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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 116th Congress and at 12:04 p.m. was called to order by the Vice President (Mr. PENCE).

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we honor Your Name. From You comes the help we need to face life's challenges and setbacks. Guide our lawmakers. Lead them through the turbulence to the destination of Your choosing. May they hold on to Your firm hand, finding in Your radiance the ability to transform bitterness, disappointment, and failure into redemptive opportunities.

Lord, make our Senators increasingly the kind of people whom You can use as instruments of Your purposes for humanity. Bless the incoming Senators of this 116th Congress with Your wisdom and might.

We pray in Your sovereign 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.

### CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate the certificates of election of 33 Senators elected for 6-year terms beginning on January 3, 2019, one certificate of election to fill an unexpired term and one certificate of appointment. All certificates, the Chair is advised, are in the form suggested by the Senate or contain all the essential requirements of the form sug-

gested 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 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 6th day of November 2018, 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 2019.

Witness: His excellency our governor Scott Walker, and our seal hereto affixed at Madison this 6th day of December 2018.

By the Governor:

SCOTT WALKER,  
Governor.

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### 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 6th day of November 2018, 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 2019.

Witness: His Excellency our governor, Matthew H. Mead, and our seal hereto affixed at the Wyoming State Capitol, Cheyenne, Wyoming, this 14th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2018.

By the Governor:

MATTHEW H. MEAD,  
Governor.

EDWARD A. BUCHANAN,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### 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 6th day of November, 2018, 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 3d day of January, 2019.

Witness: His excellency our governor Bill Haslam, and our seal hereto affixed at Nashville this 6th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2018.

By the Governor:

BILL HASLAM,  
Governor.

TRE HARGETT,  
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 sixth day of November, 2018, Mike Braun 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, 2019.

Witness: His excellency our governor Eric J. Holcomb, and our seal hereto affixed at Indianapolis, this twenty-ninth day of November, in the year of our Lord, 2018.

By the Governor:

ERIC HOLCOMB,  
Governor.

CONNIE LAWSON,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### THE STATE OF OHIO

#### 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 6th day of November 2018, Sherrod Brown was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Ohio 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, and our seal hereto affixed at Columbus, Ohio, this 7th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2018.

By the Governor:

JOHN R. KASICH,  
Governor.

JON HUSTED,  
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

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