

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 4th day of November, 2008, Tom Udall 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 term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2009.

Witness: His excellency our governor Bill Richardson, and our seal hereto affixed at Santa Fé this 7th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2008.

By the Governor:

BILL RICHARDSON,
Governor.

STATE 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 fourth day of November, 2008, Mark R. Warner was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Virginia to be a Senator from the Commonwealth to represent the Commonwealth in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2009.

In Testimony Whereof our Governor has hereunto signed his name and affixed the Lesser Seal of the Commonwealth at Richmond, this twenty-fifth day of November, two thousand eight, and in the two-hundred thirty-third year of the Commonwealth.

TIMOTHY M. KAINE,
Governor.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR UNEXPIRED TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November, 2008, Roger Wicker was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Mississippi a Senator for the unexpired term ending at noon on the 3rd day of January, 2013, to fill the vacancy in the representation from said State in the Senate of the United States caused by the resignation of Trent Lott.

Witness: His excellency our governor Haley Barbour, and our seal hereto affixed at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi this 18th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2008.

By the Governor:

HALEY BARBOUR,
Governor.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

The VICE PRESIDENT. If the Senators to be sworn in will now present themselves to the desk in groups of four as their names are called in alphabetical order, the Chair will administer their oath of office.

The clerk will read the names of the first group.

The legislative clerk (Kathleen Alvarez Tritak) called the names of Mr. ALXANDER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. BEGICH.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. CORKER, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. BAKER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MURKOWSKI, 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 four Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COCHRAN, and Ms. COLLINS.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. CARPER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. WICKER, and Ms. SNOWE, 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 four Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. GRAHAM.

These Senators, escorted by Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. DEMINT, 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 Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. JOHANNIS.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. BURR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, 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. JOHNSON, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. LAUTENBERG.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. THUNE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DOMENICI, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. MENENDEZ, 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. LEVIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. PRYOR.

These Senators, escorted by Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. LINCOLN, 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. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. BYRD, 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. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. BINGAMAN, 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. WARNER and Mr. WICKER.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. John Warner and Mr. COCHRAN, 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.)

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader is recognized.

QUORUM CALL

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 and the following Senators entered the Chamber and answered to their names:

[Quorum No. 1 Leg.]

Akaka	Feingold	Murkowski
Alexander	Feinstein	Murray
Barrasso	Graham	Nelson, Nebraska
Baucus	Grassley	Nelson, Florida
Bayh	Gregg	Pryor
Begich	Hagan	Reed, Rhode Island
Bennett	Harkin	Reid, Nevada
Biden	Hatch	Risch
Boxer	Hutchison	Roberts
Brown	Inhofe	Rockefeller
Brownback	Inouye	Salazar
Bunning	Isakson	Sanders
Burr	Johanns	Schumer
Byrd	Johnson	Sessions
Cantwell	Kennedy	Shaheen
Cardin	Kerry	Shelby
Carper	Klobuchar	Snowe
Casey	Kyl	Specter
Chambliss	Landrieu	Stabenow
Clinton	Lautenberg	Tester
Coburn	Leahy	Thune
Cochran	Levin	Udall, Colorado
Collins	Lieberman	Udall, New Mexico
Conrad	Lincoln	Vitter
Cornyn	Lugar	Warner
Crapo	McCain	Webb
DeMint	McCaskill	Whitehouse
Dodd	McConnell	Wicker
Dorgan	Menendez	Wyden
Durbin	Merkley	
Enzi	Mikulski	

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER). A quorum is present.

LIST OF SENATORS BY STATES

ALABAMA	
Jeff Sessions and Richard C. Shelby	
ALASKA	
Mark Begich and Lisa Murkowski	
ARIZONA	
Jon Kyl and John McCain	
ARKANSAS	
Blanche L. Lincoln and Mark L. Pryor	
CALIFORNIA	
Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein	
COLORADO	
Ken Salazar and Mark Udall	
CONNECTICUT	
Christopher J. Dodd and Joseph I. Lieberman	
DELAWARE	
Joe Biden and Thomas R. Carper	
FLORIDA	
Mel Martinez and Bill Nelson	
GEORGIA	
Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson	
HAWAII	
Daniel K. Akaka and Daniel K. Inouye	
IDAHO	
Mike Crapo and James E. Risch	
ILLINOIS	
Richard J. Durbin	
INDIANA	
Evan Bayh and Richard G. Lugar	
IOWA	
Chuck Grassley and Tom Harkin	
KANSAS	
Sam Brownback and Pat Roberts	
KENTUCKY	
Jim Bunning and Mitch McConnell	
LOUISIANA	
Mary L. Landrieu and David Vitter	

MAINE	
Susan M. Collins and Olympia J. Snowe	
MARYLAND	
Benjamin L. Cardin and Barbara A. Mikulski	
MASSACHUSETTS	
Edward M. Kennedy and John F. Kerry	
MICHIGAN	
Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow	
MINNESOTA	
Amy Klobuchar	
MISSISSIPPI	
Thad Cochran and Roger F. Wicker	
MISSOURI	
Christopher S. Bond and Claire McCaskill	
MONTANA	
Max Baucus and Jon Tester	
NEBRASKA	
Mike Johanns and E. Benjamin Nelson	
NEVADA	
John Ensign and Harry Reid	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Judd Gregg and Jeanne Shaheen	
NEW JERSEY	
Frank R. Lautenberg and Robert Menendez	
NEW MEXICO	
Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall	
NEW YORK	
Hillary Rodham Clinton and Charles E. Schumer	
NORTH CAROLINA	
Richard Burr and Kay R. Hagan	
NORTH DAKOTA	
Kent Conrad and Byron L. Dorgan	
OHIO	
Sherrod Brown and George V. Voinovich	
OKLAHOMA	
Tom Coburn and James M. Inhofe	
OREGON	
Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden	
PENNSYLVANIA	
Robert P. Casey, Jr., and Arlen Specter	
RHODE ISLAND	
Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse	
SOUTH CAROLINA	
Jim DeMint and Lindsey Graham	
SOUTH DAKOTA	
Tim Johnson and John Thune	
TENNESSEE	
Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker	
TEXAS	
John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison	
UTAH	
Robert F. Bennett and Orrin Hatch	
VERMONT	
Patrick J. Leahy and Bernard Sanders	
VIRGINIA	
Mark R. Warner and Jim Webb	
WASHINGTON	
Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray	
WEST VIRGINIA	
Robert C. Byrd and John D. Rockefeller, IV	
WISCONSIN	
Russell D. Feingold and Herb Kohl	
WYOMING	
John Barrasso and Michael B. Enzi	

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have a resolution at the desk and I ask it now be considered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: The resolution (S. Res. 1) informing the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to, and it is my understanding my counterpart also has a motion to make.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have another resolution at the desk and I ask it now be considered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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 PRESIDING OFFICER. 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.

SETTING THE DATE OF JANUARY 8, 2009, FOR THE COUNTING OF ELECTORAL VOTES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have a concurrent resolution at the desk and I ask it now be considered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 1) to provide for the counting on January 8, 2009, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

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