

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair will remind the Senate that boisterous demonstrations are against the rules.

(Laughter.)

Mr. LOTT. It is obvious, Mr. President, you still maintain your sense of humor. I want to thank you for your leadership and also for the example you have set through a very difficult time. You took the appropriate step, and now we are prepared to move into a transition and to a new administration.

FACING NEW CHALLENGES

Here in the Senate also we are having a historic experience. I would like to welcome all of the new Senators who are joining us today. I congratulate them. I look forward to working with the new Senators on both sides of the aisle.

As Senator DASCHLE said, I also extend, again, our appreciation to the Senators who may be in the Chamber and who are retiring or leaving the Senate, who have served, most of them, for at least 6 years and some for much longer than that. They have done a lot to make this country a better place in which to live.

I also extend our appreciation to the extended family of the Senate, our staff members new and old, and to the families who are in the gallery today. I realize we should not be referring to those in the gallery, but there are a lot of people who have made an awful lot of contributions and sacrifices to make this day possible for us in the Chamber. So we have a lot of people we need to thank, and also to realize that we are in a position where we can make this an even better country.

To the new Members, I urge them to take a look around and think about the challenges and opportunities they will have here. It is a unique institution, created by the founders of this Republic. Quite often we are frustrated with the rules—frustrated even today that we are going through this unique situation—but they had a lot of foresight. They created this unique Senate that makes sure we take the time to think through an issue and to have full debate. And while sometimes we believe, on one side or the other, that we did not have an ample opportunity for debate, I am sure we are going to work together to find a way to give everybody that opportunity over the next 6 years.

For those of us who have been here a few years, we also face new challenges. We have one today. I must say it is the first time I have ever been referred to as the minority leader. And while it beats certain alternatives, I liked the other title better. But we are showing here today—and hope we will show during the next 17 days and, more importantly, during the months beyond—that we will always find a way to work together.

It is quite often not easy to find consensus, as is forced upon us quite often in the Senate, but we must strive for it. Quite often Senator DASCHLE and I

do our very best to find a logical solution to a problem, and we have 98 other Senators who may not agree with us, but we will continue to work together to make this great Republic—the best, most outstanding the minds of men have ever created—work as it should.

I look around the Chamber, on both sides of the aisle, and I see men and women with the potential to raise this country to an even higher level, to our highest and our best. I will work as the leader of my party, and in 17 days as the majority leader of the Senate, to find a way to make that possible.

One bit of information from a housekeeping standpoint. We will have some housekeeping resolutions that we will do in a moment. One of them is to begin the introduction of bills on January 22. Senators should be prepared to have bills ready. Senator DASCHLE and I have already talked about the fact that we will do the usual five alternating from one side to the other. We will do that for the first 20 bills. There will be a lot of other announcements Senator DASCHLE and I will make.

So thank you for this opportunity. I thank you on my side of the aisle for this leadership role. Together we will go forward.

I yield the floor.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION AND CREDENTIALS

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate the various credentials of Senators elected for 6-year terms beginning on January 3, 2001, elected to fulfill the remainder of an unexpired term, or appointed to fill a vacancy.

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.

There being no objection, the documents ordered to be printed in the RECORD are as follows:

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 seventh day of November 2000, 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, 2001.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Benjamin J. Cayetano and our seal hereto affixed at Honolulu this 27th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2000.

By the Governor.

BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO,
Governor.

COMMONWEALTH OF 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 7th day of November, 2000, George F. Allen was duly cho-

sen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Virginia, as Senator from said Commonwealth to represent said Commonwealth in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2001.

Witness: His excellency our Governor James S. Gilmore, III, and our seal hereto affixed at Richmond, Virginia this 14th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2000.

JAMES S. GILMORE,
Governor.

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 7th day of November, 2000, 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, 2001.

Witness: His excellency our governor Gary Johnson, and our seal hereto affixed at Santa Fe this 8th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2000.

By the Governor:

GARY JOHNSON,
Governor.

STATE OF MONTANA

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

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2000, 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 Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2001.

Witness: His excellency our governor Marc Racicot, and our seal hereto affixed at Helena, Montana, this 27th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2000.

By the Governor:

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 seventh day of November, 2000, 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, 2001.

Witness: His excellency our governor Cecil Underwood and our seal hereto affixed at Charleston this Eleventh day of December, in the year of our Lord 2000.

By the Governor:

CECIL UNDERWOOD,
Governor.

STATE OF WASHINGTON

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

This is to certify that on the seventh day of November, two thousand, Maria Cantwell 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, two thousand and one.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this

seventh day of December, A.D., two thousand.

GARY LOCKE,
Governor.

STATE OF MISSOURI

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that, pursuant to the power vested in me by the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of Missouri, I, Roger B. Wilson, the Governor of said State, do hereby appoint Jean Carnahan, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States commencing at noon on the 3rd day of January, 2001, until the vacancy therein, caused by operation of law, is filled by election as provided by law.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Roger B. Wilson, and our seal hereto affixed at Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri this 4th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2000.

By the Governor:

ROGER B. WILSON,
Governor.

STATE OF DELAWARE

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM

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 seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand, 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 Delaware, in that behalf, for the election of a Senator for the people of the said State, in the Senate of the United States.

And whereas, the official certificates or returns of 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 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 Thomas R. Carper to be the person highest in vote, and therefore duly elected the 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 two thousand one.

I, the said 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 Thomas R. Carper the person highest in vote 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 two thousand one.

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 4th day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-fourth.

By the Governor

THOMAS R. CARPER,
Governor.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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 7th day of November, 2000, Lincoln D. Chafee was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Rhode Island, 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, 2001.

Witness: To the signature of his Excellency our Governor Lincoln C. Almond, and our seal hereto affixed at Providence, this 21st day of November, 2000.

By the Governor:

LINCOLN C. ALMOND,
Governor.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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 seventh day of November, two thousand, Hillary Rodham Clinton 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 two thousand one.

Witness: His excellency our Governor George E. Pataki, and our seal hereto affixed at Albany, New York, this twelfth day of December in the year two thousand.

By the Governor:

GEORGE E. PATAKI,
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 7th day of November, 2000, Kent Conrad was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of North Dakota 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, 2001.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Edward T. Schafer, and our seal hereto affixed at Bismarck this 27th day of November, in the year of our lord 2000.

By the Governor:

EDWARD T. SCHAFER,
Governor.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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 7th day of November, 2000, Jon S. Corzine, 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, 2001.

Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this 8th day of December, in the year of Our Lord two thousand.

By the Governor:

CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN,
Governor.

STATE OF MINNESOTA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2000, Mark Dayton 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 a term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2001.

Witness: His excellency our governor Jesse Ventura, and our seal hereto affixed at Saint Paul this 11th day of December, 2000.

By the Governor:

JESSE VENTURA,
Governor.

STATE OF OHIO

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November 2000, Mike DeWine was duly elected by the qualified electors of the State of Ohio as the Senator from said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2001.

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 15th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2000.

By the Governor:

BOB TAFT,
Governor.

STATE OF NEVADA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION UNITED STATES SENATE 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 seventh day of November, two thousand, John Ensign was duly elected a Member of the United States Senate, in and for the State of Nevada, for the term of six years from and after the third day of January, two thousand one, and until his successor is elected and qualified:

Now, Therefore, I Kenny C. Guinn, Governor of the State of Nevada, by the authority in me invested by the Constitution and laws thereof, do hereby Commission him, the said John Ensign, as a Member of the United States Senate, for the State of Nevada, and authorize him to discharge the duties of said office according to law, and to hold and enjoy the same, together with all powers, privileges and emoluments thereunder appertaining.

In testimony thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol at Carson City, this 4th day of December, two thousand.

KENNY C. GUINN,
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 7th day of November, 2000, 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, 2001.

Witness: His excellency our governor Gray Davis, and our seal hereto affixed at Sacramento this 16th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2000,

By the Governor:

GRAY DAVIS,
Governor.

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 7th day of November, 2000, Bill Frist was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Tennessee 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, 2001.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Don Sundquist, and our seal hereto affixed at Nashville this 28th day of November, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand.

By the Governor:

DON SUNDQUIST,
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 7th day of November, 2000, Orrin G. 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, 2001.

Witness: His excellency our governor Michael O. Leavitt, and our seal hereto affixed at Salt Lake City, this 1st day of December, in the year of our Lord 2000.

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 7th day of November, 2000, 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 3d day of January, 2001.

Witness: His excellency our governor George W. Bush, and our seal hereto affixed at Austin, Texas this 27th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2000.

By the Governor:

GEORGE W. BUSH,
Governor.

STATE OF VERMONT

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

On November 14, 2000, the Statewide canvassing committee met as required by Vermont law, and issued a Certificate of Election to James M. Jeffords based upon the official return of votes cast at the General Election held on November 7th 2000.

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2000, James M. 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, 2001.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Howard Dean, and our seal hereto affixed at Montpelier, Vermont, this 14th day December in the year of our Lord 2000.

By the Governor:

HOWARD DEAN,
Governor.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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

This is to certify that on the seventh day of November, in the year two thousand, Ed-

ward 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, two thousand and one.

Witness: His Excellency, our Governor, Argeo Paul Cellucci, and our seal hereto affixed at Boston, this sixth day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand.

By His Excellency the Governor:

PAUL CELLUCCI,
Governor.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION AS UNITED STATES SENATOR

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th of November, 2000, Herbert H. Kohl 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, 2001.

Witness: His excellency our governor Tommy G. Thompson, and our seal hereto affixed at Madison this 14th day of December 2000.

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 7th day of November 2000, Jon Kyl 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 2001.

Witness: Her excellency the Governor of Arizona, and the Great Seal of the State of Arizona hereto affixed at the Capitol in Phoenix this 27th day of November 2000.

JANE DEE HULL,
Governor.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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 seventh day of November, two thousand, 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, two thousand and one.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor, John G. Rowland and our seal hereto affixed at Hartford, this twenty-ninth of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand.

JOHN G. ROWLAND,
Governor.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2000, Trent Lott was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Mississippi, a Senator from said State to represent the State of Mississippi in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd Day of January, 2001.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Ronnie Musgrove, and our seal hereto affixed at

10:30 a.m. this 12th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2000.

By the Governor:

RONNIE MUSGROVE,
Governor.

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 states that at the General Election conducted on the seventh day of November, 2000, the electors chose Richard G. Lugar 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 7th day of November, 2000, Richard G. Lugar was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Senate 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, 2001.

Witness: His excellency our governor Frank O'Bannon, and our seal hereto affixed at Indianapolis, this thirtieth day of November, in the year of our Lord, 2000.

By the Governor:

FRANK O'BANNON,
Governor.

STATE OF GEORGIA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR UNEXPIRED TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2000, Zell Miller was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Georgia, a Senator for the unexpired term ending at noon on the 3rd day of January, 2005, to fill the vacancy in the representation from said State in the Senate of the United States caused by the death of Paul Coverdell.

Witness: His Excellency our governor Roy E. Barnes, and our seal hereto affixed at Atlanta, Ga. this 7th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2000.

ROY E. BARNES,
Governor.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

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

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2000, Ben Nelson 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, 2001.

Witness: His excellency our governor Mike Johanns, and our seal hereto affixed at Lincoln Nebraska this 11th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2000.

By the Governor:

MIKE JOHANNS,
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 Seventh day of November, 2000, Bill Nelson 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 of January, 2001.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Jeb Bush, and our seal hereto affixed at Tallahassee, this Twenty-seventh day of November in the year of our Lord 2000.

By the Governor:

JEB BUSH,
Governor.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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 seventh day of November, 2000, 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, 2001.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Thomas J. Ridge, and our seal hereto affixed at Harrisburg this fourteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, 2001.

By the Governor:

THOMAS J. RIDGE,
Governor.

STATE OF MARYLAND

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 7th day of November, 2000, 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, 2001.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Parris N. Glendening, and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Annapolis, this 7th day of December, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand.

PARRIS N. GLENDENING,
Governor.

STATE OF MAINE

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 seventh day of November in the year Two Thousand, Olympia J. Snowe was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Maine, 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 in the year Two Thousand and One.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Angus S. King, Jr., and our seal hereto affixed at Augusta, Maine this sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand.

By the Governor.

ANGUS S. KING, Jr.,
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 7th day of November, 2000, Debbie Stabenow was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Michigan 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, 2001.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan this 14th day of December, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand.

By the Governor:

JOHN ENGLER,
Governor.

STATE OF WYOMING

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

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2000, 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, 2001.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Jim Geringer, and our seal hereto affixed at the Wyoming State Capitol, Cheyenne, Wyoming, this 22nd day of November, in the year of our Lord 2000.

By the Governor.

JIM GERINGER,
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 now read the names of the first group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. BURNS.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. INOUE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. BAUCUS, 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. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CARNAHAN, and Mr. CARPER.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BOND, and Mr. BIDEN, 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. CHAFEE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. CORZINE.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. TORRICELLI, 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. DAYTON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. REID, and Mrs. BOXER, 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. FRIST, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. JEFFORDS.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. GRAMM, and Mr. LEAHY, 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. KENNEDY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, and Mr. LIEBERMAN.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. KERRY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. DODD, 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. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MILLER, and Mr. NELSON of Florida.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. CLELAND, and Mr. GRAHAM, 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.)