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## Senate

The third day of January being the day prescribed by the Constitution of the United States for the annual meeting of the Congress, the Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol for the commencement of the 1st session of the 115th Congress and at 12:02 p.m. was called to order by the Vice President (Mr. BIDEN).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God of Light, in whom there is no darkness, thank You for the illumination of Your presence. As we begin a new year and a new Congress, please be the guide that will lead us to fulfill Your purposes.

During this 115th Congress, awaken our lawmakers to Your inescapable presence. Keep them from thinking that You are absent from our world or disinterested in it. Lord, enable them to feel You in their midst as they grapple with the problems and challenges of our time. May they seek first to embrace a humility that strives to understand instead of striving first to be understood. In a special way, bless our new Senators and all of their loved ones with Your grace, mercy, and peace.

We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The VICE PRESIDENT led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate the certificates of election of 34 Senators elected for 6-

year terms beginning on January 3, 2017. All certificates, the Chair is advised, are in the form suggested by the Senate or contain all essential requirements of the form suggested by the Senate. If there be no objection, the reading of the certificates will be waived and they will be printed in full in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### STATE OF COLORADO

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

This is to certify that on the eighth day of November, 2016, Michael Bennet was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Colorado 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, 2017.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor John Hickenlooper, and our seal hereto affixed at Denver, Colorado this ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord 2016.

By the Governor:

JOHN HICKENLOOPER,  
*Governor.*  
WAYNE W. WILLIAMS,  
*Secretary of State.*

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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

This is to Certify that on the eighth day of November, two thousand and sixteen Richard Blumenthal 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 seventeen.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor; Dannel P. Malloy and our seal hereto affixed at Hartford, this seventh day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

DANNEL P. MALLOY,  
*Governor.*  
DENISE MERRILL,  
*Secretary of the 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 8th day of November, 2016, Roy Blunt 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, 2017.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Jefferson this 14th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2016.

By the Governor:

JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON,  
*Governor.*  
JASON KANDER,  
*Secretary of State.*

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF ARKANSAS

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

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 2016, the Honorable John Boozman was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Arkansas 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 3d day of January, 2017.

Witness: His Excellency, our governor, the Honorable Asa Hutchinson, and our seal hereto affixed at the State Capitol in Little Rock, Arkansas, this 29th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2016.

By the governor:

ASA HUTCHINSON,  
*Governor.*  
MARK MARTIN,  
*Secretary of State.*

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 2016, Richard Mauze Burr was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of North Carolina, 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, 2017.

● This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Capital City of Raleigh this the 19th day of December 2016.

PAT MCCRORY,  
Governor.

ELAINE F. MARSHALL,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF NEVADA

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

This is to certify that at a general election held in the State of Nevada on Tuesday, the eighth day of November, two thousand sixteen Catherine Cortez Masto was duly elected a Member of the United States Senate in and for the State of Nevada, for a term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2017.

Now, therefore, I Brian Sandoval, Governor of the State of Nevada, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws thereof, and do hereby commission her, the said Catherine Cortez Masto, as a Member of the United States Senate, and authorize her to discharge the duties of said office according to law, and to hold and enjoy the same, together with all powers, privileges and emoluments thereunto appertaining.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol at Carson City, Nevada on this 1st day of December, two thousand sixteen.

BRIAN SANDOVAL,  
Governor of the State of Nevada.

BARBARA K. CEGAVSKE,  
Secretary of the State of Nevada.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF IDAHO

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

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 2016, Mike Crapo was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Idaho 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, 2017.

Witness: His excellency our governor C.L. "Butch" Otter, and our seal hereto affixed at Boise this 23rd day of November, in the year of our Lord 2016.

By the Governor:

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER,  
Governor.

LAWRENCE DENNEY,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF ILLINOIS EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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

This is to Certify that on the 8th day of November, Two Thousand and Sixteen, Tammy Duckworth was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Illinois a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term if six years, beginning on the third day of January, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Bruce Rauner, and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Springfield, Illinois, this 6th day of December, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen.

By the Governor:

BRUCE RAUNER,  
Governor.

JESSE WHITE,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF IOWA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION TO THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November 2016, Charles E. Grassley was duly elected as Senator to the Senate of the United States to represent the State of Iowa beginning on the 3rd day of January 2017.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 5th day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

TERRY BRANSTAD,  
Governor of Iowa.

Attest:

PAUL D. PATE,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 2016, Kamala D. Harris was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of California as 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, 2017.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 16th day of December, 2016.

EDMUND G. BROWN, JR.,  
Governor of California.

Attest:

ALEX PADILLA,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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

This is to certify that on the eighth day of November, two thousand and sixteen Maggie Hassan was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Hampshire 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 seventeen.

Witness, Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan and the Seal of the State of New Hampshire hereto affixed at Concord, this seventh day of December, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen.

By the Governor, with advice of the Council:

MARGARET WOOD HASSAN,  
Governor.

WILLIAM M. GARDNER,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA SECRETARY OF STATE

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

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November 2016, John Hoeven was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of North Dakota 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 2017.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands in the Capitol City of Bismarck this 18th day

of November 2016, and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota.

JACK DALRYMPLE,  
Governor.

ALVIN A. JAEGER,  
Secretary of State.

PENNY MILLER,

Clerk of the Supreme Court,  
Member State Canvassing Board.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF GEORGIA

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

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 2016, John H. Isakson was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Georgia, 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 of January, 2017.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Nathan Deal, and the Great Seal of the State of Georgia hereto affixed at the Capitol, in the city of Atlanta, the 28th day of November, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen.

By The Governor,

NATHAN DEAL,  
Governor.

BRIAN P. KEMP,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF WISCONSIN

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM

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

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 2016, Ron Johnson was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Wisconsin, 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, 2017.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Scott Walker, and our seal hereto affixed at Madison this 12th day of December 2016.

By the Governor:

SCOTT WALKER,  
Governor.

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF LOUISIANA

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

This is to certify that on the 10th day of December, 2016, John Kennedy was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Louisiana 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, 2017.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor John Bel Edwards, and our seal hereto affixed at Baton Rouge, Louisiana this 22nd day of December, in the year of our Lord 2016.

By the Governor:

JOHN BEL EDWARDS,  
Governor of Louisiana.

TOM SCHEDLER,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 2016, James Lankford was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Oklahoma 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, 2017.

Witness: Her Excellency our governor Mary Fallin, and our seal hereto affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma this 1st day of December, in the year of our Lord 2016.

By the governor:

MARY FALLIN,  
Governor.  
MIKE HUNTER,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF VERMONT

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

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 2016, Patrick Leahy 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, 2017.

Witness: Governor Peter Shumlin this 21st day of November, 2016.

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

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF UTAH

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

This is to certify that on the day of November 8, 2016, Mike Lee was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Utah 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 3d day of January, 2017.

Witness: His excellency our governor Gary R. Herbert, and our seal hereto affixed at Salt Lake City, Utah this 30th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2016.

By the governor:

GARY R. HERBERT,  
Governor.  
SPENCER J. COX,  
Lieutenant Governor.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF ARIZONA

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

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November 2016, John McCain was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Arizona 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, 2017.

Witness: His excellency our Governor of Arizona, and our seal hereto affixed at the Capitol in Phoenix this ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord 2016.

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS A. DUCEY,  
Governor.  
MICHELE REAGAN,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF KANSAS

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

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 2016, Jerry Moran was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Kansas 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, 2017.

Witness: His excellency our governor Sam Brownback, and our seal hereto affixed at Topeka, Kansas this 30th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2016.

By the governor:

SAM BROWNBACK,  
Governor.  
KRIS W. KOBACH,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF ALASKA

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

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 2016, Lisa Murkowski was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Alaska 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 of January, 2017.

Witness: His Excellency our governor Bill Walker, and our seal hereto affixed at Anchorage this 1st day of December, in the year of our Lord 2016.

By the Governor:

BILL WALKER,  
Governor.

By the Lieutenant Governor:

BYRON MALLOTT,  
Lieutenant Governor.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF WASHINGTON

##### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

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

This is to certify that at the General Election held in the state of Washington on the 8th day of November, 2016, Patty Murray was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the state of Washington as United States Senator from the state of Washington to represent the state of Washington in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2017.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Jay Inslee, and our seal hereto affixed at Olympia, Washington this 7th day of December, 2016.

By the Governor:

JAY INSLEE,  
Governor.

Attest:

KIM WYMAN,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

*To all to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:*

Know Ye That Honorable Rand Paul having been duly certified, that on November 8, 2016 was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Kentucky a Senator from said state to represent said state in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning the 3rd day of January 2017.

I hereby invest the above named with full power and authority to execute and discharge the duties of the said office according to law. And to have and to hold the same, with all the rights and emoluments thereunto legally appertaining, for and during the term prescribed by law.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the seal of the Commonwealth to be hereunto affixed. Done at Frankfort, the 22nd day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and six-

teen and in the 225th year of the Commonwealth,

MATTHEW G. BEVIN,  
By the Governor.

ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### THE STATE OF OHIO

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

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November 2016, Rob Portman was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Ohio 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, 2017.

Witness: His excellency our governor, and our seal hereto affixed at Columbus, Ohio, this 7th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2016.

By the governor:

JOHN KASICH,  
Governor.  
JON A. HUSTED,  
Secretary of State.

[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 day of November 8, 2016, Marco Rubio was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Florida 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 3d day of January, 2017.

WITNESS: His excellency our governor, RICK SCOTT, and our seal hereto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 30th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2016.

By the governor:

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

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF HAWAII

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

This is to certify that on the eighth day of November, 2016, Brian Schatz was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Hawaii a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning at noon on the third day of January, 2017.

Witness: His excellency our governor, David Y. Ige, and our seal hereto affixed at Honolulu this twenty-eighth day of November, in the year of our Lord 2016.

By the Governor:

DAVID Y. IGE,  
Governor.  
SCOTT T. NAGO,  
Chief Election Officer.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF NEW YORK EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

*To the President of the Senate:*

This is to certify that on the eighth day of November, two thousand sixteen, Charles E. Schumer was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New York a Senator from said State to represent the State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, two thousand seventeen.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, and our seal hereto affixed

at New York, New York, this ninth day of December in the year two thousand sixteen.

By the Governor:

ANDREW M. CUOMO,  
Governor.  
ROSSANA ROSADO,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

This is to certify that on the eighth day of November, A.D. 2016, Tim Scott was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of South Carolina 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, 2017.

Witness: Her Excellency our Governor Nikki R. Haley, and our seal hereto affixed at Columbia, South Carolina this twenty-ninth day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen.

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

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF ALABAMA

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

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 2016, Richard C. Shelby was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Alabama 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, 2017.

Witness: His excellency our governor Robert Bentley, and our seal hereto affixed at Montgomery this 5th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2016.

By the Governor:

ROBERT BENTLEY,  
Governor.  
JOHN H. MERRILL,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

This is to certify that on the eighth day of November, 2016, at a General Election, John R. Thune was elected by the qualified voters of the State of South Dakota to the office of United States Senate for the term of six years, beginning the Third day of January, 2017.

In Witness we have signed this certificate and affixed the Seal of the State at Pierre, the Capital, this Twenty-Ninth day of November, 2016.

DENNIS DAUGAARD,  
Governor.

Attested by:

SHANTEL KREBS,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

This is to certify that on the eighth day of November, 2016, Patrick J. Toomey was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a United States Senator to represent Pennsylvania in the Senate of the United States for a term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2017.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Tom Wolf, and our seal hereto affixed at Harris-

burg this twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord, 2016.

TOM WOLF,  
Governor.

PEDRO A. CORTÉS,  
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MARYLAND

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

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 2016, Chris Van Hollen was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Maryland 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, 2017.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Larry Hogan and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Annapolis, this 9th day of December, in the Year of Our Lord 2016.

By the Governor:

LARRY HOGAN,  
Governor.

Attest:

JOHN C. WOBENSMITH,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF OREGON

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

This is to certify that on the 8th day of November, 2016, Ron Wyden was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Oregon, 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, 2017.

Witness: Her Excellency our Governor, Kate Brown, and our seal hereto affixed at Salem, Oregon this 8th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2016.

By the governor:

KATE BROWN,  
Governor.  
JEANNE P. ATKINS,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

THE STATE OF INDIANA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM

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

This is to certify that on the eighth of November, 2016, Todd Young was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Indiana 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, 2017.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Michael R. Pence, and our seal hereto affixed at Indianapolis, this twenty-ninth day of November, in the year of our Lord, 2016.

By the Governor:

MICHAEL R. PENCE,  
Governor.

Attest:

CONNIE LAWSON,  
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 alpha-

betical order, the Chair will administer the oath of office.

The clerk will read the names of the first group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. BENNET of Colorado, Mr. BLUMENTHAL of Connecticut, Mr. BLUNT of Missouri, and Mr. BOOZMAN of Arkansas.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. GARDNER, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. Bond, and Mr. COTTON, 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 Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO of Nevada, Mr. CRAPO of Idaho, and Ms. DUCKWORTH of Illinois.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. TILLIS, Mr. Reid, Mr. HELLER, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. DURBIN, 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 Mr. GRASSLEY of Iowa, Ms. HARRIS of California, Ms. HASSAN of New Hampshire, and Mr. HOEVEN of North Dakota.

These Senators, escorted by Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. PORTMAN, 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 Mr. ISAKSON of Georgia, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. KENNEDY of Louisiana, and Mr. LANKFORD of Oklahoma.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. Mattingly, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. Kasten, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. INHOFE, 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.