point of order that a quorum is not present is subject to the requirement that it be in writing and signed by both a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator.

Is the point of order in writing and signed not only by a Member of the House of Representatives but also by a Senator?

Mr. DEUTSCH. It is in writing, but I do not have a Senator.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The point of order may not be received.

The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Arkansas, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

(The certificates being in varying forms, each was read in part sufficient to justify a point of order that was signed by the pertinent electors, duly attested, regular in form, and authentic, and that it reflected the votes announced.)

Senator Dodd (one of the tellers). Mr. President, we, the undersigned, being duly elected electors for President and Vice President of the United States of America, for the State of Alabama, at the general election held on Tuesday, the 7th day of November, 2000, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, and of this State, certify that the following candidates for President and Vice President received the following number of votes, by ballot, at the meeting of electors held December 18, 2000, at the State Capitol in Montgomery, Alabama.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Alabama seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 9 votes for President and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 9 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Arizona, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. Thomas (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned, being duly elected electors for the State of Arizona, do hereby certify that on the 18th day of December, 2000, A.D., in the Municipality of Anchorage, State of Alaska, duly and regularly met and by authority of law vested, voted for Vice President of the United States of America, with the following result: for President, George W. Bush, 8 votes.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Arizona seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 8 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 8 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Arkansas, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. McConnell (one of the tellers). Mr. President, we, the undersigned, being duly elected and qualified Presidential Electors for the State of Arkansas, for the year 2000, hereby certify that we have met at the State Capitol, Old Supreme Court Chamber, Little Rock, Arkansas, on December 18, 2000, as provided by law, and have cast our ballot for the President of the United States. We hereby certify that we have cast our separate ballots for the President of the United States as follows: for George W. Bush, in witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 18th day of December 2000.

We, the undersigned, duly elected and qualified Presidential Electors for the State of Arkansas, for the year 2000, hereby certify that we have met at the Old Supreme Court Chamber, Little Rock, Arkansas, on December 18, 2000, as provided by law, and have cast our ballot for the Vice President of the United States. We hereby certify that we have cast our separate ballots for the Vice President of the United States as follows: For Dick Cheney, in witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 18th day of December 2000.
Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Arkansas seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 54 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 6 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection to the certificate just counted? There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Arkansas, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned Electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America (for the respective terms of President and Vice President beginning on the twentieth day of January, in our Lord two thousand and one), being Electors, duly and legally elected, appointed and qualified in and for the State of California, as appears by the annexed list of Electors made, certified and delivered to us by Governor Gray Davis of the State and having the signature of the Governor of said State affixed thereto, having met and convened at the Capitol, in the city of Sacramento, in the State of California, in pursuance of the statutes of the State of California and of the United States, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December, being the eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand, do hereby certify that being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot and balloted, first for such President, and then for such Vice President, by distinct ballots.

And we further certify, that the following are two distinct lists, one of the votes for President and the other of the votes for Vice President, so given as aforesaid: AL GORE of Tennessee, 54 votes; JOE LIEBERMAN of Connecticut, 54 votes.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of California seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 8 votes for President and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 8 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection to the certificate just counted? There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of California, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned Electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America (for the respective terms of President and Vice President beginning on the twentieth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and one), being Electors, duly and legally elected, appointed and qualified in and for the State of California, as appears by the annexed list of Electors made, certified and delivered to us by Governor Gray Davis of the State and having the signature of the Governor of said State affixed thereto, having met and convened at the Capitol, in the city of Sacramento, in the State of California, in pursuance of the statutes of the State of California and of the United States, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December, being the eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand and one, do hereby certify that being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot and balloted, first for such President, and then for such Vice President, by distinct ballots.

And we further certify, that the following are two distinct lists, one of the votes for President and the other of the votes for Vice President, so given as aforesaid: AL GORE of Tennessee, 54 votes; JOE LIEBERMAN of Connecticut, 54 votes.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Tennessee seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 6 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Tennessee received 6 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection to the certificate just counted? There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Tennessee, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned Electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America (for the respective terms of President and Vice President beginning on the twentieth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and one, being Electors, duly and legally appointed and qualified by and for the State of Tennessee, have been delivered to the Governor, in accordance with the laws of said State, the certificate or return of said election, signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Tennessee seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 8 votes for President and Dick Cheney of the State of Tennessee received 8 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection to the certificate just counted? There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Tennessee, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned Electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America (for the respective terms of President and Vice President beginning on the twentieth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and one, being Electors, duly and legally appointed and qualified by and for the State of Tennessee, do hereby certify that being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, in pursuance of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and Laws of the State of Tennessee, in that behalf, for the purpose of choosing by ballot 3 electors for the election of a President and Vice President of the United States, and whereas, the official returns of the election held in the several counties of the said State, in due manner made out, signed and executed, have been delivered to me according to the laws of said State, by the Superior Court of said counties; and having examined said returns, and enumerated and ascertained the number of votes for each and every candidate or person voted for as one of such Electors, the result appears as follows, to wit:

This one is different than all the others.

The VICE PRESIDENT. I can tell you where they went if it is not on there. Hold it up to the light.

Mr. THOMAS. For President, AL GORE, 3 votes, and for Vice President JOE LIEBERMAN, 3 votes.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Delaware seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that AL GORE of the State of Tennessee received 3 votes for President and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 3 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection to the certificate just counted? There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the District of Columbia, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by the District of Columbia.

Senator McCONNELL (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned Electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America (for the respective terms beginning at noon on the twentieth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and one, being Electors, duly and legally appointed and qualified by and for the
The VICE PRESIDENT. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. Hastings) will present his objection. Is the gentleman's objection in writing and signed by a Member of the House of Representatives and by a Senator? It is in writing, signed by a Member of the House of Representatives and by a Senator.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman from Florida for his courtesy. Since the present objection lacks the signature of a Senator, accordingly, the objection may not be received.

Are there other objections?

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. President, I have an objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. For what purpose does the gentleman from Florida (Mrs. Meeke) rise?

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. President, I have an objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman from Florida for her courtesy. Since the present objection lacks the signature of a Senator, accordingly, the objection may not be received.

Are there other objections?

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. President, I have an objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. For what purpose does the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. Brown) rise?

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. President, I have an objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman from Florida for her courtesy. Since the present objection lacks the signature of a Senator, accordingly, the objection may not be received.

Are there other objections?

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. President, I have an objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman from Texas for her courtesy. Since the present objection lacks the signature of a Senator, accordingly, the objection may not be received.

Are there other objections?

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Ms. President, I have an objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman from Texas for her courtesy. Since the present objection lacks the signature of a Senator, accordingly, the objection may not be received.

Are there other objections?
Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Thank you, Mr. President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. For what purpose does the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) rise?

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Vice President, I rise to object to the fraudulent 25 Florida electoral votes.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The objection is in writing and signed by a Member of the House and a Senator?

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Vice President, there are gross violations of the Voting Rights Act from Florida, and I object; and it is not signed by a Senator.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair will advise that the rules do care, and the signature of a Senator is required. The Chair will again put that part of the question: Is the objection signed by a Senator?

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Vice President, there are gross violations of the Voting Rights Act from Florida, and I object; and it is not signed by a Senator.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair will advise that the rules do care, and the signature of a Senator is required. The Chair will again put that part of the question: Is the objection signed by a Senator?

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The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair will advise that the rules do care, and the signature of a Senator is required. The Chair will again put that part of the question: Is the objection signed by a Senator?

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Vice President, there are gross violations of the Voting Rights Act from Florida, and I object; and it is not signed by a Senator.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair will advise that the rules do care, and the signature of a Senator is required. The Chair will again put that part of the question: Is the objection signed by a Senator?

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Vice President, there are gross violations of the Voting Rights Act from Florida, and I object; and it is not signed by a Senator.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair will advise that the rules do care, and the signature of a Senator is required. The Chair will again put that part of the question: Is the objection signed by a Senator?

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Vice President, there are gross violations of the Voting Rights Act from Florida, and I object; and it is not signed by a Senator.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair will advise that the rules do care, and the signature of a Senator is required. The Chair will again put that part of the question: Is the objection signed by a Senator?

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Vice President, there are gross violations of the Voting Rights Act from Florida, and I object; and it is not signed by a Senator.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair will advise that the rules do care, and the signature of a Senator is required. The Chair will again put that part of the question: Is the objection signed by a Senator?

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Vice President, there are gross violations of the Voting Rights Act from Florida, and I object; and it is not signed by a Senator.
wish to delay this until a quorum has been maintained.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The gentleman will be advised, as all Members of the joint session will be advised, that a motion for the presence of a quorum of the House of Representatives unless it is signed by a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator.

Since the Chair is advised that the gentleman’s motion is not signed by a Senator, it is not received.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Thank you, Mr. President. It is signed by me, but I do not have a Senator.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman from Texas.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Jackson) rise?

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. President, I have an objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is the gentleman’s objection in writing and signed by a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator?

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Yes, sir, I have signed it.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is the objection signed by a Senator?

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. President, I am objecting to the idea that votes have not been counted; and it is a sad day in America, Mr. President, when we cannot find a Senator to sign these objections. New Democratic Senators will not sign the objection, Mr. President. I object.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The gentleman will suspend. The Chair thanks the gentleman from Illinois, but, on the basis previously stated, the objection is not in order.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Hastings) rise?

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. President, point of order. Would the President advise whether or not there is an opportunity to appeal the ruling of the Chair?

The VICE PRESIDENT. This is going to sound familiar to you, to all of us.

The Chair finds that section 17 of title 3, United States Code, prescribes a single procedure for resolution of either an objection to a certificate or other questions arising in the matter. The Chair rules that the appeal is subject to the requirement that it be in writing and signed by both a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator. Since the Chair presumes that it is not signed by a Senator, it is not received on the basis previously stated.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. We did all we could, Mr. President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman from Florida.

Are there further objections?

Ms. WATERS. Further objection, Mr. President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. For what purpose does the gentlewoman from California (Ms. Waters) rise?

Ms. WATERS. Mr. President, I rise to ask unanimous consent that the debate on this issue go forward.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Notwithstanding the fact that an objection was heard, the Chair is advised that that request should not even be entertained.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Jackson) rise?

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. President, is it possible to ask at this hour for a Democratic Senator to sign one of these Democratic objections by unanimous consent? Is that within the House rules?

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair will advise the gentleman from Illinois that any Member of either Chamber may do as he or she wishes, so long as it is within the rules of the joint session. So it is possible, as long as it does not violate the rules, but the Chair will not entertain debate, because that is a violation of the rules of the joint session.

If there is no further objection, the Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Georgia, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator DODD (one of the tellers). Certificate of Ascertainment. On November 7, 2000, the following people were appointed electors of President and Vice President of the United States, each receiving 1,419,720 votes: Certificate of Vote of the 2000 Electors From Georgia. We, the undersigned, being the duly elected and qualified electors of President and Vice President of the United States, each receiving 1,419,720 votes, do hereby certify the following:

That the undersigned 2000 electors from the State of Georgia convened and organized at the State Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, County of Fulton, Georgia, at 12 o’clock noon, on the 18th day of December 2000, to perform the duties enjoined upon them:

That Frederick E. Cooper presided and Eric J. Tanenblatt served as Secretary for the meeting.

That the undersigned 2000 electors from the State of Georgia cast each of their respective ballots for President of the United States of America, as follows, Signed by the pertinent Electors and duly attested:

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Georgia seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom, 4 votes for President and 4 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Idaho and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. McCONNELL (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned electors of President and Vice President of the United States for the respective terms beginning on the twentieth day of January, two thousand and one, being Electors duly and legally appointed and qualified by and for the State of the Idaho, as appears by the annexed certificate made and delivered to us by the Executive of said State, having met agreeably to the provisions of law at the State of Idaho, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December of the year two thousand, being the eighteenth day of said month, do hereby certify that being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot and ballot filed for President and then for Vice President by distinct ballots.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote the State of Idaho seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom, 4 votes for President and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 4 votes for President and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 4 votes for Vice President.
The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Illinois, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. FATTAH (one of the tellers). Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Mr. President.

From the State of Illinois, Certificate of Vote.

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENT: That we, the undersigned, electors of the President and Vice President of the United States of America, duly and legally elected and appointed as such on the Seventh day of November, 2000, or chosen as provided by law for the filling of vacancies of Presidential Electors, and for the State of Illinois, as appears by the annexed certificates made and delivered to us by the Illinois State Board of Elections.

DO HEREBY CERTIFY that we met and convened, as provided by law, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in the Capitol, in the City of Springfield, in the State of Illinois, on the Eighteenth day of December, 2000, being the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December next following our appointment, and organized, by electing Michael J. Madigan Chairman and Constance A. Howard, Secretary of the College of Electors of the State of Illinois; and we further certify that the certificate so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot, and ballot first for President and then for Vice President by distinct ballots. We further certify that the following are distinct lists, one of the votes for President and the other of votes for Vice President, so cast as aforesaid:

AL GORE, 22, for President; JOE LIEBERMAN, 22, for Vice President.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested:

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Illinois seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Al Gore of the State of Tennessee received 22 votes for President and Joe Lieberman of the State of Connecticut received 22 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the Certificates of the Electors for President and Vice President of the State of Iowa. They will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers). The certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Iowa seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 12 votes for President and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 12 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. They will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator McCONNELL (one of the tellers). Pursuant to the 12th Amendment of the United States Constitution in section 7 through 11 of title III of the United States Code, we, the undersigned, electors for the Republican Party in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do provide you with this certificate of votes for President and Vice President of the United States of America.

Attached to the certificate is the ballot for President and the ballot for Vice President and a list of the electors furnished to us at the direction of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the Commonwealth of Kentucky seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State
of Texas received 8 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 8 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Louisiana, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. FATTAH (one of the tellers). The State of Louisiana, pursuant to the laws of the United States of America, I, M. J. “Mike” Foster, J.r., Governor of Louisiana, do hereby certify that Mike Foster and Suzanne Haik Terrell for the State at Large, Patricia Brister for the First District, Donald Ensenat, for the Second District, Al Lippman for the Third District, Michael Wood Setzer for the Fourth District, Elizabeth Levy for the Fifth District, Healette Fontenot, J.r. for the Sixth District, and Steve Jordon for the Seventh District were duly elected Electors for President and Vice President of the United States, on the part of the State of Louisiana, agreeable to the provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana, and in conformity with the Constitution of the United States of America, for the purpose of giving their votes for President and Vice President of the United States for the term prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, to begin on the 20th day of January, A.D., 2001.

It is signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Louisiana seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 9 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 9 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the United States, on the part of the State of Maine, agreeable to the provisions of law, in the State House at Augusta, in the State of Maine, in pursuance of the directions of the Congress of the United States, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December, being the eighteenth day of December, in the year two thousand; hereby certify, That, a vote by two distinct ballots was held; first, for President of the United States, and, then, for Vice President of the United States; and we further certify, That, the following are two distinct lists; one, of the votes for President, and the other, of the votes for Vice President, so cast as aforesaid, signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of Maine seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Al Gore of the State of Tennessee received 4 votes for President, and Joe Lieberman of the State of Connecticut received 4 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator McCONNELL (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned, ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, for the respective terms beginning at noon on the twentieth day of January, in the year two thousand and one, being Electors duly and legally appointed and qualified by and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as appears by the annexed certificate, made and delivered to us by the Executive of the Commonwealth, having met and convened, agreeably to the provisions of law, at the State House, in Boston, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December next following our appointment, being the eighteenth day of December, in the year two thousand.

DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That being duly and legally organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot, and balloted first for such President, and then for such Vice President, by distinct ballots.

AND WE FURTHER CERTIFY, That the following are two distinct lists, one of the votes for President, and the other of the votes for Vice President, so cast, as aforesaid.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Al Gore of the State of Tennessee received 12 votes for President, and Joe Lieberman of the State of Connecticut received 12 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Michigan, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. FATTAH (one of the tellers). The State of Michigan on November 7, 2000, and duly convened by and for the State to be Electors of President and Vice President of the United States for the respective terms commencing on the twentieth day of January in the year two thousand and one, having met in convention in the Chamber of the House of Representatives at Lansing, Michigan, this 18th day of December, A.D. 2000, due hereby certify that the following are lists of all votes given by us for the office of President and
We, the seven (7) presidential electors elected in Mississippi at the November 7, 2000, General Election, assembled in Jackson, Mississippi on December 18, 2000, hereby certify that we have cast our seven (7) electoral votes for the Office of President of the United States for Dick Cheney.

We, the seven (7) presidential electors elected in Mississippi at the November 7, 2000, General Election, assembled in Jackson, Mississippi, on December 18, 2000, hereby certify that we have cast our seven (7) electoral votes for the Office of Vice-President of the United States for George W. Bush.

We, the seven (7) presidential electors elected in Michigan at the November 7, 2000, General Election, assembled in Lansing, Michigan, on December 18, 2000, hereby certify that we have cast our seven (7) electoral votes for the Office of President of the United States for Dick Cheney.

We, the seven (7) presidential electors elected in Michigan at the November 7, 2000, General Election, assembled in Lansing, Michigan, on December 18, 2000, hereby certify that we have cast our seven (7) electoral votes for the Office of Vice-President of the United States for George W. Bush.

We, the seven (7) presidential electors elected in Missouri at the November 7, 2000, General Election, assembled in Jefferson City, Missouri on December 18, 2000, hereby certify that we have cast our seven (7) electoral votes for the Office of President of the United States for Dick Cheney.

We, the seven (7) presidential electors elected in Missouri at the November 7, 2000, General Election, assembled in Jefferson City, Missouri, on December 18, 2000, hereby certify that we have cast our seven (7) electoral votes for the Office of Vice-President of the United States for George W. Bush.

In witness whereof, signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Michigan seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that the electoral votes of the State of Michigan given for President and all of the votes of the State of Missouri given for Vice President are contained herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned electors for President and Vice-President, do hereby certify that all of the votes of the State of Missouri for President and all of the votes of the State of Missouri for Vice President are contained herein.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Michigan seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 7 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 7 votes for Vice President.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Minnesota seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 7 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 7 votes for Vice President.

We, the undersigned, duly elected and qualified as electors for President and Vice President of the United States of America for the respective terms beginning on the twentieth day of January, 2001 in and for the State of Minnesota, as appears by the annexed certificates mailed and delivered to us by the Governor of this State, its chief executive officer, having met and convened in accordance with the provisions of the law, in the executive chamber at the State Capitol at Saint Paul, Minnesota, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December, 2000, being the eighteenth day of this month. Do hereby certify, that being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot, and balloted first for President and then for Vice President by distinct ballots.

And we further certify that the following distinct lists, one of the votes for President and the other of the votes for Vice President, so cast as aforesaid:

For George W. Bush of Texas, 3 votes, and for Vice President, Dick Cheney of Wyoming, 3 votes, signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral votes of the State of Montana seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 3 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 3 votes for Vice President.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Utah seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 6 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 6 votes for Vice President.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Montana seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 3 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 3 votes for Vice President.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Utah seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 6 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 6 votes for Vice President.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Florida seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 25 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 25 votes for Vice President.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Arizona seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 11 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 11 votes for Vice President.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Iowa seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 14 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 14 votes for Vice President.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Missouri seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 7 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 7 votes for Vice President.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Washington seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 3 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 3 votes for Vice President.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Pennsylvania seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 19 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 19 votes for Vice President.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Michigan seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 7 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 7 votes for Vice President.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Mississippi seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 7 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 7 votes for Vice President.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Missouri seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 7 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 7 votes for Vice President.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Minnesota seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 7 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 7 votes for Vice President.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Utah seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 6 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 6 votes for Vice President.

And we further certify that the following are the two distinct lists, one of the votes for President and the other of the votes for Vice President, so cast as aforesaid:

For George W. Bush of Texas, 3 votes, and for Vice President, Dick Cheney of Wyoming, 3 votes, signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Montana seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 3 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 3 votes for Vice President.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Utah seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 6 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 6 votes for Vice President.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Pennsylvania seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 19 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 19 votes for Vice President.
Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers).—Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of New Hampshire seems to be regular in form and authentic. It appears, therefrom, that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 4 votes for President and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 4 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Hearing none, the Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of New Jersey, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers).—State of New Jersey, Certification of Electors. We, the undersigned, Paul M. Bangiola, Angelo R. Bianchi, Mamie Bridgeforth, Dennis P. Collins, John Garrett, Deborah Lynch, Patricia McDaniel, J. P. McGreevy, June Montag, W. Michael Murphy, Jeffrey L. Nash, Barbara A. Plumeri, Julia Valdivia, Stephen S. Weinstein, and Charles Wowkanich;

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Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of North Dakota seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 3 votes for President, and Dick Cheney from the State of Wyoming received 3 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?
There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Hearing none, the Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of North Carolina, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. NELSON (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned, being the duly elected, qualified and acting presidential electors for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that on the 18th day of December, 2000, in the City of Raleigh, State of North Carolina, duly and regularly met and convened and then and there, by authority of law in us vested, voted for President and Vice President of the United States of America, with the following results:

For President: George W. Bush, 14 votes.
For Vice President: Dick Cheney, 14 votes.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of North Carolina seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 14 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 14 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?
There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Hearing none, the Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Ohio, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Ohio seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 7 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 7 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?
There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Hearing none, the Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Oregon, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator DODD (one of the tellers). State of Ohio. We the undersigned, Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States of America for the respective terms of four years beginning on the Twentieth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand one, being the duly elected, qualified and legally appointed and qualified by and for the State of Ohio, as appears by the annexed list made, certified and delivered to us by the Executive of the State, having met and convened at the Statehouse, in the City of Columbus, in the State of Ohio, in pursuance of the direction of the Legislature of said State, on the First Monday after the Second Wednesday in December, being the Eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand.

Do hereby certify that, being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot, and balloted first for such President, and then for such Vice-President, by distinct ballots;

And We further certify, That the following are two distinct lists; one, of the votes cast for President, and the other of the votes for Vice-President, so cast as aforesaid.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested:

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Ohio seems to be regular in form and authentic; and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 7 votes for President, and Dick Cheney from the State of Wyoming received 21 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?
There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Hearing none, the Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Oregon, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. FATTAH (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America, as chosen by the voters of North Dakota on November 7, 2000, and as listed on the attached Certificate of Ascertainment made and delivered to us by the Executive of said state, having met according to the provisions of federal and state law at Bismarck, in said state of North Dakota, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday of December of year 2000, being the eighteen day of the said month,

Do hereby certify, that being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot, and balloted first for President and then for Vice President by distinct ballots;

And, we further certify that the following are two distinct lists, one showing the votes cast for President and the other showing the votes cast for Vice President, so cast as aforesaid:

For President: George W. Bush, 3 votes.
For Vice President, Dick Cheney, 3 votes.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of North Dakota seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 3 votes for President, and Dick Cheney from the State of Wyoming received 3 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?
There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Hearing none, the Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of North Carolina, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. NELSON (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned, being the duly elected, qualified and acting presidential electors for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that on the 18th day of December, 2000, in the City of Raleigh, State of North Carolina, duly and regularly met and convened and then and there, by authority of law in us vested, voted for President and Vice President of the United States of America, with the following results:

For President: George W. Bush, 14 votes.
For Vice President: Dick Cheney, 14 votes.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of North Carolina seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 14 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 14 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?
There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Hearing none, the Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Ohio, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Ohio seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 7 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 7 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?
There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Hearing none, the Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Oregon, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator DODD (one of the tellers). State of Ohio. We the undersigned, Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States of America for the respective terms of four years beginning on the Twentieth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand one, being the duly elected, qualified and legally appointed and qualified by and for the State of Ohio, as appears by the annexed list made, certified and delivered to us by the Executive of the State, having met and convened at the Statehouse, in the City of Columbus, in the State of Ohio, in pursuance of the direction of the Legislature of said State, on the First Monday after the Second Wednesday in December, being the Eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand;

Do hereby certify that, being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot, and balloted first for President and then for Vice President by distinct ballots;

And we further certify, that the following are two distinct lists; one, of the votes for President, and the other, of the votes for Vice President.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Oregon seems to be regular in form and authentic; and it appears therefrom that Al Gore of the State of Tennessee received 7 votes for President, and Joe Lieberman of the State of Connecticut received 7 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?
There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Hearing none, the Chair hands to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) and the other tellers the certificate of electors for President and Vice President of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

They will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. FATTAH (one of the tellers). It is a great pleasure that I read the certificate of the votes for President and Vice President of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States of America for the respective terms beginning the twentieth day of January, A.D. 2001, being electors duly and legally appointed and duly attested.
qualified by and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as appears by the annexed certificate of ascertainment made and delivered to us by the executive of said Commonwealth, and as appears by the annexed certificate made by us filling what was occasioned by the failure of electors to appear to perform their duties, having met, agreeably to the provisions of law, at Harrisburg, in said Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December in the year 2000, being the eighteenth day of said month:

DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot, and balloted first for President and then for Vice President by distinct ballots.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, that the following are two distinct lists, one, of all the votes for President; and the other of all the votes for Vice President, so cast as aforesaid.

LIST OF ALL PERSONS VOTED UPON FOR PRESIDENT:

AL GORE received 23 votes.
JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 4 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection? The Chair hears no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of South Carolina, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. Thomas (one of the tellers). The State of South Carolina, Office of Secretary of State Jim Miles. 2000 Electoral College Certificate of vote. We, the undersigned, being duly elected Electors for President and Vice President of the United States for the State of South Carolina, at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 7, 2000, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the United States and this State, certify that the following candidates for President and Vice President received the following number of votes by ballot at the meeting of electors held on Monday, December 18 in Columbia:

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: George W. Bush. Number of electoral votes 277.
FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: Dick Cheney. Number of electoral votes 271.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania seems to be regular in form and authentic; and it appears therefrom that AL Gore of the State of Tennessee received 4 votes for President and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 4 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection? The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of South Dakota, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. Thomas (one of the tellers). The State of South Dakota, Office of Secretary of State Jim Miles. 2000 Electoral College Certificate of vote. We, the undersigned, being duly elected Electors for President and Vice President of the United States for the State of South Dakota, at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 7, 2000, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the United States and this State, certify that the following candidates for President and Vice President received the following number of votes by ballot at the meeting of electors held on Monday, December 18 in Columbia:

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: George W. Bush. Number of electoral votes 277.
FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: Dick Cheney. Number of electoral votes 271.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of South Dakota seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 3 votes for President and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 3 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection? The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Tennessee, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. Fattah (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned, being duly elected Electors for President and Vice President of the United States of America for the State of Tennessee at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 7, 2000, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the United States and of this State, certify that the following candidates for President and Vice President received the following number of votes by ballot, at the meeting of Electors held on December 18, 2000, at the State Capitol of Tennessee, President of the United States of America, George W. Bush 11, Vice President of the United States of America, Dick Cheney 11.

Signed by pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Tennessee seems to be regular in form and authentic; and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 11 votes for President and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 11 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection? The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Texas, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. Thomas (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned, being duly elected Electors for President and Vice President of the United States for the State of Texas, and of the State of Texas, certify that the following candidates for President and Vice President received the following number of votes by ballot, at the meeting of Electors held on December 18, 2000, at the State Capitol of Austin, Texas, President of the United States, George W. Bush 285, Vice President of the United States, Dick Cheney 277.

Signed by pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Texas seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas, hereinafter certified that we did convene in the State Capitol, Austin, Texas, on the 18th day of December 2000, for the purpose of voting for President and Vice President of the United States.

We HEREBY CERTIFY that the persons whose names are listed herein voted by individual ballot for President of the United States and for Vice President of the United States, and the
number of votes cast for each office numbered thirty-two (32).

FOR PRESIDENT: George W. Bush received thirty-two votes; and no votes were cast for any other person for President of the United States.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT: Dick Cheney received thirty-two votes; and no votes were cast for any other person for Vice President of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto signed our names officially this 18th day of December, 2000.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Texas seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received thirty-two votes for President and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received thirty-two votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of electors for President and Vice President of the State of Vermont, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator McConnell (one of the tellers). We hereby certify that the attached are of the Certificate of Ascertainment listing all Electors, candidates for Electors, and number of votes received and the Certificate of Vote listing all persons who received electoral votes for President with the number of votes received and all persons who received votes for Vice President and the number of votes received, as signed and certified by the Electors at the December 18, 2000, meeting at the State House in Montpelier, Vermont.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Vermont seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Al Gore of the State of Tennessee received thirty-two votes for President and Joe Lieberman of the State of Connecticut received three votes as Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of electors for President and Vice President of the State of Washington, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator Dodd (one of the tellers). Certificate of the Electoral College of the State of Washington.

We, the undersigned Presidential Electors of the State of Washington, being duly elected and qualified as evidenced by the accompanying Certificate of Ascertainment made and delivered to us by the Governor of the State of Washington, and having met pursuant to the provisions of Federal and state law, at the State Capitol in Olympia, in the state of Washington, twelve o'clock noon, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December, 2000, do certify, that we have voted, by ballot, separately for the offices of President of the United States and Vice President of the United States for the respective terms which begin on the 20th day of January, 2001, and that the following are the names of all the persons who received votes for these offices, respectively.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Washington seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Al Gore of the State of Tennessee received eleven votes for President and Joe Lieberman of the State of Connecticut received eleven votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of
the electors for President and Vice President of the State of West Virginia, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers). Certificate of Vote.

We, the undersigned, ELECTORS OF VICE PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT of the United States, chosen by the people of West Virginia at the general election held on November 7, 2000, certify that we assembled in the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Charleston, West Virginia, on December 7, 2000, and voted as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT: George W. Bush five votes.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT: Dick Cheney five votes.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of West Virginia seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 5 votes for President and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 5 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Wyoming, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. FATTAH (one of the tellers). For the State of Wyoming, Secretary of State, Certificate of Votes for President and Vice President.

Whereas, according to the official return of the General Election held in the State of Wyoming, on the 7th day of November, 2000, as duly canvassed by the Wyoming State Canvassing Board, a list is hereby given of the votes cast for President and Vice President of the United States.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Wyoming seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 3 votes for President and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 3 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Gentlemen and gentlewomen of the Congress, the certificates of all the States have now been opened and read, and the tellers will make final ascertainment of the result and deliver the same to the President of the Senate.

The tellers delivered to the President of the Senate the following statement of results:


The undersigned, CHRISTOPHER J. DODD and MITCH MCCONNELL, tellers on the part of the Senate, WILLIAM M. THOMAS, CHAKA FATTAH, tellers on the part of the House of Representatives, report the following as the result of the ascertainment and counting of the electoral vote for President and Vice President of the United States for the term beginning on the twentieth day of January, two thousand and one.

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WILLIAM M. THOMAS, CHAKA FATTAH, Tellers on the part of the House of Representatives.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The state of the vote for President of the United States, as delivered to the President of the Senate, is as follows:
entered, together with a list of the votes, on the Journals of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

May God bless our new President and our new Vice President, and may God bless the United States of America.

Members of the Select Committee, the purpose for which the joint session of the two Houses of Congress has been called has been accomplished, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 1, 107th Congress, the Chair thanks the Speaker and the Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate here assembled and declares the joint session dissolved.

(Thereupon, at 2 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m., the joint session of the two Houses of Congress was dissolved.)

THE SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declaresthe House in recess until 3:05 p.m.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 3:05 p.m.

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COMPOSITION OF PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the House be called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) at 3 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) at 3 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 19) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. Res. 19

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees for the House of Representatives:

Committee on Agriculture: Mr. Combest, Chairman; Mr. Boehner; Mr. Goodlatte; Mr. Pombo; Mr. Smith of Michigan; Mr. Everett; Mr. Lucas of Oklahoma; Mr. Chambless; Mr. Moran of Kansas; Mr. Schaffer; Mr. Thune; Mr. Jenkins; Mr. Cooksey; Mr. Gutknecht; Mr. Riley; Mr. Simpson; Mr. Ose; Mr. Hayes; Mr. Castle; Mr. Thompson, Chairman; Mr. Hefley; Mr. Walsh; Mr. Taylor of North Carolina; Mr. Hobson; Mr. Istook; Mr. Bonilla; Mr. Knollenberg; Mr. Miller of Florida; Mr. Wicker; Mr. Nethercutt; Mr. Cunningham; Mr. Tiahrt; Mr. Wamp; Mr. Latham; Mrs. Northup; Mr. Aderholt; Mrs. Emerson; Mr. Hoekstra; Mr. Granger; Mr. Gingrey of Georgia; Mr. Broun; of Pennsylvania; Mr. Pastore; Mr. Garamendi of California; Mr. Baldacci; Mr. Blumenauer; Mr. Foster; Mr. Taylor; Mr. Tanner; Mr. Van Houten; Mr. Stupak; Mr. Wamp; Mr. Lipinski; Mr. Baca; Mr. Taubman; Mr. Wexler; Mr. Akin; Mr. Davis of Virginia; Mr. Schrock and Mr. Akin.

Committee on Armed Services: Mr. Stump, Chairman; Mr. Spence; Mr. Hunter; Mr. Hansen; Mr. Weldon of Pennsylvania; Mr. Hefley; Mr. Saxton; Mr. McHugh; Mr. Everett; Mr. Bartlett; Mr. McKeon; Mr. Watts; Mr. Thornberry; Mr. Hostettler; Mr. Chambliss; Mr. Hileary; Mr. Scarborough; Mr. Jones of North Carolina; Mr. Graham; Mr. Ryan of Kansas; Mr. Riley; Mr. Gibbons; Mr. Hayes; Mr. Calve; Sherwood; Mr. Culver; Mr. Simmons; Mr. Crenshaw; Mr. Kirk; Ms. Jo Ann Davis of Virginia; Mr. Schrock and Mr. Akin.

Committee on Budget: Mr. Nussle, Chairman; Mr. Hoekstra; Mr. Bass; Mr. Gutknecht; Mr. Hileary; Mr. Sununu; Mr. Knollenberg; Mr. Thornberry; Mr. Ryan of Kansas; Mr. Collins; Mr. Wamp; Mr. Fletcher; Mr. Gary Miller of California; Mr. Toomey; Mr. Watkins; Mr. Hastings of Washington; Mr. Sweeney; Mr. Schrock; Mr. Culberson; Mr. Brown of South Carolina; Mr. Crenshaw and Mr. Putnam.

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Mr. Boehner, Chairman; Mr. Petri; Mrs. Roukema; Mr. Ballenger; Mr. Hefley; Mr. McKeon; Mr. Akin; Mr. Johnson of Illinois; Mr. Pence; Mr. Franks; and Mr. Ryan of Wisconsin.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Mr. Barton, Chairman; Mr. Garamendi; Mr. Ryan of California; Mr. Pascrell; Mr. Carnahan; Mr. Baca; Mr. Gilchrest; Mr. Roe; Mr. Pascrell; Mr. Upton; Mr. Hefley; Mr. Ehlers; Mr. Tiahrt; Mr. Tusman; Mr. Biggert; Mr. Brown of South Carolina; Mr. Hefley; Mr. McKeon; Mr. Akin; Mr. Johnson of Illinois; Mr. Pence; Mr. Franks; and Mr. Ryan of Wisconsin.

Committee on Government Reform: Mr. Castle, Chairman; Mr. Baker; Mr. Butterfield; Mr. Cole; Mr. Clymer; Mr. Moran of Kentucky; Mr. Sanders; Mr. Akin; Mr. Johnson of Illinois; Mr. Pence; Mr. Franks; and Mr. Ryan of Wisconsin.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Mr. Baca, Chairman; Mr. Johnson of Illinois; Mr. Pence; Mr. Franks; and Mr. Ryan of Wisconsin.

Committee on International Relations: Mr. Hyde, Chairman; Mr. Gilman; Mr. Leach; Mr. Royce; Mr. Smith of Michigan; Mr. Burton of Indiana; Mr. Gallegly; Mr. Ros-Lehtinen; Mr. Ballenger; Mr. Rohrabacher; Mr. Smith of New Jersey; Mr. King of Iowa; Mr. Wexler; Mr. Sessions of Alabama; Mr. Suehle of Alaska; Mr. Tiahrt; Mr. Biggert; Mr. Brown of South Carolina; Mr. Hefley; Mr. Garamendi; Mr. Ryan of California; Mr. Pascrell; Mr. Pennacchio; Mr. Akin; Mr. Johnson of Illinois; Mr. Pence; Mr. Franks; and Mr. Ryan of Wisconsin.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Mr. Boehlert, Chairman; Mr. Gilman; Mr. Hunter; Mr. Harris; Mr. Morgan of Maryland; Mr. Ehlers; Mr. Garamendi; Mr. Ryan of California; Mr. Pascrell; Mr. Akin; Mr. Johnson of Illinois; Mr. Pence; Mr. Franks; and Mr. Ryan of Wisconsin.

Committee on Small Business: Mr. Manzullo, Chairman; Mr. Connolly; Mr. McCrery; Mr. Camp; Mr. Newton; Mr. Petri; Mr. Pascrell; Mr. Akin; Mr. Johnson of Illinois; Mr. Pence; Mr. Franks; and Mr. Ryan of Wisconsin.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Mr. Young of Alaska, Chairman; Mr. Gonzales; Mr. Pascrell; Mr. Akin; Mr. Johnson of Illinois; Mr. Pence; Mr. Franks; and Mr. Ryan of Wisconsin.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Mr. Smith of New Jersey, Chairman; Mr. Stump; Mr. Bilirakis; Mr. Brasch; Mr. Thompson; Mr. Akin; Mr. Johnson of Illinois; Mr. Pence; Mr. Franks; and Mr. Ryan of Wisconsin.

Committee on Ways and Means: Mr. Thomas, Chairman; Mr. Crane; Mr. Shaw; Mrs. Johnson of Connecticut; Mr. Houghton; Mr. Houghton; Mr. McCrery; Mr. Camp; Mr. Rangel; Mr. Nussle; Mr. Johnson of Texas; Mr. Davis; Mr. Collins; Mr. Portman; Mr. English; Mr. Watkins; Mr. Hayworth; Mr. Cuellar; Mr. Gillman; Mr. Lewis of Kentucky; Mr. Foxx; Mr. Brady of Texas; Mr. Ryan of Wisconsin.

Mr. GOSS (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the Register.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?