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## Senate

The fourth day of January being the day prescribed by House Joint Resolution 101 for the meeting of the 1st Session of the 110th Congress, the Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol and at 12 noon 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 Spirit, whom to find is life and whom to miss is death, from age to age you provide hope to those who trust you. In a changing world, you are changeless. Lord, you have given us the gift of a new year, with all of its possibilities and promises.

Empower the Members of this new 110th Congress to use this season of opportunity for Your glory. As they labor with You, help them to place our country's needs ahead of perceived political advantages. Lead them from mistrust to trust. Use them to help bring peace to our world. Show them the priorities that best honor You and inspire them to act promptly. May they strive to achieve and maintain ethical and moral fitness. When they feel discouragement, remind them that You are working for the good of those who love You. As a challenging and promising future beckons, guide their steps and supply their needs. Lead the new leaders of our legislative branch with Your sure hand. May they follow You without hesitation.

We pray in Your Sovereign 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 the certificates of election of 33 Senators elected for 6-year terms beginning January 3, 2007. 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 above-mentioned letters and 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 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 7th day of November, 2006, Daniel K. Akaka, 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 on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: Her excellency our Governor Linda Lingle, and our seal hereto affixed at Honolulu, Hawaii this 27th day of November, in the year of our Lord, 2006.

By the Governor:

LINDA LINGLE,  
Governor.

#### 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 7th day of November, 2006, Jeff Bingaman, 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 the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Bill Richardson, and our seal hereto affixed at Santa Fe this 30th day of November, in the year of our Lord, 2006.

By the Governor:

BILL RICHARDSON,  
Governor.

#### 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 on the 7th day of November, 2006, 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, 2007.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus, this 8th day of December, in the year Two Thousand and Six.

BOB TAFT,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF WEST 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 seventh day of November, 2006, Robert C. Byrd was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of West 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 third day of January, 2007.

Witness: His excellency our governor Joe Manchin III, and our seal hereto affixed at Charleston this 22nd day of November, in the year of our Lord 2006.

By the Governor:

JOE MANCHIN, III,  
Governor.

#### STATE OF WASHINGTON

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 in the State of Washington on the 7th day of November, 2006, Maria Cantwell was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Washington as Senator from said State of Washington to represent said State of Washington in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: Her excellency our Governor Christine Gregoire, and our seal hereto affixed at Olympia, Washington this 21st day of December, 2006.

By the Governor:

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE,  
Governor.

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



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## STATE OF MARYLAND

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

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2006, Benjamin L. Cardin was duly chosen by the qualified voters of the State of Maryland 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, 2007.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Annapolis, this 8th day of December, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Six.

ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.  
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 7th day of November, 2006, Thomas R. Carper was duly chosen at an election, in due manner held according to the form of the Act of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware and of the Act of Congress, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning noon on the 3rd day of January 2007.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the said State, at Dover, this 27th day of November in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Six, and of the Independence of the United States of America Two Hundred Thirty.

By the Governor:

RUTH ANN MINNER,  
Governor.

## STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

This is to certify that on the seventh day of November, 2006, Bob Casey, Jr. 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, 2007.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Edward G. Rendell, and our seal hereto affixed at Harrisburg this fifteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, 2006.

By the Governor:

EDWARD G. RENDELL,  
Governor.

## 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 seventh day of November, two thousand six, Hillary Rodham Clinton 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 seven.

Witness: His excellency our Governor George E. Pataki, and our seal hereto affixed at Albany, New York, this twenty-sixth day of December in the year two thousand six.

By the Governor:

GEORGE E. PATAKI,  
Governor.

## 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 7th day of November 2006, Kent Conrad was duly chosen by

the qualified electors of the State of North Dakota to represent North Dakota in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 2007.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands at the Capitol City of Bismarck this 21st day of November 2006, and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota.

JOHN HOEVEN,  
Governor.

## 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 7th day of November 2006, Bob Corker 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 2007.

Witness: His excellency our governor Phil Bredesen, and our seal hereto affixed at Nashville this 7th day of December in the year of our Lord 2006.

By the governor:

PHIL BREDESEN,  
Governor.

## STATE OF NEVADA

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

This is to certify that at a general election held in the State of Nevada on Tuesday, the seventh day of November, two thousand six John E. Ensign was duly elected a Member of the United States Senate, in and for the State of Nevada, for the term of six years from and after the third day of January, two thousand seven: Now, therefore, I Kenny C. Guinn, Governor of the State of Nevada, by the authority in me vested in the Constitution and laws thereof, do hereby commission him, the said John E. Ensign as a Member of the United States Senate for the State of Nevada, and authorize him to discharge the duties of said office according to law, and to hold and enjoy the same, together with all 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 at the State Capitol at Carson City, Nevada this twenty sixth day of December, two thousand six.

KENNY C. GUINN,  
Governor.

## 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 7th day of November, 2006, Dianne Feinstein was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of California as 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, 2007.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 6th day of December, 2006.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER,  
Governor.

## 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 seventh day of November, 2006, Orrin G. Hatch 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 at noon on the third day of January, 2007.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Salt Lake City, this 27th day of November, 2006.

JON M. HUNTSMAN, JR.,  
Governor.

## 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 7th day of November, 2006, Kay Bailey Hutchison 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, 2007.

Witness: His excellency our governor Rick Perry, and our seal hereto affixed at Austin, Texas this 6th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2006.

By the Governor:

RICK PERRY,  
Governor.

## STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS

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

This is to certify that on the seventh day of November, two thousand and six, Edward M. Kennedy 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 seven.

Witness: Her Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, Acting Governor, Kerry Healey, and our seal hereto affixed at Boston, this sixth day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and six.

By Her Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, Acting Governor

KERRY HEALEY,  
Lieutenant Governor,  
Acting Governor.

## 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 Seventh day of November 2006, 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, 2007.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Tim Pawlenty, and our seal hereto affixed at St. Paul, Minnesota this 11th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2006.

By the Governor:

TIM PAWLENTY,  
Governor.

## STATE OF WISCONSIN

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

This is to certify that on the 7th of November, 2006, Herb Kohl 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, 2007.

Witness: His excellency our governor Jim Doyle, and our seal hereto affixed at Madison this 12th day of December 2006.

By the Governor:

JIM DOYLE,  
Governor.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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

This is to Certify that on the seventh day of November, two thousand and six, Joe Lieberman was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Connecticut 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 seven.

Witness: Her Excellency our Governor; M. Jodi Rell and our seal hereto affixed at Hartford, this twenty-ninth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand six.

M. JODI RELL,  
Governor.

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 7th day of November 2006, Jon Kyl 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 2007.

Witness: Her excellency the Governor of Arizona, and the Great Seal of the State of Arizona hereto affixed at the Capitol in Phoenix this 4th day of December 2006.

JANET NAPOLITANO,  
Governor.

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 7th day of November, 2006, the Honorable Trent Lott 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, 2007.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Haley Barbour, and the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi hereto affixed at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi this 19th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2006.

HALEY BARBOUR,  
Governor.

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 seventh day of November 2006, Richard G. Lugar 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, 2007.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., and our seal hereto affixed at Indianapolis, this the thirteenth day of December, in the year, 2006.

By the Governor:

M. E. DANIELS, JR.,  
Governor.

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 7th day of November, 2006, Claire McCaskill was duly cho-

sen 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, 2007.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Matt Blunt, and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Jefferson this 30th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2006.

By the Governor:

MATT BLUNT,  
Governor.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

This is to certify that on the 7th day of November, 2006, Robert Menendez, 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, 2007.

By the Governor:

Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this 11th day of December, two thousand and six.

JON CORZINE,  
Governor.

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 7th day of November, 2006, Bill Nelson, 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, 2007.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Jeb Bush, and our seal hereto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 22st day of November, in the year of our Lord 2006.

By the Governor:

JEB BUSH,  
Governor.

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 7th day of November, 2006, E. Benjamin Nelson was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Nebraska 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, 2007.

Witness: His excellency our governor Dave Heineman, and our seal hereto affixed at Lincoln, Nebraska this 11th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2006.

By the Governor:

DAVE HEINEMAN,  
Governor.

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 7th day of November, 2006, Bernard Sanders was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Vermont a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six year, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor James H. Douglas, and our seal hereto affixed at Montpelier this 16th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2006.

By the Governor:

JAMES H. DOUGLAS,  
Governor.

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 7th day of November, 2006, Debbie Stabenow was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Michigan a Senator from the State of Michigan to represent the State of Michigan in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan this 27th day of November, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and six.

By the Governor:

JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM,  
Governor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

This is to certify that on the Seventh day of November, in the year Two Thousand and Six, Olympia J. Snowe 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 Seven.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, John E. Baldacci, and our seal hereto affixed at Augusta, Maine this twenty-seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Six.

By the Governor:

JOHN E. BALDACCI,  
Governor.

STATE OF MONTANA

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

I, Brad Johnson, Secretary of State of the State of Montana, do hereby certify that Jon Tester was duly chosen on November 7th, 2006, 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, 2007.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Brian Schweitzer, and the official seal hereunto affixed at the City of Helena, the Capitol, this 27th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2006.

By the Governor:

BRIAN SCHWEITZER,  
Governor.

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 7th day of November 2006, Craig Thomas 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 2007.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Dave Freudenthal, and our seal hereto affixed at the Wyoming State Capitol, Cheyenne, Wyoming, this 15th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2006.

DAVE FREUDENTHAL,  
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 7th day of November, 2006, an election was held in the

Commonwealth of Virginia and James H. "Jim" Webb, Jr., was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Virginia as a Senator to represent the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

In Testimony Whereof our Governor has hereunto signed his name and affixed the Lesser Seal of the Commonwealth at Richmond, this 8th day of December, 2006, and in the two hundred thirty-first year of the Commonwealth.

By the Governor:

TIMOTHY M. KAINE,  
Governor.

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 7th day of November, 2006, Sheldon Whitehouse duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for a term of six years, beginning at noon on the 3rd day of January, 2007.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Donald L. Carcieri and our seal affixed on this 8th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2006.

DONALD L. CARCIERI,  
Governor.

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 Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BYRD.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. REID, Mr. DOMENICI, former Senator Glenn, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER, 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 group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. CASEY.

These Senators, escorted by Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. SPECTER, 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 group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. ENSIGN.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. Frist, and Mr. REID, 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 group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. KENNEDY.

These Senators, escorted by Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. KERRY, 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 next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, and Mr. LIEBERMAN.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. Dayton, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. DODD, 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. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. MENENDEZ.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BOND, Mrs. Carnahan, and Mr. LAUTENBERG, 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. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. SNOWE.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BYRD, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LEAHY, and Ms. COLLINS, 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 Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. WEBB.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. Melcher, Mr. ENZI, Mr. Robb, and Mr. WARNER, 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 last group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the name of Mr. WHITEHOUSE.

This Senator, escorted by Mr. REED, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to him by the Vice President, and he 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.

CALL OF THE ROLL

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

The VICE PRESIDENT. The absence of a quorum having been suggested, the clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

[Quorum No. 1 Leg.]

PRESENT—89

Akaka	Dodd	McCaskill
Alexander	Domenici	McConnell
Allard	Dorgan	Menendez
Baucus	Durbin	Mikulski
Bayh	Ensign	Murray
Bennett	Enzi	Nelson, Florida
Biden	Feingold	Nelson, Nebraska
Bingaman	Feinstein	Obama
Bond	Grassley	Pryor
Boxer	Hagel	Reed
Brown	Harkin	Reid
Bunning	Hatch	Rockefeller
Burr	Hutchison	Salazar
Byrd	Inhofe	Sanders
Cantwell	Isakson	Schumer
Cardin	Kennedy	Shelby
Carper	Kerry	Snowe
Casey	Klobuchar	Specter
Chambliss	Kohl	Stabenow
Clinton	Kyl	Stevens
Coburn	Landrieu	Sununu
Cochran	Lautenberg	Tester
Coleman	Leahy	Thomas
Collins	Levin	Thune
Conrad	Lieberman	Vitter
Corker	Lincoln	Voinovich
Cornyn	Lott	Warner
Craig	Lugar	Webb
Crapo	Martinez	Whitehouse
DeMint	McCain	