

RUTH A. JOHNSON,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MONTANA

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 2018, Jon Tester, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Montana 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 2019.

Witness: His excellency our governor Steve Bullock and our seal hereto affixed in the City of Helena, Montana, this 7th day of December in the year of our Lord 2018.

By the governor:

STEVE BULLOCK,
Governor.
COREY STAPLETON,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MINNESOTA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR UNEXPIRED TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, 2018, Tina Smith was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Minnesota a Senator for the unexpired term ending at noon on the 3d day of January, 2021, to fill the vacancy in the representation from said State in the Senate of the United States cause by the resignation of Al Franken.

Witness: His excellency our governor Mark Dayton, and our seal hereto affixed at Saint Paul, Minnesota this 14th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2018.

By the Governor:

MARK DAYTON,
Governor.
STEVE SIMON,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, two thousand and eighteen, Elizabeth A. Warren was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a Senator from said Commonwealth to represent said Commonwealth in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, two thousand and nineteen.

Witness: His Excellency the Governor, Charles D. Baker, and Our Great Seal hereto affixed at Boston, this twenty-eight day of November in the year of Our Lord two thousand and eighteen.

By His Excellency the Governor:

CHARLES D. BAKER,
Governor.
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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 2018, 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 2019.

Witness: Her Excellency our Governor Gina M. Raimondo, and our seal affixed on this 20th day of November 2018.

By the Governor:

GINA M. RAIMONDO,
Governor.
NELLIE M. GORBEA,

Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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 2018, Roger F. Wicker was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Mississippi a Senator from Mississippi to represent Mississippi in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January Two Thousand Nineteen.

Given under my hand, and our seal affixed hereto, at the City of Jackson, this the 12th day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen.

PHIL BRYANT,
Governor of the State of Mississippi.
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 called the names of Ms. BALDWIN of Wisconsin, Mr. BARRASSO of Wyoming, Mrs. BLACKBURN of Tennessee, and Mr. BRAUN of Indiana.

The Senators, escorted by Mr. KOHL, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. YOUNG, 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 read the names of the second group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. CANTWELL of Washington, Mr. CARDIN of Maryland, and Mr. CARPER of Delaware.

The Senators, escorted by Mr. PORTMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. HOYER, and Mr. COONS, 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 now read the names of the third group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. CASEY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CRAMER of North Dakota, Mr. CRUZ of Texas, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN of California.

The Senators, escorted by Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CORNYN, and Ms. HARRIS, 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 now read the name of the fourth group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mrs. FISCHER of Nebraska, Mrs. GILLIBRAND of New York, Mr. HAWLEY of Missouri, and Mr. HEINRICH of New Mexico.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. FLAKE 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 now read the names of the fifth group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Ms. HIRONO of Hawaii, Mr. KAINE of Virginia, Mr. KING of Maine, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR of Minnesota.

These Senators, escorted by Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WARNER, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. SMITH 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 now read the names of the sixth group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. MANCHIN of West Virginia, Ms. MCSALLY of Arizona, Mr. MENENDEZ of New Jersey, and Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut.

These Senators, escorted by Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL 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 now read the names of the seventh group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. ROMNEY of Utah, Mrs. ROSEN of Nevada, Mr. SANDERS of Vermont, and Ms. SINEMA of Arizona.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. HATCH, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. FLAKE 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 now read the names of the eighth group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Ms. SMITH of Minnesota, Ms. STABENOW of Michigan, Mr. TESTER of Montana, and Ms. WARREN of Massachusetts.

These Senators, escorted by Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. MARKEY 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 now read the names of the final 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 and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH 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.)

QUORUM CALL

The VICE PRESIDENT. The absence of a quorum has 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:

Alexander	Durbin	Murphy
Baldwin	Ernst	Murray
Barrasso	Feinstein	Peters
Bennet	Fischer	Portman
Blackburn	Gardner	Reed
Blumenthal	Gillibrand	Roberts
Blunt	Grassley	Romney
Booker	Harris	Rosen
Boozman	Hassan	Rounds
Braun	Hawley	Rubio
Brown	Heinrich	Sanders
Cantwell	Hirono	Schumer
Capito	Hoeven	Shaheen
Cardin	Hyde-Smith	Shelby
Carper	Jones	Sinema
Casey	Kaine	Smith
Cassidy	King	Stabenow
Collins	Klobuchar	Tester
Coons	Lankford	Thune
Cornyn	Leahy	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Lee	Warner
Cotton	Manchin	Warren
Cramer	Markey	Whitehouse
Crapo	McConnell	Wicker
Cruz	McSally	Wyden
Duckworth	Menendez	Young

The VICE PRESIDENT. The quorum was present.

LIST OF SENATORS BY STATES

Alabama—DOUG JONES and RICHARD C. SHELBY

Alaska—LISA MURKOWSKI and DAN SULLIVAN

Arizona—MARTHA MCSALLY and KYRSTEN SINEMA

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—MARCO RUBIO

Georgia—JOHNNY ISAKSON and DAVID PERDUE

Hawaii—BRIAN SCHATZ and MAZIE K. HIRONO

Idaho—MIKE CRAPO and JAMES E. RISCH

Illinois—RICHARD J. DURBIN and TAMMY DUCKWORTH

Indiana—MIKE BRAUN 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—GARY C. PETERS and DEBBIE STABENOW

Minnesota—AMY KOBACH and TINA SMITH

Mississippi—CINDY HYDE-SMITH and ROGER F. WICKER

Missouri—ROY BLUNT and JOSH HAWLEY

Montana—STEVE DAINES and JON TESTER

Nebraska—DEB FISCHER and BEN SASSE

Nevada—CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO and JACKY ROSEN

New Hampshire—JEANNE SHAHEEN and MARGARET WOOD HASSAN

New Jersey—ROBERT MENENDEZ and CORY A. BOOKER

New Mexico—TOM UDALL and MARTIN HEINRICH

New York—CHARLES E. SCHUMER and KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND

North Carolina—RICHARD BURR and THOM TILLIS

North Dakota—JOHN HOEVEN and KEVIN CRAMER

Ohio—SHERROD BROWN and ROB PORTMAN

Oklahoma—JAMES M. INHOFE and JAMES LANKFORD

Oregon—RON WYDEN and JEFF MERKLEY

Pennsylvania—ROBERT P. CASEY, JR. and PATRICK J. TOOMEY

Rhode Island—JACK REED and SHELTON WHITEHOUSE

South Carolina—LINDSEY GRAHAM and TIM SCOTT

South Dakota—JOHN THUNE and MIKE ROUNDS

Tennessee—LAMAR ALEXANDER and MARSHA BLACKBURN

Texas—JOHN CORNYN and TED CRUZ

Utah—MITT ROMNEY and MIKE LEE

Vermont—PATRICK J. LEAHY and BERNARD SANDERS

Virginia—MARK R. WARNER and TIM KAINE

Washington—PATTY MURRAY and MARIA CANTWELL

West Virginia—JOE MANCHIN III and SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

Wisconsin—RON JOHNSON and TAMMY BALDWIN

Wyoming—MICHAEL B. ENZI and JOHN BARRASSO

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The VICE PRESIDENT. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The VICE PRESIDENT. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader is recognized.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consideration of S. Res. 1, submitted earlier today.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant 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.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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.