

Mr. INHOFE, 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 Mr. REID, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. SPECTER.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. BRYAN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. SANTORUM, 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 final group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. VOINOVICH and Mr. WYDEN.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. DEWINE and Mr. SMITH of Oregon, 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.)

Mr. LOTT addressed the Chair.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, on behalf of the Senate, I extend congratulations to all of the newly-elected Members of the Senate.

CALL OF THE ROLL

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

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the roll to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll, and the following Senators entered the Chamber and answered to their names:

[Quorum No. 1]

Abraham	Burns	Dorgan
Akaka	Byrd	Durbin
Allard	Campbell	Edwards
Ashcroft	Chafee	Enzi
Baucus	Cleland	Feingold
Bayh	Cochran	Feinstein
Bennett	Collins	Fitzgerald
Biden	Conrad	Frist
Bingaman	Coverdell	Gorton
Bond	Craig	Graham
Boxer	Crapo	Gramm
Breaux	Daschle	Grassley
Brownback	DeWine	Gregg
Bryan	Dodd	Hagel
Bunning	Domenici	Harkin

Hatch	Lincoln	Schumer
Helm	Lott	Sessions
Hollings	Lugar	Shelby
Hutchinson	Mack	Smith (NH)
Hutchison	McCain	Smith (OR)
Inhofe	McConnell	Snowe
Inouye	Mikulski	Specter
Jeffords	Moynihan	Stevens
Johnson	Murkowski	Thomas
Kennedy	Murray	Thompson
Kerry	Nickles	Thurmond
Kyl	Reed	Torricelli
Landrieu	Reid	Voinovich
Lautenberg	Robb	Warner
Leahy	Roberts	Wellstone
Levin	Santorum	Wyden
Lieberman	Sarbanes	

The VICE PRESIDENT. A quorum is present.

The majority leader is recognized.

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk notifying the House that a quorum is present, and I ask that it be reported by title, agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 1), informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.

The VICE PRESIDENT. If there is no objection to the request of the majority leader, the resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 1) was agreed to.

The resolution is as follows:

S. RES. 1

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.

INFORMING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT A QUORUM OF THE SENATE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk creating a subcommittee consisting of two Senators to notify the President that a quorum of each House is assembled and ask that it be reported by title, agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, may we have order in the Senate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senator from West Virginia.

Mr. BYRD. The Senate is transacting business.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senate will be in order. Senators will take their seats or retire to the cloakroom. Senators will cease audible conversation. Senators in the well to the right of the Chair will take their seats or retire to the cloakroom.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I thank the Chair.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 2) informing the President of the United States that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.

The VICE PRESIDENT. If there is no objection to the request by the majority leader, the resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 2) reads as follows:

S. RES. 2

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.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 2, the Chair appoints the Senator from Mississippi, Mr. LOTT, and the Senator from South Dakota, Mr. DASCHLE, 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.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum so that the leaders will be able to notify the President we are in session as required by the resolution.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, Senator DASCHLE and I have notified the President that a quorum is present and the Senate is ready to proceed with business.

HOUR OF DAILY MEETING

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I, therefore, now send a resolution to the desk fixing the daily meeting of the Senate at 12 noon, and ask for that resolution to be reported by title, agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 3), fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the resolution (S. Res. 3) was considered and agreed to, as follows: