

ABSENT—11

Brownback	Inouye	Sessions
Dole	Johnson	Smith
Graham	Murkowski	Wyden
Gregg	Roberts	

The VICE PRESIDENT. A quorum is present.

LIST OF SENATORS BY STATES

ALASKA
Ted Stevens and Lisa Murkowski

ALABAMA
Richard C. Shelby and Jeff Sessions

ARIZONA
John McCain and Jon Kyl

ARKANSAS
Blanche L. Lincoln and Mark L. Pryor

CALIFORNIA
Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer

COLORADO
Wayne Allard and Ken Salazar

CONNECTICUT
Christopher J. Dodd and Joseph I. Lieberman

DELAWARE
Joseph R. Biden, Jr., and Thomas R. Carper

FLORIDA
Bill Nelson and Mel Martinez

GEORGIA
Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson

HAWAII
Daniel K. Inouye and Daniel K. Akaka

IDAHO
Larry E. Craig and Mike Crapo

ILLINOIS
Richard Durbin and Barack Obama

INDIANA
Richard G. Lugar and Evan Bayh

IOWA
Chuck Grassley and Tom Harkin

KANSAS
Sam Brownback and Pat Roberts

KENTUCKY
Mitch McConnell and Jim Bunning

LOUISIANA
Mary L. Landrieu and David Vitter

MAINE
Olympia J. Snowe and Susan M. Collins

MARYLAND
Barbara A. Mikulski and Benjamin L. Cardin

MASSACHUSETTS
Edward M. Kennedy and John F. Kerry

MICHIGAN
Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow

MINNESOTA
Norm Coleman and Amy Klobuchar

MISSISSIPPI
Thad Cochran and Trent Lott

MISSOURI
Christopher S. Bond and Claire McCaskill

MONTANA
Max Baucus and Jon Tester

NEBRASKA
Chuck Hagel and Benjamin E. Nelson

NEVADA
Harry Reid and John Ensign

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Judd Gregg and John E. Sununu

NEW JERSEY
Frank R. Lautenberg and Robert Menendez

NEW MEXICO

Pete V. Domenici and Jeff Bingaman

NEW YORK

Charles E. Schumer and Hillary Rodham Clinton

NORTH CAROLINA

Elizabeth H. Dole and Richard Burr

NORTH DAKOTA

Kent Conrad and Byron Dorgan

OHIO

George Voinovich and Sherrod Brown

OKLAHOMA

James M. Inhofe and Tom Coburn

OREGON

Ron Wyden and Gordon H. Smith

PENNSYLVANIA

Arlen Specter and Robert P. Casey, Jr.

RHODE ISLAND

Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse

SOUTH CAROLINA

Lindsey Graham and Jim DeMint

SOUTH DAKOTA

Tim Johnson and John Thune

TENNESSEE

Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker

TEXAS

Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn

UTAH

Orrin G. Hatch and Robert F. Bennett

VERMONT

Patrick J. Leahy and Bernard Sanders

VIRGINIA

John Warner and Jim Webb

WASHINGTON

Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell

WEST VIRGINIA

Robert C. Byrd and John D. Rockefeller IV

WISCONSIN

Herb Kohl and Russel D. Feingold

WYOMING

Craig Thomas and Michael B. Enzi

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader is recognized.

INFORMING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT A QUORUM OF EACH HOUSE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its consideration.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 1) informing the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the resolution is considered and agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 1) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 1

Resolved, That a committee consisting of two Senators be appointed to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled and that the Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

Mr. REID. I move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted.

Mr. McCONNELL. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Pursuant to S. Res. 1, the Chair appoints the Senator from Nevada, Mr. REID, and the Senator from Kentucky, Mr. McCONNELL, as a committee to join the committee on the part of the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum is assembled and that the Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

The majority leader is recognized.

INFORMING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT A QUORUM OF THE SENATE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 2) informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the resolution is considered and agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 2) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 2

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. McCONNELL. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

ELECTION OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT C. BYRD AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 3) to elect ROBERT C. BYRD, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the resolution is considered and agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 3) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 3

Resolved, That ROBERT C. BYRD, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, be, and he is hereby, elected President of the Senate pro tempore.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. McCONNELL. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Senator BYRD will be escorted to the desk.

Senator ROBERT C. BYRD, escorted by Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, and he subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

[Applause, Senators rising.]

NOTIFYING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 4) notifying the President of the United States of the election of a President pro tempore.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the resolution is considered and agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 4) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 4

Resolved, That the President of the United States be notified of the election of the Honorable ROBERT C. BYRD as President of the Senate pro tempore.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

NOTIFYING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE U.S. SENATE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 5) notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a President pro tempore.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the resolution is considered and agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 5) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 5

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be notified of the election of the Honorable ROBERT C. BYRD as President of the Senate pro tempore.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

EXPRESSING THE THANKS OF THE SENATE TO SENATOR TED STEVENS AND DESIGNATION AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 6) expressing the thanks of the Senate to the Honorable TED STEVENS for his service as President pro tempore of the United States Senate and to designate Senator STEVENS as President pro tempore emeritus of the United States Senate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 6) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 6

Resolved, That the United States Senate expresses its deepest gratitude to Senator TED STEVENS for his dedication and commitment during his service to the Senate as the President Pro Tempore.

Further, as a token of appreciation of the Senate for his long and faithful service, Senator TED STEVENS is hereby designated President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the United States Senate.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. REID. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

FIXING THE HOUR OF THE DAILY MEETING OF THE SENATE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 7) fixing the hour of the daily meeting of the Senate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the resolution is considered and agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 7) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 7

Resolved, That the daily meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock meridian unless otherwise ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

ELECTING NANCY ERICKSON AS THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 8) electing Nancy Erickson as Secretary of the Senate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the resolution is considered and agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 8) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 8

Resolved, That Nancy Erickson of South Dakota be, and she is hereby, elected Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Nancy Erickson, escorted by Mr. REID and Mr. MCCONNELL, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to her by the Vice President, and she subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

[Applause, Senators rising.]

NOTIFYING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 9) notifying the President of the United States of the election of the Secretary of the Senate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the resolution is considered and agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 9) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 9

Resolved, That the President of the United States be notified of the election of the Honorable Nancy Erickson as Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

NOTIFYING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTION OF A SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LAUTENBERG). The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 10) notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a Secretary of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the resolution is considered and agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 10) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 10

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be notified of the election of the Honorable Nancy Erickson as Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

ELECTING TERRANCE W. GAINER AS SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk.