

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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, Tom Udall was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Mexico a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2009.

Witness: His excellency our governor Bill Richardson, and our seal hereto affixed at Santa Fé this 7th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2008.

By the Governor:

BILL RICHARDSON,
Governor.

STATE 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 fourth day of November, 2008, Mark R. Warner was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Virginia to be a Senator from the Commonwealth to represent the Commonwealth in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2009.

In Testimony Whereof our Governor has hereunto signed his name and affixed the Lesser Seal of the Commonwealth at Richmond, this twenty-fifth day of November, two thousand eight, and in the two-hundred thirty-third year of the Commonwealth.

TIMOTHY M. KAINE,
Governor.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR UNEXPIRED TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 4th day of November, 2008, Roger Wicker was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Mississippi a Senator for the unexpired term ending at noon on the 3rd day of January, 2013, to fill the vacancy in the representation from said State in the Senate of the United States caused by the resignation of Trent Lott.

Witness: His excellency our governor Haley Barbour, and our seal hereto affixed at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi this 18th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2008.

By the Governor:

HALEY BARBOUR,
Governor.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

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

The clerk will read the names of the first group.

The legislative clerk (Kathleen Alvarez Tritak) called the names of Mr. ALXANDER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. BEGICH.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. CORKER, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. BAKER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. TESTER, and Ms. MURKOWSKI, 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 four Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COCHRAN, and Ms. COLLINS.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. CARPER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. WICKER, and Ms. SNOWE, 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 call the names of the next four Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. GRAHAM.

These Senators, escorted by Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. DEMINT, 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 call the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. JOHANNIS.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. BURR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, 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 call the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. LAUTENBERG.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. THUNE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DOMENICI, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. MENENDEZ, 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 call the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. PRYOR.

These Senators, escorted by Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. LINCOLN, 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 call the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. BYRD, 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 call the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. BINGAMAN, 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 call the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. WARNER and Mr. WICKER.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. John Warner and Mr. COCHRAN, 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.

QUORUM CALL

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.