

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Earl Ray Tomblin, and our seal hereto affixed at Charleston this tenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.

By the Governor:

EARL RAY TOMBLIN,  
Governor.  
NATALIE TENNANT,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MISSOURI  
Governor of Missouri

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

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Claire McCaskill was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Missouri 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, 2013.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Jefferson this 10th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the Governor:

JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON,  
Governor.  
ROBIN CARNAHAN,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION  
Trenton, New Jersey

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November 2012, Robert Menendez, 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 third day of January, 2013.

Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this seventh day of December two thousand and twelve.

By the Governor:

CHRIS CHRISTIE,  
Governor.

Attest:

KIMBERLY M. GUADAGNO,  
LT. Governor/Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
Executive Department

This is to Certify that on the sixth day of November, two thousand and twelve Christopher S. Murphy was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Connecticut 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 third day of January two thousand and thirteen.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor, Daniel P. Malloy and our seal hereto affixed at Hartford, this thirteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.

DENISE MERRILL,  
Secretary of the State.  
DANIEL P. MALLOY,  
Governor.

[State Seal Affixed]

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 6th day of November, 2012, Bill Nelson was duly chosen by

the qualified electors of the State of Florida 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, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Rick Scott, and our seal hereto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 20th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the Governor:

RICK SCOTT,  
Governor.  
KEN DETZNER,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF VERMONT  
Office of the Governor

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

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Bernie Sanders was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Vermont to be a Senator from Vermont to represent Vermont in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: Governor Peter Shumlin this 13th day of December, 2012.

PETER SHUMLIN,  
Governor.  
JIM CONDOS,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
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 South Carolina, I, Nikki Randhawa Haley, the governor of said State, do hereby appoint Timothy Eugene Scott a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States until the vacancy therein caused by the resignation of James Warren DeMint, is filled by election provided by law.

Witness: Her excellency our governor, Nikki Randhawa Haley, and our seal hereto affixed at the capitol in the City of Columbia, State of South Carolina this 2nd day of January, in the year of our Lord 2013.

By the Governor:

NIKKI HALEY,  
Governor.  
MARK HAMMOND,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
Executive Office

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

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, 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, 2013.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the state of Michigan this 6th day of December, in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand Twelve.

By the Governor:

RICHARD D. SNYDER,  
Governor.  
RUTH JOHNSON,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE  
STATE OF MONTANA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE

I, Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State of the State of Montana, do hereby certify that Jon Tester was duly chosen on November 6th, 2012, by the qualified electors of the State of Montana as a United States Senator from said State to represent said State in the United States Senate. The six-year term commences on January 3rd, 2013.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Brian Schweitzer, and the official seal hereunto affixed at the City of Helena, the Capital, this 28th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the Governor:

BRIAN SCHWEITZER  
Governor.

Attest:

LINDA MCCULLOCH,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE  
PLANTATIONS  
State House,

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Sheldon Whitehouse was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations 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, 2013.

Witness: His Excellency our governor Lincoln D. Chafee, and our seal hereto affixed at Providence this 7th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the governor:

LINCOLN D. CHAFEE,  
Governor.  
A. RALPH MOLLIS,  
Secretary of State

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
Office of the Governor

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

In the name of the State of Mississippi, I, Phil Bryant, acting under the authority vested in the Governor, upon proper evidence received at the Office of the Secretary of State, do hereby certify that on the 6th day of November, Two Thousand Twelve Roger F. Wicker was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Mississippi a SENATOR from this 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, Two Thousand Thirteen.

Given Under My Hand, and our seal affixed hereto, at the City of Jackson, this the 3rd day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.

Attest:

PHIL BRYANT,  
Governor.  
C. DELBERT HOSEMAN, Jr.,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF  
OFFICE

The VICE PRESIDENT. If the Senators to be sworn in will now present themselves at the desk in groups of

four as their names are called in alphabetical order, the Chair will administer the oath of office.

The clerk will read the names of the first group.

The legislative clerk (Kathleen Alvarez Tritak) called the names of Ms. BALDWIN of Wisconsin, Mr. BARRASSO of Wyoming, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. CANTWELL of Washington.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. Kohl, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. ENZI, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. GLENN, and Mrs. MURRAY, 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, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. CARDIN of Maryland, Mr. CARPER of Delaware, Mr. CASEY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. CORKER of Tennessee.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. Sarbanes, Mr. Tydings, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COONS, Mr. Wofford, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. ALEXANDER, 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, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. CRUZ of Texas, Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana, Mrs. FEINSTEIN of California, and Mrs. FISCHER of Nebraska.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. CORNYN, Mr. Lugar, Mr. Evan Bayh, Mr. Birch Bayh, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. Karnes, 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, Senators.

(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. FLAKE of Arizona, Mrs. GILLIBRAND of New York, Mr. HATCH of Utah, Mr. HEINRICH of New Mexico.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. Kyl, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEE, Mr. Bingaman, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, 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, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Ms. HEITKAMP of North Dakota, Mr. HELLER of Nevada, Ms. HIRONO of Hawaii, and Mr. KAINE of Virginia.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. Conrad, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. REID, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WEBB, 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, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. KING of Maine, Ms. KLOBUCHAR of Minnesota, Mr. MANCHIN of West Virginia, and Mrs. MCCASKILL of Missouri.

These Senators, escorted by Ms. COLLINS, Vice President Mondale, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. Carnahan, and Mr. BLUNT, 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, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. MENENDEZ of New Jersey, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. SANDERS of Vermont.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. REID, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. RUBIO, 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, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Ms. STABENOW of Michigan, Mr. TESTER of Montana, and Ms. WARREN of Massachusetts.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DeMint, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BAUCUS, 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, Senators.

(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. WHITEHOUSE of Rhode Island and Mr. WICKER of Mississippi.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. REED, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. CARDIN, 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, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I note the absence of a quorum and ask the clerk to call the roll.

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 name:

[Quorum No. 1 Leg.]

Alexander	Graham	Murphy
Baldwin	Grassley	Murray
Barrasso	Hagan	Nelson
Baucus	Hatch	Portman
Bennet	Heinrich	Pryor
Blumenthal	Heitkamp	Reed
Blunt	Heller	Reid
Boozman	Hirono	Risch
Boxer	Hoeven	Roberts
Brown	Isakson	Rockefeller
Cantwell	Johanns	Rubio
Cardin	Johnson (WI)	Sanders
Carper	Kaine	Schatz
Casey	Kerry	Schumer
Cochran	King	Scott
Collins	Kirk	Sessions
Coons	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Corker	Landrieu	Shelby
Cornyn	Leahy	Stabenow
Cruz	Lee	Tester
Donnelly	Levin	Thune
Durbin	Manchin	Toomey
Enzi	McCain	Udall (NM)
Feinstein	McCaskill	Warner
Fischer	McConnell	Warren
Flake	Menendez	Whitehouse
Franken	Merkley	Wicker
Gillibrand	Mikulski	Wyden

The VICE PRESIDENT. A quorum is present.

LIST OF SENATORS BY STATE

Alabama—Jeff Sessions and Richard C. Shelby
Alaska—Mark Begich and Lisa Murkowski
Arizona—Jeff Flake and John McCain
Arkansas—John Boozman and Mark L. Pryor
California—Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein
Colorado—Michael F. Bennet and Mark Udall
Connecticut—Richard Blumenthal and Christopher Murphy
Delaware—Thomas R. Carper and Christopher A. Coons
Florida—Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio
Georgia—Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson
Hawaii—Mazi Hirono and Brian Schatz
Idaho—Mike Crapo and James Risch
Illinois—Richard J. Durbin and Mark Kirk
Indiana—Daniel Coats and Joe Donnelly
Iowa—Chuck Grassley and Tom Harkin
Kansas—Jerry Moran and Pat Roberts
Kentucky—Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul
Louisiana—Mary L. Landrieu and David Vitter
Maine—Susan M. Collins and Angus King

Maryland—Benjamin L. Cardin and Barbara A. Mikulski  
 Massachusetts—John F. Kerry and Elizabeth Warren  
 Michigan—Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow  
 Minnesota—Al Franken and Amy Klobuchar  
 Mississippi—Thad Cochran and Roger F. Wicker  
 Missouri—Roy Blunt and Claire McCaskill  
 Montana—Max Baucus and Jon Tester  
 Nebraska—Deb Fischer and Mike Johanns  
 Nevada—Dean Heller and Harry Reid  
 New Hampshire—Kelly Ayotte and Jeanne Shaheen  
 New Jersey—Frank R. Lautenberg and Robert Menendez  
 New Mexico—Martin Heinrich and Tom Udall  
 New York—Kirsten E. Gillibrand and Charles E. Schumer  
 North Carolina—Richard Burr and Kay R. Hagan  
 North Dakota—Heidi Heitkamp and John Hoeven  
 Ohio—Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman  
 Oklahoma—Tom Coburn and James M. Inhofe  
 Oregon—Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden  
 Pennsylvania—Robert P. Casey, Jr. and Patrick J. Toomey  
 Rhode Island—Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse  
 South Carolina—Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott  
 South Dakota—Tim Johnson and John Thune  
 Tennessee—Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker  
 Texas—John Cornyn and Ted Cruz  
 Utah—Orrin Hatch and Mike Lee  
 Vermont—Patrick J. Leahy and Bernard Sanders  
 Virginia—Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine  
 Washington—Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray  
 West Virginia—Joe Manchin, III and John D. Rockefeller, IV  
 Wisconsin—Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson  
 Wyoming—John Barrasso and Michael B. Enzi

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader is recognized.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have a number of housekeeping matters I need to take care of with Senator McConnell. Senators are welcome to stay, but I know there are a lot of things going on today—receptions and things of that nature. We are not going to have speeches today. We will have plenty of time to do that at a subsequent time. I doubt we will have any votes. There may be a need for one roll-call vote later on. We will see what happens after the House takes action today, but I hope that is not the case. So having said that, people are welcome to stay or to leave.

#### 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 that it now be considered.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 1) reads 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.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Can we have order.

The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, even though I suggested people need not stay, I would appreciate they be quiet.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. There will be order in the Senate and in the galleries. The Senate will be in order so the majority leader can be heard.

Mr. REID. I do not like to complain, Mr. President, but all the noise is coming from the Democratic side so—

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Will the Democratic side be in order.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. 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.

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 2) reads 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 by which the resolution was agreed to.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

#### PROVIDING FOR THE COUNTING OF ELECTORAL VOTES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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. 1) to provide for the counting on January 4, 2013, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

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

The 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 Thursday, the 4th day of January 2013, 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 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.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair appoints the Senator from New York, Mr. SCHUMER, and the Senator from Tennessee, Mr. ALEXANDER, as tellers on the part of the Senate to count electoral votes.