

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. INOUYE, 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. SAR-BANES, 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

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 final group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. VOINOVICH and Mr. WYDEN.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. DEWINE and Mr. SMITH of Oregon, 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.)

Mr. LOTT addressed the Chair.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, on behalf of the Senate, I extend congratulations to all of the newly-elected Members of the Senate.

#### CALL OF THE ROLL

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the roll to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll, and the following Senators entered the Chamber and answered to their names:

#### [Quorum No. 1]

Abraham	Edwards	Lugar
Akaka	Enzi	Mack
Allard	Feingold	McCain
Ashcroft	Feinstein	McConnell
Baucus	Fitzgerald	Mikulski
Bayh	Frist	Moynihan
Bennett	Gorton	Murkowski
Biden	Graham	Murray
Bingaman	Gramm	Nickles
Bond	Grassley	Reed
Boxer	Gregg	Reid
Breaux	Hagel	Robb
Brownback	Harkin	Roberts
Bryan	Hatch	Santorum
Bunning	Helms	Sarbanes
Burns	Hollings	Schumer
Byrd	Hutchinson	Sessions
Campbell	Hutchison	Shelby
Chafee	Inhofe	Smith (NH)
Cleland	Inouye	Smith (OR)
Cochran	Jeffords	Snowe
Collins	Johnson	Specter
Conrad	Kennedy	Stevens
Coverdell	Kerry	Thomas
Craig	Kyl	Thompson
Crapo	Landrieu	Thurmond
Daschle	Lautenberg	Torricelli
DeWine	Leahy	Voinovich
Dodd	Levin	Warner
Domenici	Lieberman	Wellstone
Dorgan	Lincoln	Wyden
Durbin	Lott	

The VICE PRESIDENT. A quorum is present.

The majority leader is recognized.

#### INFORMING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT A QUORUM OF THE SENATE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk notifying the

House that a quorum is present, and I ask that it be reported by title, agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 1), informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.

The VICE PRESIDENT. If there is no objection to the request of the majority leader, the resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 1) was agreed to.

The resolution is as follows:

#### S. RES. 1

*Resolved*, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

#### INFORMING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT A QUORUM OF THE SENATE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk creating a subcommittee consisting of two Senators to notify the President that a quorum of each House is assembled and ask that it be reported by title, agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, may we have order in the Senate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senator from West Virginia.

Mr. BYRD. The Senate is transacting business.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senate will be in order. Senators will take their seats or retire to the cloakroom. Senators will cease audible conversation. Senators in the well to the right of the Chair will take their seats or retire to the cloakroom.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I thank the Chair.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 2) informing the President of the United States that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.

The VICE PRESIDENT. If there is no objection to the request by the majority leader, the resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 2) reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 2

*Resolved*, That a committee consisting of two Senators be appointed to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled and that the Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 2, the Chair appoints the Senator from Mississippi, Mr. LOTT, and the Senator from South Dakota, Mr. DASCHLE, as a committee

to join the committee on the part of the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum is assembled and that the Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum so that the leaders will be able to notify the President we are in session as required by the resolution.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, Senator DASCHLE and I have notified the President that a quorum is present and the Senate is ready to proceed with business.

#### HOUR OF DAILY MEETING

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I, therefore, now send a resolution to the desk fixing the daily meeting of the Senate at 12 noon, and ask for that resolution to be reported by title, agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 3), fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the resolution (S. Res. 3) was considered and agreed to, as follows:

#### S. RES. 3

*Resolved*, That the hour of daily meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock meridian unless otherwise ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENTS EN BLOC—STANDING ORDERS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, the following unanimous consent requests are those of the standing orders—for example, setting the leader's time each day—which are obtained at the beginning of each Congress, which govern the day-to-day activity. As in the past, these consents have been cleared by the Democratic leader. Therefore, I send to the desk 11 unanimous consent