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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 119th Congress and at 12:02 p.m. was called to order by the Vice President (Ms. HARRIS).

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.
Our Father in Heaven, at a time when the dawning of the new year brings felicity and fear, we continue to acknowledge that You are still the one who stretches out the starry curtain of the heavens. May Your Name be kept holy.

As our incoming lawmakers swear today to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, may they also make a personal commitment to You to depend on Your guidance that will keep their feet on the path You have chosen. Lord, inspire them to strive always to do what is right as You give them the wisdom to discern it.

Mighty God, open Your hands to bless their work, supplying their needs out of the bounty of Your celestial riches.

We pray in Your majestic Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore 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.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Leader SCHUMER.

Mr. SCHUMER. I would like to welcome our Chaplain back. We are glad

he is with us and in good health. And I wish him and all of us a happy new year.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

The Chair lays before the Senate certificates of election of 32 Senators elected for 6-year terms beginning on January 3, 2025. All certificates, the Chair is advised, are in the form suggested by the Senate or contain all the 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 MARYLAND

To Angela Alsobrooks of Prince George's County
Greeting: Be it known, That the people of the State of Maryland, reposing great trust and confidence in your integrity and wisdom, did on the 5th day of November, Two Thousand Twenty Four elect you as United States Senator.

You are, therefore, to execute the said office justly, honestly, diligently and faithfully, according to law, and hold the same for the term of six years Beginning on January 3, 2025 or until you shall be duly discharged therefrom.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of Maryland

WES MOORE,

Governor of the State of Maryland.

At the City of Annapolis on the 5th day of December in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

Attest:

SUSAN C. LEE,
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 5th day of November 2024, Tammy Baldwin 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, 2025.

resent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 2025.

Witness: His excellency our governor Tony Evers and our seal hereto affixed at Madison this 29th day of November 2024.

By the Governor:

TONY EVERS,
Governor.
SARAH GODLEWSKI,
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 fifth day of November, 2024, Jim Banks 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, 2025.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Eric J. Holcomb, and our seal hereto affixed at Indianapolis, this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, 2024.

By the Governor:

ERIC J. HOLCOMB,
Governor.

Attest:

DIEGO MORALES,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF WYOMING

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 5th day of November 2024, John Barrasso was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Wyoming, 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 2025.

Witness: His Excellency our governor, Mark Gordon, and our seal hereto affixed at the Wyoming State Capitol, Cheyenne, Wyoming, this 18th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2024.

By the governor:

MARK GORDON,
Governor.
CHUCK GRAY,
Secretary of State

[State Seal Affixed]

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



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THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

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

This is to certify that on the 5th day of November, 2024, Marsha Blackburn was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Tennessee 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, 2025.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Bill Lee, and our seal hereto affixed at Nashville this 2nd day December, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

By the governor:

BILL LEE,
Governor.
TRE HARGETT,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF DELAWARE

To All Persons To Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greetings;

Whereas, an election was held in the State of Delaware, on Tuesday, the fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four, that being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, in that behalf, for the purpose of choosing by ballot a Senator for the people of said State in the United States Senate for the term of six years commencing January 3, 2025.

And Whereas, the official certificates or returns of said election, held in the several counties of the said State, in due manner made out, signed and executed, have been delivered to me according to the laws of the said State, by the Superior Court of said counties; and having examined said returns, and enumerated and ascertained the number of votes for each and every candidate or person voted for, for United States Senate, I have found Lisa Blunt Rochester to be the person highest in vote, and therefore duly elected and chosen United States Senator of this State.

I, the Said John C. Carney, Governor aforesaid, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of this State in that behalf, do hereby, therefore, declare, make known and certify that the said Lisa Blunt Rochester has received the highest vote at the election aforesaid and therefore is the legally elected United States Senator for the State of Delaware.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the said State, at Wilmington, the 25th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America two hundred forty-nine.

JOHN C. CARNEY,
Governor.

By the Governor:

JEFFREY W. BULLOCK,
Secretary of State.

[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 5th day of November, 2024, Maria Cantwell 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, 2025.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Jay Inslee, and our seal hereto affixed at Olym-

pia, Washington this 4th day of December, 2024.

By the Governor:

JAY INSLEE,
Governor.

Attest:

STEVE R. HOBBS,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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 5, 2024, Kevin Cramer 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, 2025.

Witness: His excellency our governor Doug Burgum, and our seal hereto affixed at the Capitol City of Bismarck this 20th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2024.

DOUG BURGUM,
Governor.
MICHAEL HOWE,
Secretary of State.
PETRA MANDIGO HULM,
Clerk of Supreme Court.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF TEXAS

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

This is to certify that on the 5th day of November, 2024, Ted Cruz was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Texas, 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, 2025.

Witness: His excellency our governor Greg Abbott, and our seal hereto affixed at Austin, Texas this 25th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2024.

By the Governor:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 25th day of November, 2024.

GREG ABBOTT,
Governor.

Attest:

JANE NELSON,
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 5th day of November, 2024, John Curtis 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 3rd day of January, 2025.

Witness: His excellency our governor Spencer J. Cox, and our seal hereto affixed at 2 PM this 5th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2024.

By the governor:

SPENCER J. COX,
Governor.
DEIDRE M. HENDERSON,
Lieutenant Governor.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NEBRASKA

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

This is to certify that on the 5th day of November 2024, Deb Fischer was duly chosen by

the qualified electors of the State of Nebraska 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, 2025.

Witness: His excellency our governor Jim Pillen, and our seal hereto affixed at Lincoln, Nebraska this 2nd day of December, in the year of our Lord 2024.

By the governor:

JIM PILLEN,
Governor.
ROBERT EVNEN,
Secretary of State.

[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 5th day of November 2024, RUBEN GALLEGU 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, 2025.

Witness: Her excellency our Governor Katie Hobbs, and our seal hereto affixed at the Capitol in Phoenix this 25th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2024.

By the Governor:

KATIE HOBBS,
Governor.
ADRIAN FONTES,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NEW YORK

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

This is to certify that on the fifth day of November, two thousand twenty-four, Kirsten E. Gillibrand was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New York a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for a term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, two thousand twenty-five.

Witness: Her Excellency our Governor Kathy Hochul, and our seal hereto affixed at Albany, New York, this ninth day of December, in the year two thousand twenty-four.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

KATHY HOCHUL,
Governor.
WALTER T. MOSLEY,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE 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 5th day of November, 2024, Josh Hawley 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, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 9th day of December 2024.

MICHAEL L. PARSON,
Governor.

Attest:

JOHN R. ASHCROFT,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

I, Maggie Toulouse Oliver, Secretary of the State of New Mexico, hereby certify that Martin Heinrich was duly and lawfully elected or retained to the office of United States

Senator at the General Election held in said State on November 5th, 2024, to represent said state in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 2025, as declared and determined by the State Canvassing Board.

Given under hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Mexico, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 26th day of November 2024.

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM,
Governor.
MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER,
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 fifth day of November, 2024, Mazie K. Hirono 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, 2025.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Josh Green, M.D., and our seal hereto affixed at Honolulu this twenty-fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord 2024.

By the Governor:

JOSH GREEN,
Governor.
SCOTT NAGO,
Chief Election Officer.

[State Seal Affixed]

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

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

This is to certify that on the 5th day of November, 2024, Timothy M. Kaine was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Virginia 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, 2025.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Glenn A. Youngkin, and our seal hereto affixed at Richmond, Virginia this 3rd day of December, 2024.

GLENN YOUNGKIN,
Governor of Virginia.
KELLY GEE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the fifth day of November, 2024, Andy Kim, 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, 2025.

By the Governor:

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this fifth day of December two thousand and twenty-four.

PHILIP D. MURPHY,
Governor.
TAHESHA L. WAY,
LT. Governor/Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MAINE

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the fifth day of November, in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four, Angus S. King, Jr., was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Maine, 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, in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

Witness: Her excellency our Governor, Janet T. Mills, and our seal hereto affixed at Augusta, Maine this ninth day of December in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-four.

By the Governor:

JANET T. MILLS,
Governor.
SHENNA BELLOWES,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MINNESOTA

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

This is to certify that on the fifth day of November, 2024, Amy Klobuchar was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Minnesota 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, 2025.

Witness: His excellency our governor Tim Walz, and our seal hereto affixed at Saint Paul this 9 day of December, in the year of our Lord 2024.

By the Governor:

TIM WALZ,
governor.
STEVE SIMON,
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 fifth day Of Noirember, 2024, David H. McCormick 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, 2025.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Josh Shapiro, and our seal hereto affixed at the city of Harrisburg this tenth day of December two thousand twenty-four.

JOSH SHAPIRO,
Governor.

Attest:

AL SCHMIDT,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

[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 at the General Election held on the 5th day of November 2024, Bernie Moreno was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Ohio, to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2025.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed. Done at the City of Columbus this 2nd day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-eighth and of the statehood of Ohio the two hundred twenty-first.

By the Governor:

MIKE DEWINE,
Governor of Ohio.
FRANK LAROSE,
Ohio 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 fifth day of November, two thousand and twenty-four

Christopher S. Murphy was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Connecticut 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, two thousand and twenty-five.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor; Ned Lamont and our seal hereto affixed at Hartford, this twenty-seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four.

NED LAMONT,
Governor.

STEPHANIE THOMAS,
Secretary of the State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NEVADA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

This is to certify that at a general election held in the State of Nevada on Tuesday, the fifth day of November, two thousand twenty-four, Jacky Rosen was duly elected as a Senator to represent the State of Nevada in the Senate of the United States for a term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, two thousand twenty-five.

Now, Therefore, I, Joe Lombardo, Governor of the State of Nevada, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws thereof, do hereby Commission Jacky Rosen, as a Senator of the Senate of the United States and authorized to discharge the duties of said office according to law and to hold and enjoy the same, together with powers, privileges, and emoluments thereunto appertaining.

In Testimony Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed on this 20th day of December, two thousand twenty-four.

JOE LOMBARDO,
Governor of the State of Nevada.
CISCO AGUILAR,
Secretary of the State of Nevada.
MARK WLASCHIN,
Deputy Chief for Elections.

[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 5th day of November, 2024, 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, 2025.

WITNESS my name hereunto subscribed and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont hereunto affixed at Montpelier this 10 day of December, 2024.

PHILIP B. SCOTT,
Governor.
SARAH COPELAND HANZAS,
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:

This is to certify that on the 5th day of November, 2024, Adam B. Schiff was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of California 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, 2025.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Gavin Newsom, and our seal hereto affixed in the City of Sacramento, this 17th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2024.

GAVIN NEWSOM,
Governor of California.
SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.,
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 5, 2024, Rick Scott 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 3rd day of January, 2025.

WITNESS: His excellency our Governor, RON DESANTIS, and our seal hereto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 21st day of November, in the year of our Lord 2024.

By the Governor:

RON DESANTIS,
Governor.
CORD BYRD,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MONTANA

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

I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of the State of Montana, do hereby certify that at the General Election held on the 5th day of November, A.D. 2024; TIM SHEEHY was elected to the office of the United States Senator by the qualified electors of the State of Montana to serve for a six-year term that commences on January 3rd, 2025. Said candidate received the highest number of votes cast, as appears from the official canvass of returns of the General Election.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Greg Gianforte and the official seal hereunto affixed at the City of Helena, the Capital of Montana, this 9th day of December, 2024.

By the Governor:

GREG GIANFORTE,
Governor.

Attest:

CHRISTI JACOBSEN,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MICHIGAN

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

This is to certify that on the 5th day of November, 2024, Elissa Slotkin was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Michigan a Senator from said State to represent Michigan in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2025.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan this 3rd day of December, in the year of our Lord 2024.

By the Governor:

GRETCHEN WHITMER,
Governor.
JOCELYN BENSON,
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 fifth day of November, two thousand and twenty-four Elizabeth Ann 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 twenty-five.

Witness: Her Excellency the Governor, Maura Healey, and Our Great Seal hereto affixed at Boston, this fourth day of December

in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-four.

By Her Excellency the Governor:
MAURA HEALEY,
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 5th day of November 2024, Sheldon Whitehouse was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Rhode Island 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 2025.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Daniel J. McKee, and our seal hereto affixed on this 3rd day of December, in the year of our Lord 2024.

By the Governor:

DANIEL J. MCKEE,
Governor.
GREGG M. AMORE,
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 5th day of November 2024, ROGER F. WICKER was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Mississippi 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 2025.

WITNESS: His excellency our Governor, Tate Reeves, and our seal hereto affixed at 2:11 p.m. this the 3rd day of December, in the year of our Lord, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, this the 3rd day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-ninth.

TATE REEVES,
Governor.

WITNESS:

MICHAEL WATSON,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF
OFFICE

The VICE PRESIDENT. If the Senators to be sworn will now present themselves at the desk in groups of four as their names are called in alphabetical order, the Chair will administer their oaths of office.

The clerk will read the names of the first group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Ms. ALSOBROOKS of Maryland, Ms. BALDWIN of Wisconsin, Mr. BANKS of Indiana, and Mr. BARRASSO of Wyoming.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. CARDIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. THUNE, 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 sub-

scribed 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 Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. CRAMER.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. CORKER, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. THUNE, 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. CURTIS of Utah, Mrs. FISCHER of Nebraska, and Mr. GALLEGO of Arizona.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEE, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. KELLY, 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 Mrs. GILLIBRAND of New York, Mr. HAWLEY of Missouri, Mr. HEINRICH of New Mexico, and Ms. HIRONO of Hawaii.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOOKER, 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. KAINE of Virginia, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. KING of Maine, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR of Minnesota.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. WARNER, Mr. DURBIN, 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, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

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