

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 3) to elect Robert C. Byrd, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States, and to elect Strom Thurmond, a Senator from the State of South Carolina, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 3) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 3

Resolved, That Robert C. Byrd, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, be, and he is hereby, elected President of the Senate pro tempore, to hold office until 12:00 meridian on January 20, 2001, in accordance with rule I, paragraph 1, of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

SEC. 2. That Strom Thurmond, a Senator from the State of South Carolina, be, and he is hereby, elected President of the Senate pro tempore, to hold office effective 12:00 meridian on January 20, 2001, in accordance with rule I, paragraph 1, of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senator from West Virginia.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The Senator, escorted by Senator DASCHLE and Senator LOTT, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to Senator BYRD by the Vice President; and he subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

(The PRESIDENT pro tempore assumed the chair.)

(Applause, Senators rising.)

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, we officially congratulate you on the ascendancy to your new position.

NOTIFYING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. DASCHLE. I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 4) notifying the President of the United States of the election of a President pro tempore.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The resolution is privileged.

Without objection, the resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 4) reads as follows:

S. RES. 4

Resolved, That the President of the United States be notified of the election of Robert C. Byrd, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, as President pro tempore.

NOTIFYING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. DASCHLE. I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 5) notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 5) reads as follows:

S. RES. 5

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be notified of the election of Robert C. Byrd, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, as President pro tempore.

FIXING THE HOUR OF DAILY MEETING

Mr. DASCHLE. I send a resolution to the desk and again ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will state the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 6) fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 6) reads as follows:

S. RES. 6

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

PROVIDING FOR COUNTING OF ELECTORAL VOTES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I send a concurrent resolution to the desk and now ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will state the title of the concurrent resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 1) to provide for the counting on January 6, 2001, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. This is a privileged resolution.

Without objection, the concurrent resolution is agreed to.

The Senate concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 1) reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 1

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the two Houses of Congress shall meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Saturday, the 6th day of January 2001, at 1 o'clock post meridian, pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and laws relating to the election of President and Vice President of the United States, and the President of the Senate shall be their Presiding Officer; that two tellers shall be previously appointed by the President of the Senate on the part of the Senate and two by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives, to whom shall be handed, as they are opened by the President of the Senate, all the certificates and papers purporting to be certificates of the

electoral votes, which certificates and papers shall be opened, presented, and acted upon in the alphabetical order of the States, beginning with the letter "A"; and said tellers, having then read the same in the presence and hearing of the two Houses, shall make a list of the votes as they shall appear from the said certificates; and the votes having been ascertained and counted in the manner and according to the rules by law provided, the result of the same shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, who shall thereupon announce the state of the vote, which announcement shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons, if any, elected President and Vice President of the United States, and, together with a list of the votes, be entered on the Journals of the two Houses.

EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I send a second concurrent resolution to the desk and now ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 2) to extend the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. This is a privileged resolution.

Without objection, the concurrent resolution is agreed to.

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

S. CON. RES. 2

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That effective from January 3, 2001, the joint committee created by Senate Concurrent Resolution 89 of the One Hundredth Sixth Congress, to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration, is hereby continued with the same power and authority.

SEC. 2. That effective from January 3, 2001, the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 90 of the One Hundredth Sixth Congress, to authorize the rotunda of the United States Capitol to be used in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President of the United States, are hereby continued with the same power and authority.

APPOINTING CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. DASCHLE. I send a final resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will state the title of the resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 7) designating chairmen of standing committees.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. This is a privileged resolution.

Without objection, the resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 7) reads as follows:

S. RES. 7

Resolved, That the following Senators are designated as Chairmen of the following

committees until 12:00 meridian on January 20, 2001:

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Mr. Harkin, of Iowa.

Committee on Appropriations: Mr. Byrd, of West Virginia.

Committee on Armed Services: Mr. Levin, of Michigan.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Mr. Sarbanes, of Maryland.

Committee on the Budget: Mr. Conrad, of North Dakota.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Mr. Hollings, of South Carolina.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Mr. Bingaman, of New Mexico.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Mr. Reid, of Nevada.

Committee on Finance: Mr. Baucus, of Montana.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Mr. Biden, of Delaware.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Mr. Lieberman, of Connecticut.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Mr. Kennedy, of Massachusetts.

Committee on the Judiciary: Mr. Leahy, of Vermont.

Committee on Rules and Administration: Mr. Dodd, of Connecticut.

Committee on Small Business: Mr. Kerry, of Massachusetts.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Mr. Rockefeller, of West Virginia.

Committee on Indian Affairs: Mr. Inouye, of Hawaii.

Select Committee on Intelligence: Mr. Graham, of Florida.

SEC. 2. Effective on January 20, 2001 at noon the following committees shall have the following chairmen, pursuant to Republican Conference ratification:

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Mr. Lugar of Indiana.

Committee on Appropriations: Mr. Stevens, of Alaska.

Committee on Armed Services: Mr. Warner, of Virginia.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Mr. Gramm, of Texas.

Committee on the Budget: Mr. Domenici, of New Mexico.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Mr. McCain, of Arizona.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Mr. Murkowski, of Alaska.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Mr. Smith, of New Hampshire.

Committee on Finance: Mr. Grassley, of Iowa.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Mr. Helms, of North Carolina.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Mr. Thompson, of Tennessee.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Mr. Jeffords, of Vermont.

Committee on the Judiciary: Mr. Hatch, of Utah.

Committee on Rules and Administration: Mr. McConnell, of Kentucky.

Committee on Small Business: Mr. Bond, of Missouri.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Mr. Specter, of Pennsylvania.

Committee on Indian Affairs: Mr. Campbell, of Colorado.

Select Committee on Intelligence: Mr. Shelby, of Alabama.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I send to the desk en bloc 12 unanimous consent requests, and I ask for their immediate consideration en bloc, that the

requests be agreed to en bloc, and the motion to reconsider the adoption of these requests be laid upon the table.

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

The unanimous consent requests are as follows:

That for the duration of the 107th Congress, the Ethics Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate;

That for the duration of the 107th Congress, there be a limitation of 15 minutes each upon any rollcall vote, with the warning signal to be sounded at the midway point, beginning at the last 7½ minutes, and when rollcall votes are of 10-minute duration, the warning signal be sounded at the beginning of the last 7½ minutes;

That during the 107th Congress, it be in order for the Secretary of the Senate to receive reports at the desk when presented by a Senator at any time during the day of the session of the Senate;

That the majority and minority leaders may daily have up to 10 minutes each on each calendar day following the prayer and disposition of the reading of, or the approval of, the Journal;

That the Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives and his three assistants be given the privileges of the floor during the 107th Congress;

That, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXVIII, conference reports and statements accompanying them not be printed as Senate reports when such conference reports and statements have been printed as a House report unless specific request is made in the Senate in each instance to have such a report printed;

That the Committee on Appropriations be authorized during the 107th Congress to file reports during adjournments or recesses of the Senate on appropriations bills, including joint resolutions, together with any accompanying notices of motions to suspend rule XVI, pursuant to rule V, for the purpose of offering certain amendments to such bills or joint resolutions, which proposed amendments shall be printed;

That, for the duration of the 107th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical and clerical corrections in the engrossments of all Senate-passed bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions, and Senate amendments to House amendments to House bills or resolution;

That for the duration of the 107th Congress, when the Senate is in recess or adjournment, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to receive messages from the President of the United States, and—with the exception of House bills, joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions—messages from the House of Representatives; and that they be appropriately referred; and that the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Acting President pro tempore be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions;

That for the duration of the 107th Congress, Senators be allowed to leave at the desk with the Journal Clerk the names of two staff members who will be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the specific matter noted, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to rotate such staff members as space allows;

That for the duration of the 107th Congress, it be in order to refer treaties and nominations on the day when they are received from the President, even when the Senate has no executive session that day;

That no bills or further resolutions, or committee-reported legislation, other than

those whose introduction and consideration have been agreed to by the majority leader, following consultation with the Republican leader; be in order prior to January 22, and further that for the remainder of the 107th Congress, Senators may be allowed to bring to the desk bill, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and simple resolutions, for referral to appropriate committees.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that there be a period of morning business for statements only, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the exception of the majority and minority leaders.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. There will now be a period for the consideration of morning business.

Mr. DASCHLE. I thank my colleagues.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DURBIN). Without objection, it is so ordered.

FINAL ASCERTAINMENT OF ELECTORS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate communications from the Director of the Federal Register, National Archives, transmitting, pursuant to law, certified copies of the final ascertainment of the Electors for President and Vice President, which are ordered to lie on the table.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair appoints the Senator from Connecticut, Mr. DODD, and the Senator from Virginia, Mr. WARNER, as tellers on the part of the Senate to count the electoral votes.

THE 107TH CONGRESS

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, 213 years ago, the Framers of the Constitution created the United States Senate.

In all the years since then, only 1,864 Americans have been granted the privilege of serving in this extraordinary body; and that includes the new Senators we welcome today.

For every Senator, whether serving in the 18th Century or the 21st, whether beginning one's first term, or—like Senator BYRD—one's eighth, the opening of a new Congress has always been a time of great hope. This Congress is no exception.

We have important work ahead of us. We also have—within us—everything