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Senate

The fourth day of January being the day prescribed by House Concurrent Resolution 315 for the meeting of the 1st session of the 104th Congress, the Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol, at 12 noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Richard C. Halverson, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

In a moment of silence, let us remember David Marcos, assistant executive clerk in the Secretary's office, who lost his wife, Ann, last Thursday.

For there is no power but of God: The powers that be are ordained of God.—Romans 13:1.

Eternal God, sovereign Lord of history, Governor of the nations, Your word is very clear. Authority comes from God, and authority is accountable to God. As the Senate opens the 104th Congress, engrave in the hearts and minds of Your servants this transcendent truth. Help them to live their lives and do their work profoundly aware of their God-ordained responsibility.

Gracious God, grant to the Senators who are sworn in today a special sense of this profound fact, that they are here not simply because they sought the office or because the people elected them but that behind the whole process was the sovereign appointment of the Lord.

Grant them grace to fulfill the purpose for which Thou hast placed them here. Be with their families as they make the adjustments to the tough schedules and the endless hours demanded of Senators. Grant to all who serve in the Senate the gifts of love and loyalty and patience.

We pray in His name who is truth and love incarnate. Amen.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION AND CREDENTIALS

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate one certificate of election to fill an unexpired term and the credentials of 33 Senators elected for 6-year terms beginning on January 3, 1995.

All certificates, the Chair is advised, are in the form suggested by the Senate or contain all the essential requirements of the form suggested by the Senate. If there be no objection, the reading of the above-mentioned letters and the certificates will be waived, and they will be printed in full in the RECORD.

The majority leader.

Mr. DOLE. There is no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The documents ordered to be printed in the RECORD are as follows:

STATE OF TENNESSEE

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR UNEXPIRED TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, Fred Thompson was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Tennessee a Senator for the unexpired term ending at noon on the 3rd day of January, 1997 to fill the vacancy in the representation from said State in the Senate of the United States caused by the resignation of Al Gore, Jr.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Ned McWherter, and our seal hereto affixed at Nashville this 2nd day of December, in the year of our Lord 1994.

By the Governor:

NED MCWHERTER,
Governor.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, E. Spencer Abraham of 841

Chaseway Blvd., Auburn Hills, Michigan, 48326, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Michigan a Senator from said State to represent the State of Michigan in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

Witness: His excellency our governor John Engler, and our seal hereto affixed at ten-thirty a.m. this seventh day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-four.

JOHN ENGLER,
Governor.

STATE OF HAWAII

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the eighth day of November, 1994, Daniel K. Akaka was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Hawaii a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

Witness: His excellency our governor, John Waihee, and our seal hereto affixed at Honolulu this 28th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1994.

By the Governor:

JOHN WAIHEE,
Governor.

STATE OF MISSOURI

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, John Ashcroft was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Missouri a Senator from said state to represent said state in the United States Senate for a term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 7th day of December, 1994.

MEL CARNAHAN,
Governor.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, Jeff Bingaman was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Mexico a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Bruce King, and our seal hereto affixed on this 30th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1994.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Mexico in the City of Santa Fe, the Capitol, on this 30th day of November, A.D. 1994.

BRUCE KING,
Governor.

STATE OF NEVADA

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that at a general election held in the State of Nevada on Tuesday, the eighth day of November, nineteen hundred and ninety four, Richard H. Bryan was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Nevada a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, nineteen hundred and ninety-five.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Bob Miller, and our seal hereto affixed at Carson City this eighth day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-four.

By the Governor:

BOB MILLER,
Governor.

STATE OF MONTANA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the eighth day of November, A.D. 1994, Conrad Burns was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Montana a Senator from said State to represent said State in the United States Senate for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Montana, at Helena, the Capital, this 6th day of December, 1994.

MARC RACICOT,
Governor.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the eighth day of November, 1994, Robert C. Byrd was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of West Virginia a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 1995.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Gaston Caperton, and our seal hereto affixed at Charleston this 20th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1994.

By the Governor:

GASTON CAPERTON,
Governor.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, John H. Chafee was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Sundlun, and our seal affixed on this 10th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1994.

BRUCE SUNDLUN,
Governor.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, Kent Conrad was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the state of North Dakota as Senator from said State to represent said state in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Edward T. Schafer, and our seal hereto affixed at Bismarck this 8th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1994.

By the Governor:

EDWARD T. SCHAFER,
Governor.

STATE OF OHIO

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, Mike DeWine was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Ohio a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

Witness: His excellency our governor George V. Voinovich, and our seal hereto affixed at Columbus, Ohio, this 20th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1994.

GEORGE V. VOINOVICH,
Governor.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, Dianne Feinstein was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of California a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 15th day of December 1994.

PETE WILSON,
Governor of California.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, Bill Frist was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Tennessee a Senator from said State to rep-

resent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Ned McWherter, and our seal hereto affixed at Nashville this 2nd day of December, in the year of our Lord 1994.

By the Governor:

NED MCWHERTER,
Governor.

STATE OF WASHINGTON

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, Slade Gorton was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Washington a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed this 8th day of December, A.D. 1994, at Olympia, the State Capital.

MIKE LOWRY,
Governor.

STATE OF MINNESOTA

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, Rod Grams was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Minnesota a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Arne H. Carlson, and our seal hereto affixed at St. Paul, Minnesota this 22nd day of November, in the year of our Lord 1994.

ARNE H. CARLSON,
Governor.

STATE OF UTAH

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, Orrin Hatch was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Utah a Senator from said state to represent said state in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Michael O. Leavitt, and our seal hereto affixed at the state capitol this 28th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1994.

By the Governor:

MICHAEL O. LEAVITT,
Governor.

STATE OF TEXAS

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, Kay Bailey Hutchison was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Texas a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

Witness: Her excellency our Governor, and our seal hereto affixed at Austin this 8th of December, in the year of our Lord 1994.

By the Governor:

ANN W. RICHARDS,
Governor.

STATE OF VERMONT

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, Jim Jeffords was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Vermont a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Howard Dean, M.D., and our seal hereto affixed at Montpelier this 30th day of November, 1994.

HOWARD DEAN,
Governor.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the eighth day of November, nineteen hundred and ninety-four, Edward M. Kennedy was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a Senator from said Commonwealth to represent said Commonwealth in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, nineteen hundred and ninety-five.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor, William F. Weld, and our seal hereto affixed at Boston, this thirtieth day of November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-four.

By His Excellency the Governor:
WILLIAM F. WELD.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, Bob Kerrey was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Nebraska a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska.

Done at Lincoln this Eighth Day of December in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four.

BEN NELSON,
Governor.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, Herb Kohl was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Wisconsin as Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

Witness: His excellency our governor Tommy G. Thompson, and our seal hereto affixed at Madison this 12th day of December, 1994.

By the Governor:
TOMMY G. THOMPSON,
Governor.

STATE OF ARIZONA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, Jon Kyl was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Arizona as Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

Witness: His excellency the Governor of Arizona, and the great seal of Arizona hereto affixed at Phoenix, the capital, this 28th day of November, in the year of our Lord, 1994.

By the Governor:
FIFE SYMINGTON,
Governor.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, Frank R. Lautenberg was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Jersey a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

Witness: Her excellency our Governor Christine Todd Whitman, and our seal hereto affixed at Trenton, this sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord, 1994.

By the Governor:
CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN,
Governor.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the eighth day of November, nineteen hundred and ninety-four, Joe Lieberman was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Connecticut Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January nineteen hundred and ninety-five.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Lowell P. Weicker, Jr., and our seal hereto affixed at Hartford, this thirtieth day of November, in the year of our Lord, 1994.

By the Governor:
LOWELL P. WEICKER, Jr.,
Governor.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, Trent Lott was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Mississippi, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Jackson, this the 10th day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and nineteenth.

By the Governor:
KIRK FORDICE,
Governor.

STATE OF INDIANA

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the eighth day of November, nineteen hundred ninety-four, Richard G. Lugar was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Indiana a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, nineteen hundred ninety-five.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Evan Bayh, and our seal hereto affixed at Indianapolis, Indiana, this fifteenth day of De-

cember in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred ninety-four.

By the Governor:
EVAN BAYH,
Governor.

STATE OF FLORIDA

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the eighth day of November, A.D., 1994, Connie Mack was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Florida a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3d day of January, 1995.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Lawton Chiles, and our seal hereto affixed at Tallahassee, this Sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord 1994.

By the Governor:
LAWTON CHILES,
Governor.

STATE OF NEW YORK

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the eighth day of November, 1994, Daniel Patrick Moynihan was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New York a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January 1995.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Mario M. Cuomo, and our seal hereto affixed at Albany this fourteenth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred ninety-four.

By the Governor:
MARIO M. CUOMO.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, Charles S. Robb was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Virginia a Senator from said Commonwealth to represent said Commonwealth in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 1995.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, George Allen, and our lesser seal hereto affixed at Richmond, this 29th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1994.

By the Governor:
GEORGE ALLEN,
Governor.

STATE OF DELAWARE

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

Be it known, an election was held in the State of Delaware, on Tuesday, the eighth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four that being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, in pursuance of the Constitution of the United States and the Laws of the State of Delaware, in that behalf, for the election of a Senator for the people of the said State, in the Senate of the United States.

Whereas, the official certificates or returns of the said 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 the said State, by the Superior Court of the said counties; and having examined said returns, and enumerated and ascertained the number

of votes for each and every candidate or person voted for, for such Senator, I have found William V. Roth, Jr., to be the person highest in votes, and therefore duly elected Senator of and for the said State in the Senate of the United States for the Constitutional term to commence at noon on the third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five.

I, Thomas R. Carper, Governor, do therefore, according to the form of the Act of the General Assembly of the said State and of the Act of Congress of the United States, in such case made and provided, declare the said William V. Roth, Jr. the person highest in votes at the election aforesaid, and therefore duly and legally elected Senator of and for the said State of Delaware in the Senate of the United States, for the Constitutional term to commence at noon on the third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the said State, in obedience to the said Act of the General Assembly and of the said Act of Congress, at Dover, the 15th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and nineteenth.

By the Governor:

THOMAS R. CARPER,
Governor.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the eighth day of November, 1994, Rick Santorum was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a United States Senator to represent Pennsylvania in the Senate of the United States for a term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 1995.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Robert P. Casey, and our seal hereto affixed at Harrisburg this twenty-second day of December, in the year of our Lord, 1994.

By the Governor:

ROBERT CASEY,
Governor.

STATE OF MARYLAND

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, Paul S. Sarbanes was duly chosen by the qualified voters of the State of Maryland a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for a term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, William Donald Schaefer, and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Annapolis, this 7th day of December, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety-four.

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER,
Governor.

STATE OF MAINE

Greeting: Know Ye, That Olympia J. Snowe of Auburn in the County of Androscoggin on the eighth day of November, in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four, was chosen by the electors of this State, a United States Senator in the One Hundred Fourth Congress of the United States of America to represent the State of Maine in the United States Senate, for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-five.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, given under my hand at Augusta this first day of

December in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four.

JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR.,
Governor.

STATE OF WYOMING

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 1994, Craig Thomas was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Wyoming a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1995.

Witness: His excellency our governor Mike Sullivan, and our seal hereto affixed at Cheyenne this 7th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1994.

MIKE SULLIVAN,
Governor.

CALIFORNIA ELECTION CONTEST

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, prior to the Chair asking that the Senators-elect present themselves to take their oath of office, I would like to address the Senate briefly on a petition submitted on behalf of Michael Huffington, who was a candidate for U.S. Senator from California. The petition contests the election of the Senator-elect from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], asserting that there were irregularities and fraud in that election. The petition asks that if Senator FEINSTEIN is seated, as will occur, the seating be without prejudice to the ultimate determination of the election contest.

Election petitions are submitted to the Senate pursuant to the Senate's power, under article I, section 5, clause 1 of the Constitution, to "be the judge of the elections, returns, and qualifications of its own members." Under rule 25 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, petitions concerning contested elections shall be referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, and that shall be done with Mr. Huffington's petition. It shall be the responsibility of the Rules Committee to determine what procedures should be followed in considering the merits of Mr. Huffington's election contest, and whether a recommendation should be made to the Senate about its disposition.

With respect to the swearing in that will follow, the petition asks that we consider at this time the narrower question whether the oath should be administered to Senator FEINSTEIN without prejudice to the election petition. At the convening of the 103d Congress, Senator Mitchell and I addressed the Senate on how that question has been viewed in previous election contests. In the course of our remarks, we particularly relied on the analysis of a predecessor of ours as majority leader, Senator Robert Taft of Ohio. Our full remarks, and a reprinting of remarks delivered by Senator Taft in 1953, are set forth in the RECORD for January 5, 1993. I shall not repeat all that has been said previously, but the essential point is as follows.

The oath that will be administered to Senator FEINSTEIN, just as the oath that will be administered to all other Senators-elect, will be without prejudice to the Senate's constitutional power to be the judge of the election of its members. In the words of Senator Taft in 1953,

If a Senator takes the oath, I do not believe that the fact changes the basis of the vote, or the percentage of the vote required, which is determined by the character of the case, rather than by anything done at the time the oath is administered.

As I stated to the Senate 2 years ago, "In effect we are all sworn in 'without prejudice.'"

Just as the Senate retains its full power to judge the election in California and all other Senate elections, the pendency of an election contest does not diminish the effect of the oath that will now be administered. As I also expressed to the Senate at the opening of the last Congress, "All Senators sworn in today are Senators in every sense of the word."

Nevertheless, as Senator Mitchell told the Senate 2 years ago, the making of this statement prior to the swearing in of a challenge Senator-elect serves the purpose of acknowledging formally that the Senate has received an election petition and that it will review the petition in accordance with its customary procedures.

SWEARING IN OF SENATORS

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I would like to state my concurrence with the basic proposition stated today that the administration of the oath to Senator-elect FEINSTEIN will not prejudice in any way the Senate's constitutional power to judge the California election. Neither will the pendency of Mr. Huffington's petition diminish in any way the effect of the oath that will now be administered to Senator FEINSTEIN. I join in the observation by Senator DOLE and shared by previous Senate leaders that all Senators sworn in today are Senators in every sense of the word.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

The VICE PRESIDENT. If the Senators to be sworn will now present themselves at the desk in groups of four as their names are called in alphabetical order, the Chair will administer their oaths of office.

The clerk will read the names of the first group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ASHCROFT, and Mr. BINGAMAN.

These Senators, escorted by former Senator Griffin and Mr. LEVIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BOND, and Mr. DOMENICI, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally