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## Senate

The 6th day of January being the day prescribed by House Joint Resolution 138 for the meeting of the 1st session of the 106th Congress, the Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol, at 12:04 p.m.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Almighty God, recapture our minds, rivet our attention, galvanize our wills. You alone are Sovereign of this land and demand our indefatigable loyalty; You are our Lord and require our obedience. This is an awesome moment of encounter with You for the Senators-elect who will make an unreserved commitment to You, to our beloved Nation, and to our cherished Constitution. Give them a vision of their greatness as leaders of this Nation that You had in mind when You first thought of them before they were born. Thank You for the families who nurtured them, the mentors who sculpted their characters, the loved ones who now sustain and encourage them. They are here by Your choice and are ultimately accountable to You for how they lead this Nation under Your guidance. May the vows they take and the immense responsibilities they assume bring them to profound humility and an unreserved openness to You. Save them from the seduction of human power by the steady flow of Your power; free them from any addiction to popularity by the reminder that You only must be pleased; and replace any aggrandizement of pride with an aggregate of praise for You and the privilege of being servant leaders. In the pressures, keep their priorities straight: You and their families, first; the good of the Nation, second; consensus around truth, third; party loyalties, fourth; and, last of all, personal success.

And now, gracious God, we claim Your faithfulness for the Senators-elect and for all the Senators. May the

soul-sized issues before them bring them to deeper prayer than ever before. Anoint their minds with Your Spirit, guide them to creative solutions, grant them Your supernatural power for facing this challenging hour. Through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

### CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate the credentials of 34 Senators elected for 6-year terms beginning on January 3, 1999.

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 certificates will be waived, and they will be printed in full in the RECORD.

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

#### STATE OF INDIANA

##### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM

*Be it known by these presents:*

Whereas, according to certified statements submitted by the Circuit Court Clerks of the several counties to the Election Division of the Office of the Secretary of State of Indiana, and based upon a tabulation of those statements performed by the Election Division, the canvass prepared by the Election Division states that at the General Election conducted on the third day of November, 1998, the electors chose Evan Bayh to serve the People of the State of Indiana as United States Senator from Indiana.

Now, therefore, in the name of and by the authority of the State of Indiana, I certify the following in accordance with title 2 United States Code Section 1:

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Evan Bayh 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 3rd day of January, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our governor Frank O'Bannon, and our seal hereto affixed

at Indianapolis, this twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord, 1998,

By the Governor:

FRANK O'BANNON,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF UTAH

##### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Robert F. Bennett 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, 1999.

By the Governor:

MICHAEL O. LEAVITT,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF MISSOURI

##### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Christopher (Kit) Bond was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Missouri a Senator from the State of Missouri to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day January, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our governor Mel Carnahan, and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Jefferson this 3rd day of December, in the year of our Lord 1998.

By the Governor:

MEL CARNAHAN,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

##### A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE 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 3rd day of November, 1998, Barbara Boxer was duly chosen

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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, 1999.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 16th day of December 1998.

By the Governor:

PETE WILSON,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF LOUISIANA

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

I, M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr., Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby certify that, in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, on the 3rd day of November, 1998, JOHN B. BREAUUX was elected by the qualified electors of the state of Louisiana a Senator to represent the state of Louisiana in the United States Senate for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1999. The votes cast, 620,502 for John B. Breauux (Democrat), 12,203 for Raymond Brown (Other), 3,227 for Jeffrey R. Diket (Other), 306,616 for "Jim" Donelon (Republican), 6,366 for L.D. "Nota" Knox, Sr. (Other), 9,893 for Sam Houston Melton, Jr. (Democrat), 2,394 for Martin A. Rosenthal (Other), and 7,964 for Darryl Paul Ward (Republican), are on file and of record in the office of the Secretary of State of Louisiana.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 19th day of November, 1998.

By the Governor:

M.J. FOSTER,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF KANSAS

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

This is to certify that on the third day of November, nineteen hundred ninety-eight, Sam Brownback was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Kansas 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-nine.

Witness: His excellency our governor Bill Graves, and our seal hereto affixed at Topeka this seventh day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred ninety-eight.

By the Governor:

BILL GRAVES,  
Governor.

#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

To all to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting: Know Ye, That Honorable Jim Bunning having been duly certified, that on November 3, 1998, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Kentucky a Senator from said state to represent said state in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning the 3rd day of January 1999.

I hereby invest the above named with full power and authority to execute and discharge the duties of the said office according to law. And to have and to hold the same, with all the rights and emoluments thereunto legally appertaining, for and during the term prescribed by law.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the seal of the

Commonwealth to be hereunto affixed. Done at Frankfort, the 1st day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight and in the 207th year of the Commonwealth.

By the Governor:

PAUL E. PATTON  
Governor.

#### STATE OF COLORADO

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

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Ben Nighthorse Campbell was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Colorado 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 1999.

Witness: His excellency our governor Roy Romer, and our seal hereto affixed at the City and County of Denver this 8th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1998.

By the governor:

ROY ROMER,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF GEORGIA

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

This is to certify that on the third day of November, 1998, Paul Coverdell was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Georgia 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, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Zell Miller, and our seal hereto affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, this third day of December, in the year of our Lord 1998.

By the Governor:

ZELL MILLER,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF IDAHO

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

This is to certify that on the third day of November, 1998, Mike Crapo was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Idaho 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, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our governor Philip E. Batt, and our seal hereto affixed at Boise this 20th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1998.

By the Governor:

PHILIP E. BATT,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

This is to certify, That on the third day of November, 1998, at a general election Tom Daschle was duly chosen by the qualified voters of the State of South Dakota to the office of United States Senator for the term of six years, beginning the third day of January, nineteen hundred ninety-nine.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed at Pierre, the Capital, this 16th day of November—nineteen hundred ninety-eight.

By the Governor:

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF CONNECTICUT

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to Certify that on the third day of November, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight Christopher J. Dodd 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-nine.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor, John G. Rowland and our seal hereto affixed at Hartford, this twenty-fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

By the Governor:

JOHN G. ROWLAND,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

At North Dakota's General Election held on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Byron L. Dorgan was elected to the United States Senate from the State of North Dakota. The term of office is 6 years and begins at noon on the 3rd day of January in the year 1999 and continues until a successor is elected and duly qualified.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands at the Capitol in the City of Bismarck this 1st day of December, 1998, and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota.

By the Governor:

EDWARD T. SCHAFER,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, John Edwards was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of North Carolina 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, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., and our seal hereto affixed at Raleigh the 2nd day of December, in the year of our Lord 1998.

By the Governor:

JAMES B. HUNT, JR.,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF WISCONSIN

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION, UNITED STATES  
SENATOR, NOVEMBER 3, 1998  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998 Russ Feingold was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Wisconsin 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, 1999.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this tenth day of December in the year of one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.

By the Governor:

TOMMY G. THOMPSON,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF ILLINOIS

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the third day of November, nineteen hundred ninety-eight,

Peter G. Fitzgerald was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Illinois, 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-nine.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Jim Edgar, and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Springfield this twenty-third day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred ninety-eight.

By the Governor:

JIM EDGAR,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF FLORIDA

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

This is to certify that on the Third day of November, 1998, Bob Graham 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 3rd of January, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Lawton Chiles, and our seal hereto affixed at Tallahassee, this Fourth day of December in the year of our Lord 1998.

By the Governor:

LAWTON CHILES,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF IOWA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
TO THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Charles Grassley was duly chosen, by the qualified electors of the State of Iowa, a Senator from said State to represent Iowa in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1999.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 30th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred ninety-eight.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the third day of November, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, Judd Gregg, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Hampshire 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-nine.

Witness: Her Excellency, Governor Jeanne Shaheen and the Seal of the State of New Hampshire hereto affixed at Concord, this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

By the Governor, with advice of the Council:

JEANNE SHAHEEN,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

This is to certify that on the third day of November, 1998, the Honorable Ernest F. Hollings was duly chosen by the qualified elec-

tors of the State of South Carolina 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 1999.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, David M. Beasley, and our seal hereto affixed at Columbia, South Carolina this nineteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, 1998.

DAVID M. BEASLEY,  
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 third day of November, 1998, Daniel K. Inouye 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, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Benjamin J. Cayetano and our seal hereto affixed at Honolulu this 23rd day of November, in the year of our Lord 1998.

By the governor:

BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO,  
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 3rd day of November, 1998, Patrick Leahy 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 3d day of January, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Howard Dean, and our seal hereto affixed at this 3rd day of December, in the year of our Lord 1998.

HOWARD DEAN,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF ARKANSAS

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

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Blanche Lambert Lincoln was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Arkansas 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, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Mike Huckabee, and our seal hereto affixed at Little Rock, Arkansas, this 25th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1998.

By the governor:

MIKE HUCKABEE,  
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 3rd day of November 1998, John McCain was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Arizona a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning the 3rd Day of January 1999.

Witness: Her excellency the Governor of Arizona, and the Great Seal of the State of Arizona hereto affixed at the Capitol in Phoenix this 23rd day of November 1998.

JANE DEE HULL,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF MARYLAND

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Barbara A. Mikulski 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, 1999.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor, Parris Glendening, and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Annapolis, this 30th day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety-eight.

PARRIS N. GLENDENING  
Governor.

#### STATE OF ALASKA

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

This is to certify that in an election held on the 3rd day of November, 1998 and certified on the 1st day of December, 1998, Frank H. Murkowski (R) was duly elected by the qualified voters of the State of Alaska to serve as Senator from Alaska to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Tony Knowles, and the Seal of the State of Alaska, at Juneau, the Capital, are affixed hereto this 3rd day of December, in the year of our Lord 1998.

TONY KNOWLES,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF WASHINGTON

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the third day of November, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight Patty Murray 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 a term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, nineteen hundred and ninety-nine.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this third day of December, A.D., nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

GARY LOCKE,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Don Nickles was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Oklahoma 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, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Frank Keating and our seal hereto affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma this 16th day of November in the year of our Lord 1998.

By the Governor:

FRANK KEATING,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF NEVADA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*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

third day of November, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight Harry Reid 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 a term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, nineteen hundred and ninety-nine.

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

By the Governor:

BOB MILLER,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF NEW YORK

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the third day of November, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, Charles E. Schumer 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 a term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, nineteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Witness: His excellency our Governor George E. Pataki, and our seal hereto affixed at Albany, New York, this sixteenth day of December in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

By the Governor:

GEORGE E. PATAKI,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF ALABAMA

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the third day of November, 1998, the Honorable Richard Shelby was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Alabama a Senator from said State to represent said State in the United States Senate for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January 1999.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Alabama, at the Capitol, in the City of Montgomery, on this 18th day of November, in the year of our Lord, 1998.

FOB JAMES, Jr.,  
Governor.

#### COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the third day of November, 1998, Arlen Specter 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, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Thomas J. Ridge, and our seal hereto affixed at Harrisburg this sixteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, 1998.

By the Governor:

THOMAS J. RIDGE,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF OHIO

##### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

*To the Clerk of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, George V. Voinovich was duly elected by the qualified electors of the State of Ohio as the Senator to Congress 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, 1999.

In testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the great seal of

the State of Ohio, to be hereto affixed at Columbus, Ohio, this 14th day of December, 1998.

By the Governor:

GEORGE V. VOINOVICH,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF OREGON

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

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Ron Wyden was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Oregon 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, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, John Kitzhaber, and our seal hereto affixed at Salem, Oregon this 3rd day of December, 1998.

By the Governor:

JOHN A. KITZHABER,  
Governor.

#### 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. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BOND, and Mrs. BOXER.

These Senators, escorted by Senators LUGAR, HATCH, ASHCROFT, and FEINSTEIN, 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 subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. CAMPBELL.

These Senators, escorted by Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. ALLARD, 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 subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. DODD.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. CLELAND, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. LIEBERMAN, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered by the Vice President, and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. DORGAN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. FITZGERALD.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. CONRAD, Mr. HELMS, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. DURBIN, 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 subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. HOLLINGS.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. MACK, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, and Mr. THURMOND, 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 subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. INOUE, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. MCCAIN.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. AKAKA, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. KYL, 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 subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. NICKLES.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. SARBANES, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. GORTON, and Mr. INHOFE, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered, and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. REID, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. SPECTER.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. BRYAN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. SANTORUM, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was