

Commonwealth of Virginia and James H. "Jim" Webb, Jr., was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Virginia as a Senator to represent the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

In Testimony Whereof our Governor has hereunto signed his name and affixed the Lesser Seal of the Commonwealth at Richmond, this 8th day of December, 2006, and in the two hundred thirty-first year of the Commonwealth.

By the Governor:

TIMOTHY M. KAINE,
Governor.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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, 2006, Sheldon Whitehouse duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for a term of six years, beginning at noon on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Donald L. Carcieri and our seal affixed on this 8th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2006.

DONALD L. CARCIERI,
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. AKAKA, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BYRD.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. REID, Mr. DOMENICI, former Senator Glenn, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER, 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. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. CASEY.

These Senators, escorted by Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. SPECTER, 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 Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. ENSIGN.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. Frist, and Mr. REID, 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 of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. KENNEDY.

These Senators, escorted by Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. KERRY, 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 next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, and Mr. LIEBERMAN.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. Dayton, 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 call the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. MENENDEZ.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BOND, Mrs. Carnahan, and Mr. LAUTENBERG, 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 call the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. SNOWE.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BYRD, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LEAHY, and Ms. COLLINS, 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 call the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. WEBB.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. Melcher, Mr. ENZI, Mr. Robb, and Mr. WARNER, 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 call the names of the last group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the name of Mr. WHITEHOUSE.

This Senator, escorted by Mr. REED, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to him by the Vice President, and he subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader is recognized.

CALL OF THE ROLL

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

The VICE PRESIDENT. The absence of a quorum having been suggested, the clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

[Quorum No. 1 Leg.]

PRESENT—89

Akaka	Dodd	McCaskill
Alexander	Domenici	McConnell
Allard	Dorgan	Menendez
Baucus	Durbin	Mikulski
Bayh	Ensign	Murray
Bennett	Enzi	Nelson, Florida
Biden	Feingold	Nelson, Nebraska
Bingaman	Feinstein	Obama
Bond	Grassley	Pryor
Boxer	Hagel	Reed
Brown	Harkin	Reid
Bunning	Hatch	Rockefeller
Burr	Hutchison	Salazar
Byrd	Inhofe	Sanders
Cantwell	Isakson	Schumer
Cardin	Kennedy	Shelby
Carper	Kerry	Snowe
Casey	Klobuchar	Specter
Chambliss	Kohl	Stabenow
Clinton	Kyl	Stevens
Coburn	Landrieu	Sununu
Cochran	Lautenberg	Tester
Coleman	Leahy	Thomas
Collins	Levin	Thune
Conrad	Lieberman	Vitter
Corker	Lincoln	Voinovich
Cornyn	Lott	Warner
Craig	Lugar	Webb
Crapo	Martinez	Whitehouse
DeMint	McCain	

ABSENT—11

Brownback	Inouye	Sessions
Dole	Johnson	Smith
Graham	Murkowski	Wyden
Gregg	Roberts	

The VICE PRESIDENT. A quorum is present.

LIST OF SENATORS BY STATES

ALASKA
Ted Stevens and Lisa Murkowski

ALABAMA
Richard C. Shelby and Jeff Sessions

ARIZONA
John McCain and Jon Kyl

ARKANSAS
Blanche L. Lincoln and Mark L. Pryor

CALIFORNIA
Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer

COLORADO
Wayne Allard and Ken Salazar

CONNECTICUT
Christopher J. Dodd and Joseph I. Lieberman

DELAWARE
Joseph R. Biden, Jr., and Thomas R. Carper

FLORIDA
Bill Nelson and Mel Martinez

GEORGIA
Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson

HAWAII
Daniel K. Inouye and Daniel K. Akaka

IDAHO
Larry E. Craig and Mike Crapo

ILLINOIS
Richard Durbin and Barack Obama

INDIANA
Richard G. Lugar and Evan Bayh

IOWA
Chuck Grassley and Tom Harkin

KANSAS
Sam Brownback and Pat Roberts

KENTUCKY
Mitch McConnell and Jim Bunning

LOUISIANA
Mary L. Landrieu and David Vitter

MAINE
Olympia J. Snowe and Susan M. Collins

MARYLAND
Barbara A. Mikulski and Benjamin L. Cardin

MASSACHUSETTS
Edward M. Kennedy and John F. Kerry

MICHIGAN
Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow

MINNESOTA
Norm Coleman and Amy Klobuchar

MISSISSIPPI
Thad Cochran and Trent Lott

MISSOURI
Christopher S. Bond and Claire McCaskill

MONTANA
Max Baucus and Jon Tester

NEBRASKA
Chuck Hagel and Benjamin E. Nelson

NEVADA
Harry Reid and John Ensign

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Judd Gregg and John E. Sununu

NEW JERSEY
Frank R. Lautenberg and Robert Menendez

NEW MEXICO

Pete V. Domenici and Jeff Bingaman

NEW YORK

Charles E. Schumer and Hillary Rodham Clinton

NORTH CAROLINA

Elizabeth H. Dole and Richard Burr

NORTH DAKOTA

Kent Conrad and Byron Dorgan

OHIO

George Voinovich and Sherrod Brown

OKLAHOMA

James M. Inhofe and Tom Coburn

OREGON

Ron Wyden and Gordon H. Smith

PENNSYLVANIA

Arlen Specter and Robert P. Casey, Jr.

RHODE ISLAND

Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse

SOUTH CAROLINA

Lindsey Graham and Jim DeMint

SOUTH DAKOTA

Tim Johnson and John Thune

TENNESSEE

Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker

TEXAS

Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn

UTAH

Orrin G. Hatch and Robert F. Bennett

VERMONT

Patrick J. Leahy and Bernard Sanders

VIRGINIA

John Warner and Jim Webb

WASHINGTON

Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell

WEST VIRGINIA

Robert C. Byrd and John D. Rockefeller IV

WISCONSIN

Herb Kohl and Russell D. Feingold

WYOMING

Craig Thomas and Michael B. Enzi

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader is recognized.

INFORMING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT A QUORUM OF EACH HOUSE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its consideration.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 1) informing the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the resolution is considered and agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 1) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 1

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.

Mr. REID. I move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted.

Mr. McCONNELL. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Pursuant to S. Res. 1, the Chair appoints the Senator from Nevada, Mr. REID, and the Senator from Kentucky, Mr. McCONNELL, 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.

The majority leader is recognized.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 2) informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the resolution is considered and agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 2) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 2

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.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. McCONNELL. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

ELECTION OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT C. BYRD AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk.

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

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.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the resolution is considered and 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.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. McCONNELL. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Senator BYRD will be escorted to the desk.