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Senate

The sixth day of January being the day prescribed by House Joint Resolution 100 for the meeting of the 1st Session of the 111th Congress, the Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol and at 12:01 p.m. was called to order by the Vice President (Mr. CHENEY).

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal Lord God, our shelter from life's storms, as we begin the 111th Congress, we ask for Your guidance. Lead our Senators on a path that will bring blessings, as they seek to honor Your Name. Forgive them when they lean too heavily upon their wisdom, forgetting to look to You, the author and finisher of destinies.

Lord, thank You for the opportunity to serve You and country and to daily contribute to building a better world. As our Nation waits with expectancy during this transition time, help us to remember that Your sovereignty is changeless. Remind us to have confidence in our future because we know and depend on You.

We pray in Your wonderful 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 AND CREDENTIALS

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate two certificates of election to fill unexpired terms and the certificates of election of 32 Senators elected for 6-year terms beginning on January 3, 2009. All certifi-

cates, the Chair is advised, are in the form suggested by the Senate or contain all essential elements of the forms suggested by the Senate. If there be no objection, the reading of the above certificates will be waived and they will be printed in the RECORD.

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

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 4th day of November, 2008, Lamar Alexander 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 3d day of January, 2009:

Witness: His excellency our governor Phil Bredesen, and our seal hereto affixed at Nashville this 8th day of December, in the year of our Lord, 2008.

By the Governor:

PHIL BREDESEN,
Governor.

STATE OF WYOMING

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR UNEXPIRED FOUR-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November 2008, 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 unexpired term of four years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2009.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Dave Freudenthal, and our seal hereto affixed at the Wyoming State Capitol, Cheyenne, Wyoming, this 12th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2008.

DAVE FREUDENTHAL,
Governor.

STATE OF MONTANA

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

I, Brad Johnson, Secretary of State of the State of Montana, do hereby certify that Max Baucus was duly chosen on November 4th, 2008, by the qualified electors of the

State of Montana as a United States Senator from said State to represent said State in the United States Senate. The six-year term commences on January 3rd, 2009.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Brian Schweitzer, and the official seal hereto affixed at the City of Helena, the Capitol, this 10th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2008.

By the Governor:

BRIAN SCHWEITZER,
Governor.

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 4th day of November, 2008 Mark Begich was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Alaska a Senator from said State to represent said State in the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2009.

Witness: Her excellency our governor Sarah Palin, and our seal hereto affixed at Juneau this 8th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2008.

By the Governor:

SARAH PALIN,
Governor.

STATE OF DELAWARE

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

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November, 2008, Joseph R. Biden, Jr. was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Delaware a Senator from said State to represent said State in the United States for the term of six years, beginning at noon on the 3rd day of January, 2009.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the said State, at Dover, this 29th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

RUTH ANN MINNER,
Governor.

STATE OF GEORGIA

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

This is to certify that on the 2nd day of December, 2008, Saxby Chambliss was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of

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



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