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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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