

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.

EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

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. 2) extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

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

SECTION 1. REAUTHORIZATION OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

Effective from January 3, 2013, the joint committee created by Senate Concurrent Resolution 35 (112th Congress), to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States, is continued with the same power and authority provided for in that resolution.

SEC. 2. USE OF CAPITOL.

Effective from January 3, 2013, the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 36 (112th Congress), to authorize the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States are continued with the same power and authority provided for in that resolution.

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

FIXING THE HOUR OF DAILY MEETING OF THE SENATE

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. 3) fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. HAGAN). Without objection, the resolution is considered and agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 3) reads as follows:

S. RES. 3

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

Mr. REID. Madam 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.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUESTS

Mr. REID. Madam 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 that they appear separately in the RECORD.

Before the Chair rules, however, I would like to point out that these requests are routine and done at the beginning of each new Congress. They entail issues such as authorizing the Ethics Committee to meet, authorizing the Secretary to receive reports at the desk, establishing leader time each day, and privileges of the floor for the House Parliamentarians.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to agreeing to these unanimous consent requests en bloc?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The unanimous consent requests agreed to en bloc are as follows:

1. That for the duration of the 113th Congress, the Ethics Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate;

2. That for the duration of the 113th 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 7 1/2 minutes, and when rollcall votes are of 10-minute duration, the warning signal be sounded at the beginning of the last 7 1/2 minutes;

3. That during the 113th 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;

4. 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;

5. That the Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives and his five assistants be given the privileges of the floor during the 113th Congress;

6. 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;

7. That the Committee on Appropriations be authorized during the 113th 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;

8. That, for the duration of the 113th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical and clerical corrections in the engrossments of all Senate-passed bills and joint 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 Senate amendments to House bills or resolutions;

9. That for the duration of the 113th 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;

10. That for the duration of the 113th 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 staff members as space allows;

11. That for the duration of the 113th 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; and

12. That for the duration of the 113th Congress, Senators may be allowed to bring to the desk, bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and simple resolutions, for referral to appropriate committees.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the first day for the introduction of bills and joint resolutions in the 113th Congress be Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE SENATE AND AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. REID. Madam President, there is another concurrent resolution at the desk, and I ask that it be considered at this time.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 3) providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 3) reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 3

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate recesses or adjourns on any day from Friday, January 4, 2013 through Monday, January 21, 2013, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until 12:00 noon on Monday, January 21, 2013, or such other time on that day as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the House adjourns on any legislative day from Friday, January 4, 2013, through Saturday, January 5, 2013, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its