

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.

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. LEAHY of Vermont, Mr. LEE of Utah, Mr. MCCAIN of Arizona, and Mr. MORAN of Kansas.

These Senators, escorted by Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. ROBERTS, 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 Ms. MURKOWSKI of Alaska, Mrs. MURRAY of Washington, Mr. PAUL of Kentucky, and Mr. PORTMAN of Ohio.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. DeWine, 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. RUBIO of Florida, Mr. SCHATZ of Hawaii, Mr. SCHUMER of New York, and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. NELSON, Mr. RISCH, Mr. Reid, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. DeMint, and Mr. GRAHAM, 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. SHELBY of Alabama, Mr. THUNE of South Dakota, Mr. TOOMEY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN of Maryland.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. CASEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, 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.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the final group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. WYDEN of Oregon and Mr. YOUNG of Indiana.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mr. LUGAR, 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.

WELCOMING MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I am pleased to welcome back familiar faces and express warm greetings to new Members.

On the Republican side, that includes Senator YOUNG of Indiana and Senator KENNEDY of Louisiana.

On the Democratic side, that includes Senator DUCKWORTH of Illinois, Senator CORTEZ MASTO of Nevada, Senator HASSAN of New Hampshire, Senator HARRIS of California, and Senator VAN HOLLEN of Maryland.

To each of our incoming Senators, I hope you enjoy these ceremonies with your families and colleagues as you embark on your new Senate careers. The Senate has a lot of work ahead, but for now I would encourage each of our Members who have just been sworn in to take a moment to celebrate the rich tradition of this day.

For those who served last Congress, you should be proud of what the Senate was able to accomplish on behalf of the American people. There is much more to do now, and I will have more to say on that tomorrow.

We know the coming days are going to require hard work and cooperation from both sides, but if we work together, we will be able to continue a record of achievement for our constituents, for our States, and for our country.

QUORUM CALL

Mr. MCCONNELL. 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.]

Alexander	Franken	Murphy
Baldwin	Gardner	Murray
Barrasso	Gillibrand	Nelson
Bennet	Graham	Paul
Blumenthal	Grassley	Perdue
Blunt	Harris	Peters
Booker	Hassan	Portman
Boozman	Hatch	Reed
Brown	Heinrich	Risch
Burr	Heitkamp	Roberts
Capito	Heller	Rounds
Cardin	Hirono	Rubio
Carper	Hoeven	Sasse
Casey	Inhofe	Schatz
Cassidy	Isakson	Schumer
Cochran	Johnson	Scott
Collins	Kaine	Sessions
Coons	Kennedy	Shaheen
Corker	King	Shelby
Cornyn	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Cortez Masto	Lankford	Sullivan
Cotton	Leahy	Thune
Crapo	Lee	Tillis
Cruz	Manchin	Toomey
Donnelly	Markey	Udall
Duckworth	McCain	Van Hollen
Durbin	McCaskill	Warner
Enzi	McConnell	Warren
Ernst	Menendez	Whitehouse
Feinstein	Merkley	Wicker
Fischer	Moran	Wyden
Flake	Murkowski	Young

The VICE PRESIDENT. A quorum is present.

LIST OF SENATORS BY STATES

Alabama—Richard C. Shelby and Jeff Sessions

Alaska—Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan

Arizona—John McCain and Jeff Flake

Arkansas—John Boozman and Tom Cotton

California—Dianne Feinstein and Kamala D. Harris

Colorado—Michael F. Bennet and Cory Gardner

Connecticut—Richard Blumenthal and Christopher Murphy

Delaware—Thomas R. Carper and Christopher A. Coons

Florida—Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio

Georgia—Johnny Isakson and David Perdue

Hawaii—Brian Schatz and Mazie Hirono

Idaho—Mike Crapo and James E. Risch

Illinois—Richard J. Durbin and Tammy Duckworth

Indiana—Joe Donnelly and Todd Young

Iowa—Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst

Kansas—Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran

Kentucky—Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul

Louisiana—Bill Cassidy and John Kennedy

Maine—Susan M. Collins and Angus S. King, Jr *

Maryland—Benjamin L. Cardin and Chris Van Hollen

Massachusetts—Elizabeth Warren and Edward J. Markey

Michigan—Debbie Stabenow and Gary C. Peters

Minnesota—Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken

Mississippi—Thad Cochran and Roger F. Wicker