

the process. It is my hope, Mr. Speaker, that, while passions run high, we never let those passions overtake our purpose, that we remain men and women of high principle and purpose. Though we will have disagreements that may be played out later today, we attempt to restore civility and forsake the vicious and vituperative name calling that taint so many.

BETRAYAL OF DEMOCRACY

(Ms. LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in total outrage over the disenfranchisement of thousands of voters and the real betrayal of our democracy.

I rise today because we will not go gentle into that night. We will not stand silently by to seal the results of an electoral system that is separate and unequal.

We will not stand silently by while African American voters are dismissed from polling places, forced to use antiquated machines, and denied their rightful voice.

I went to Florida to work to get out the vote for the same reason that I have gone overseas as an election observer, because free and fair elections are the very lifeblood of our democracy, because the principle of one person, one vote, must be more than empty rhetoric.

This is not a dispute about chads; this is about fairness.

Martin Luther King, Jr. fought for the right to vote. Medgar Evers died for the right to vote. Today, we stand here in their memory. The right to vote is meaningless if every vote is not counted.

So let the world know that we failed in upholding our democratic principles, and that it was the Reagan-Bush Supreme Court, not the people of the United States, who decided the outcome of this election.

I object to the tallying and to accepting the electoral votes and will formally do so.

CONGRESS READY TO GOVERN AND LEAD IN A BIPARTISAN WAY

(Mr. HUTCHINSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, we should rejoice today in the beginning of the 107th Congress. We have an opportunity to lead and to govern; and in that, we should take pride in that responsibility.

I noted that friends from the other side of the aisle indicated they will file an objection today to certain electors. I support the right of them to do that under the Constitution of the United States.

But the fact that no Senator has indicated a willingness to join in that objection indicates that that body, and the vast majority of those in this body, say we are ready to move on and accept the results of the election that has been approved under our rule of law.

So today we are ready to govern, to lead in a bipartisan way; and I think that we should rejoice in that. If there has been problems in the election system, we should review that. If there has been a disenfranchisement of any minority voter or any member of the Armed Forces, that should be reviewed. But we should work together in a positive way in this session of Congress.

GROSS VIOLATIONS OF VOTING RIGHTS ACT

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, we had our problems in Georgia, but the Florida elections were marred by gross violations of the Voting Rights Act.

Voters who had never been to jail were listed as felons and then were not able to vote. Translators were not provided. A second ID was requested of immigrants even though it was not required.

But while Floridians pored over hanging chads and dimpled ballots, one-third of Florida's African American males were unable to vote because of felony convictions.

The Congress today will rubber stamp these gross violations of the Violating Rights Act. For black voters, these egregious insults must be addressed. It is not the act of voting that is democracy, but the counting of those votes; and that is what measures a true democracy.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COMBEST). The Chair desires to make a statement.

The Chair desires to defer further unanimous consent requests and 1-minute speeches until after the formal ceremony of the day, which is the counting of the electoral votes for President and Vice President.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 12:55 p.m.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 21 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 12:55 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 1 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.

COUNTING ELECTORAL VOTES—JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE HELD PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1

At 1:02 p.m. the Sergeant at Arms, Wilson Livingood, announced the Vice President and the Senate of the United States.

The Senate entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, headed by the Vice President and the Secretary of the Senate, the Members and officers of the House rising to receive them.

The Vice President took his seat as the Presiding Officer of the joint convention of the two Houses, the Speaker of the House occupying the chair on his left. Senators took seats to the right of the rostrum as prescribed by law.

The joint session was called to order by the Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Mr. Speaker and Members of Congress, the Senate and the House or Representatives, pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and the laws of the United States, are meeting in joint session for the purpose of opening the certificates and ascertaining and counting the votes of the electors of the several States for President and Vice President.

After ascertainment has been had that the certificates are authentic and correct in form, the tellers will count and make a list of the votes cast by the electors of the several States.

The tellers on the part of the two Houses will take their places at the Clerk's desk.

The tellers, Senator DODD and Senator MCCONNELL on the part of the Senate, and Mr. THOMAS and Mr. FATTAH on the part of the House, took their places at the desk.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair will open the certificates in alphabetical order and pass to the tellers the certificates showing the votes of the electors in each State, and the tellers will then read, count, and announce the result in each State.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Vice President, I make a point of order.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Vice President, we have just completed the closest election in American history.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The gentleman will suspend.

The Chair is advised by the Parliamentarian that, under section 18 of title 3, United States Code, no debate is allowed in the joint session.

If the gentleman has a point of order, please present the point of order.

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Vice President, there are many Americans who still believe that the results we are going to certify today are illegitimate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The gentleman will suspend.

If the gentleman from Florida has a point of order, he may present the point of order at this time. Otherwise, the gentleman will suspend.

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Vice President, I will note the absence of a quorum and respectfully request that we delay the proceedings until a quorum is present.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair is advised by the Parliamentarian that section 17 of title 3, United States Code, prescribes a single procedure for resolution of either an objection to a certificate or other questions arising in the matter. That includes a point of order that a quorum is not present.

The Chair rules, on the advice of the Parliamentarian, that the point of order that a quorum is not present is subject to the requirement that it be in writing and signed by both a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator.

Is the point of order in writing and signed not only by a Member of the House of Representatives but also by a Senator?

Mr. DEUTSCH. It is in writing, but I do not have a Senator.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The point of order may not be received.

The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Alabama, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

(The certificates being in varying forms, each was read in part sufficient to justify the findings that it was signed by the pertinent electors, duly attested, regular in form, and authentic, and that it reflected the votes announced.)

Senator DODD (one of the tellers). Mr. President, we, the undersigned, being duly elected electors for President and Vice President of the United States of America, for the State of Alabama, at the general election held on Tuesday, November 7, 2000, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, and of this State, certify that the following candidates for President and Vice President received the following number of votes, by ballot, at the meeting of electors held December 18, 2000, at the State capitol in Montgomery, Alabama.

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Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Alabama seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that

George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 9 votes for President and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 9 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Alaska, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned, being duly elected electors for the State of Alaska, do hereby certify that on the 18th day of December, 2000, A.D., in the Municipality of Anchorage, State of Alaska, duly and regularly met and by authority of law vested in us, voted for President of the United States of America with the following result: For President, George W. Bush, 3 votes.

We, the undersigned, being the duly elected electors for the State of Alaska, do hereby certify that on the 18th day of December, 2000, A.D., in the Municipality of Anchorage, State of Alaska, duly and regularly met and by authority of law vested in us, voted for Vice President of the United States of America with the following result: for Vice President, Dick Cheney, 3 votes.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Alaska seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 3 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 3 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Arizona, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator McCONNELL (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned, being the duly elected, qualified and acting presidential electors for the State of Arizona, do hereby certify that on the 18th day of December, 2000, A.D., at and within the City of Phoenix, County of Maricopa, State of Arizona, duly and regularly met and convened, and then and there, by authority of law in us vested, voted for President of the United States of America, with the following result: for President, George W. Bush, 8 votes.

We, the undersigned, being the duly elected, qualified and acting presidential electors for the State of Arizona, do hereby certify that on the 18th

day of December, 2000, A.D., at and within the City of Phoenix, County of Maricopa, State of Arizona, duly and regularly met and convened and then and there, by authority of law in us vested, voted for Vice President of the United States of America, with the following result: for Vice President, Dick Cheney, 8 votes.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Arizona seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 8 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 8 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Arkansas, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. FATTAH (one of the tellers). Mr. President, we, the undersigned, duly elected and qualified Presidential Electors for the State of Arkansas for the year 2000, hereby certify that we have met at the State Capitol, Old Supreme Court Chamber, in Little Rock, Arkansas, on December 18, 2000, as provided by law, and have cast our ballot for the President of the United States. We hereby certify that we have cast our separate ballots for the President of the United States as follows: for George W. Bush, in witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 18th day of December 2000.

We, the undersigned, duly elected and qualified Presidential Electors for the State of Arkansas, for the year 2000, hereby certify that we have met at the State Capitol, Old Supreme Court Chamber, Little Rock, Arkansas, on December 18, 2000, as provided by law, and have cast our ballot for the Vice President of the United States. We hereby certify that we have cast our separate ballots for the Vice President of the United States as follows: For Dick Cheney, in witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed this 18th day of December 2000.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Arkansas seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 6 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 6 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair now hands to the gentleman from California and the other tellers the certificate of the electors for President and

Vice President of the State of California, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned Electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America (for the respective terms of President and Vice President beginning on the twentieth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and one), being Electors, duly and legally elected, appointed and qualified in and for the State of California, as appears by the annexed list of Electors made, certified and delivered to us by Governor Gray Davis of the State and having the signature of the Governor of said State affixed thereto, having met and convened at the Capitol, in the city of Sacramento, in the State of California, in pursuance of the statutes of the State of California and of the United States, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December, being the eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand, do hereby certify that being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot and balloted, first for such President, and then for such Vice President, by distinct ballots.

And we further certify, that the following are two distinct lists, one of the votes for President and the other of the votes for Vice President, so given as aforesaid: AL GORE of Tennessee, 54 votes; JOE LIEBERMAN of Connecticut, 54 votes.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of California seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that AL GORE of the State of Tennessee received 54 votes for President and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 54 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection to the count just made?

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Colorado, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator DODD (one of the tellers). I, Donetta Davidson, Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, do hereby certify on the Eighteenth Day of December 2000, The Following Qualified Presidential Electors Met In The Office Of The Governor At Twelve Noon, And Cast Their Votes (8) For The Candidates Of Their Party; Said Candidates Being George W. Bush For President, And Dick Cheney For Vice President.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote for the State of Colorado seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 8 votes for President and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 8 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection to the certificate just counted?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the Senator from Connecticut, Mr. DODD, the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Connecticut, and he will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator DODD (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned, Electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America, for the respective terms beginning on the twentieth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and one, being electors duly and legally appointed and qualified by and for the State of Connecticut, as appears by the annexed list of electors, made, certified, and delivered to us by the Executive of the State, having met and convened at the Capitol, in Hartford, in said State, in pursuance of the Constitution and laws of the United States, and in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Connecticut, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday, being the eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand do hereby certify that being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot, and balloted first for such President and then for such Vice President, by distinct ballots. And we further certify, that, the following are two distinct lists: One of the votes for President, and the other, of the votes for Vice President so cast as aforesaid: List of all persons voted for as President, with the number of votes for each, AL GORE of Tennessee, 8. Lists of all persons for as Vice President with the number of votes for each, JOE LIEBERMAN of Connecticut, 8.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Connecticut seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that AL GORE for the State of Tennessee received 8 votes for President and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 8 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection to the certificate just counted?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Delaware, and

they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers). To all persons to whom these presents shall come, greetings. Whereas, an election was held in the State of Delaware, on Tuesday, the seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord 2000, that being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, in pursuance of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, in that behalf, for the purpose of choosing by ballot 3 electors for the election of a President and Vice President of the United States, and whereas, the official certificates or returns of said election, held in the several counties of the said State, in due manner made out, signed and executed, have been delivered to me according to the laws of said State, by the Superior Court of said counties; and having examined said returns, and enumerated and ascertained the number of votes for each and every candidate or person voted for as one of such Electors, the result appears as follows, to wit.

This one is different than all the others.

The VICE PRESIDENT. I can tell you where they went if it is not on there.

Mr. THOMAS. For President, AL GORE, 3 votes, and for Vice President JOE LIEBERMAN, 3 votes.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Delaware seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that AL GORE of the State of Tennessee received 3 votes for President and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 3 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection to the certificate just counted?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the District of Columbia, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by the District of Columbia.

Senator McCONNELL (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned, Electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America for terms beginning at noon on the twentieth day of January two thousand and one, being electors duly and legally appointed and qualified by and for the District of Columbia, as appears by the annexed certificate made and delivered to us by the Mayor of the District of Columbia, in accordance with the Act of Congress of June 25, 1948, c. 644, section 1, 62 Stat. 672, do hereby certify, that being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot,

and balloted first for President and then for Vice President by distinct ballots. And we further certify that the following are two distinct lists, one of the votes for President and the other of the votes for Vice President, so cast as aforesaid.

List of all the persons voted for as President, with the number of votes for each: ALBERT GORE, two. List of all the persons voted for as Vice President, with the number of votes for each: JOSEPH I. LIEBERMAN, two.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the District of Columbia seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that Al Gore from the State of Tennessee received 2 votes for President and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 2 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection to the certificate just counted? The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair now hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Florida, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. FATTAH (one of the tellers). This is the one we have all been waiting for.

We, the undersigned duly elected and serving Electors for President and Vice-President hereby certify that we have this day met in the Executive Offices of the Capitol at Tallahassee, Florida, and cast our votes for President of the United States and our votes for Vice-President of the United States, and that the results are as follows: Those receiving votes for President of the United States and the number of such votes were: George W. Bush, 25. Those receiving votes for Vice-President of the United States and the number of such votes were: Dick Cheney, 25. Done at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 18th day of December, A.D., 2000.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Florida seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 25 votes for President and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 25 votes for Vice President.

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The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. President, I object to the certificate from Florida.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS) will present his objection. Is the gen-

tleman's objection in writing and signed by a Member of the House of Representatives and by a Senator?

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. President, and I take great pride in calling you that, I must object because of the overwhelming evidence of official misconduct, deliberate fraud, and an attempt to suppress voter turnout.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair must remind Members that under section 18, title 3, United States Code, no debate is allowed in the joint session.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Thank you, Mr. President. To answer your question, Mr. President, the objection is in writing, signed by a number of Members of the House of Representatives, but not by a Member of the Senate.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman from Florida for his courtesy. Since the present objection lacks the signature of a Senator, accordingly, the objection may not be received.

Are there other objections?

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. President, I have an objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. For what purpose does the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MEEK) rise?

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. President, I have an objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is the objection in writing and signed by a Member of the House and by a Senator?

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. President, it is in writing and signed by myself and several of my constituents from Florida. A Senator is needed, but missing.

The VICE PRESIDENT. On the basis previously stated, the objection may not be received. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman from Florida for her courtesy.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Florida, Ms. BROWN, rise?

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. President, I stand for the purpose of objecting to the counting of the vote from the State of Florida as read.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is the objection in writing and signed by a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator?

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. President, it is in writing and signed by several House colleagues on behalf of, and myself, the 27,000 voters of Duval County, of which 16,000 of them are African Americans that were disenfranchised in this last election.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The gentleman will suspend. The part of the question that the Chair will put again is, is the objection signed by a Member of the Senate?

Ms. BROWN of Florida. It is not signed by a Member of the Senate. The Senate is missing.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman. The objec-

tion, on the basis previously stated, may not be received.

For what purpose does the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON) rise?

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I rise on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus to object to the 25 electoral votes from Florida.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Does the gentlewoman state an objection, and is it in writing and signed by a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator?

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. It is in writing, signed by a number of Members of Congress, and because we received hundreds of thousands of telegrams and e-mails and telephone calls, but we do not have a Senator.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is the objection signed by a Senator?

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. It is not signed by a Senator, Mr. President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman from Texas. On the previous basis stated, the objection may not be received.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) rise?

Mr. CUMMINGS. I have an objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The gentleman will state his objection. Is the objection in writing and signed by a Member of the House and a Senator?

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. President, it is in writing and signed by myself on behalf of the many disenfranchised people in the State of Florida, and it is signed along with many of my other colleagues from the House.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is it signed by a Senator?

Mr. CUMMINGS. No, it is not.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman from Maryland. On the basis previously stated, the objection may not be received.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. For what purpose does the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) rise?

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. President, I have an objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is the objection in writing and signed by a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator?

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. President, thank you for your inquiry. It is in writing, it is signed by myself on behalf of my diverse constituents and the millions of Americans who have been disenfranchised by Florida's inaccurate vote count, along with my House colleagues, Mr. President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is the objection signed by a Senator?

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. President, I do not have a Senator who has signed this objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman from Texas. On the basis previously stated, the objection may not be received.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Thank you, Mr. President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. For what purpose does the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) rise?

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Vice President, I rise to object to the fraudulent 25 Florida electoral votes.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is the objection in writing and signed by a Member of the House and a Senator?

Ms. WATERS. The objection is in writing, and I do not care that it is not signed by a Member of the Senate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair will advise that the rules do care, and the signature of a Senator is required. The Chair will again put that part of the question: Is the objection signed by a Senator?

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Vice President, there are gross violations of the Voting Rights Act from Florida, and I object; and it is not signed by a Senator.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman from California. On the basis previously stated, the objection may not be received.

For what purpose does the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) rise?

Ms. LEE. Mr. President, I have an objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is the objection in writing and signed by a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator?

Ms. LEE. Mr. President, it is in writing and signed by myself on behalf of many of the diverse constituents in our country, especially those in the Ninth Congressional District and all American voters who recognize that the Supreme Court, not the people of the United States, decided this election.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is the objection signed by a Senator?

Ms. LEE. Unfortunately, Mr. President, it is not signed by one single Senator.

The VICE PRESIDENT. On the basis previously stated, the objection may not be received. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman from California.

For what purpose does the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY) rise?

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. President, I have an objection at the desk to Florida's 25 electoral votes.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is the objection in writing and signed by a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator?

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. President, it is in writing and it is signed by my Congressional Black Caucus colleagues, my House colleagues and myself; but it is not signed by one single Senator.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman from Georgia. On the basis previously stated, the objection may not be received.

For what purpose does the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Mrs. MINK) rise?

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. President, I want to voice my objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is the objection in writing and signed by a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator?

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. President, it is in writing, and I have signed it on behalf of not only myself and other colleagues of the House but my constituents. Unfortunately, I have no authority over the United States Senate and no Senator has signed.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman from Hawaii. On the basis previously stated, the objection may not be received.

For what purpose does the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. CLAYTON) rise?

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. President, I rise in objection to the Florida electoral votes, and I rise to object to the process that, indeed, that voters do count, the essence of democracy demands that we speak to it.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is the objection in writing and is it signed by a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator?

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. President, it is in writing and it is signed by more than 10 of my Members in the House.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is the objection signed by a Senator?

Mrs. CLAYTON. Unfortunately, it is not.

The VICE PRESIDENT. On the basis previously stated, the objection may not be received. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman from North Carolina.

Are there any other objections?

For what purpose does the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY) rise?

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. President, I object to Florida's electors, and in view of the fact that debate is not permitted in joint session and pursuant to title 3, I move that the House withdraw from the joint session in order to allow consideration of the facts surrounding the slate of electors from Florida.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair will remind the Members of the joint session that even though a Member's motion may affect only one House, the statutory principle of bicameral signatures must, nevertheless, be applied. The gentlewoman will suspend.

Reading sections 15 through 18 of title 3, United States Code, as a coherent whole, the Chair holds that no procedural question is to be recognized by the presiding officer in the joint session unless presented in writing and signed by both a Representative and a Senator.

Is the gentlewoman's motion in writing and signed by a Member and a Senator?

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. President, the motion is in writing, it is at the desk,

and because it involves the prerogatives of the House, therefore Senate assent is not required.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair will advise the gentlewoman respectfully that reading sections 15 through 18 of title 3, U.S. Code, as a whole, the Chair holds that no procedural question, even if involving only one House of Congress, is to be recognized by the presiding officer in the joint session, unless presented in writing and signed by both a Representative and a Senator.

Because the gentlewoman's motion is not signed by a Senator, on the basis previously stated, the motion may not be received. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman from Georgia.

For what purpose does the gentleman from California rise?

Mr. FILNER. I have an objection to the electoral votes from Florida.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is the objection in writing; is it signed by a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator?

Mr. FILNER. No, it is not in writing, but I rise in solidarity with my colleagues who have previously expressed their objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The objection will not be allowed on the previous basis.

Mr. FILNER. I thank the President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. For what purpose does the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) rise?

Ms. WATERS. I have a motion of objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is the motion in writing, and is it signed by a Member of the House of Representatives and a Member of the Senate?

Ms. WATERS. The motion is in writing, Mr. President, and I rise to offer a motion to withdraw from the joint session. There is no reference to the section that you have referenced to quorum or withdrawal.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair will respectfully advise the gentlewoman from California that sections 15 through 18 of title 3, as previously stated, in the opinion of the Chair and the Parliamentarians require the Chair to rule that no procedural question is to be recognized by the Presiding Officer in the joint session, even if it applies to only one House, unless presented in writing and signed by both a Representative and a Senator.

Since the Chair has been advised that the gentlewoman's motion is not signed by a Senator, on the basis previously stated, the motion may not be received.

Ms. WATERS. Let the RECORD show that is an opinion. It is not written in that section in reference to quorum or withdrawal.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman from California.

Are there any further objections to the certificate just counted?

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. President, I rise to make a point of order.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is the point of order in writing, and is it signed by a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator?

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. President, being that this is a solemn day and a day that we are affirming the voices of the American people, we wish to delay this until a quorum has been maintained.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The gentleman will be advised, as all Members of the joint session will be advised, that a motion for the presence of a quorum is not in order unless it is signed by a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator.

Since the Chair is advised that the gentleman's motion is not signed by a Senator, it is not received.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Thank you, Mr. President. It is signed by me, but I do not have a Senator.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman from Texas.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON) rise?

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. President, I have an objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is the gentleman's objection in writing and signed by a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator?

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Yes, sir, I have signed it.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is the objection signed by a Senator?

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. President, I am objecting to the idea that votes in Florida were not counted; and it is a sad day in America, Mr. President, when we cannot find a Senator to sign these objections. New Democratic Senators will not sign the objection, Mr. President. I object.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The gentleman will suspend. The Chair thanks the gentleman from Illinois, but, on the basis previously stated, the objection is not in order.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS) rise?

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. President, point of order. Would the President advise whether or not there is an opportunity to appeal the ruling of the Chair?

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The VICE PRESIDENT. This is going to sound familiar to you, to all of us.

The Chair finds that section 17 of title 3, United States Code, prescribes a single procedure for resolution of either an objection to a certificate or other questions arising in the matter. The Chair rules that the appeal is subject to the requirement that it be in writing and signed by both a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator. Since the Chair presumes that it is not signed by a Senator, it is not received on the basis previously stated.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. We did all we could, Mr. President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman from Florida.

Are there further objections?

Ms. WATERS. Further objection, Mr. President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. For what purpose does the gentleman from California (Ms. WATERS) rise?

Ms. WATERS. Mr. President, I rise to ask unanimous consent that the debate on this issue go forward.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Notwithstanding the fact that objections were heard, the Chair is advised that that request should not even be entertained.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON) rise?

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. President, is it possible to ask at this hour for a Democratic Senator to sign one of these Democratic objections by unanimous consent? Is that within the House rules?

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair will advise the gentleman from Illinois that any Member of either Chamber may do as he or she wishes, so long as it is within the rules of the joint session. So it is possible, as long as it does not violate the rules, but the Chair will not entertain debate, because that is a violation of the rules of the joint session.

If there is no further objection, the Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Georgia, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator DODD (one of the tellers). Certificate of Ascertainment. On November 7, 2000, the following people were appointed electors of President and Vice President of the United States, each receiving 1,419,720 votes:

Certificate of Vote of the 2000 Electors From Georgia. We, the undersigned, being the duly elected and qualified electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America from the State of Georgia, and hereinafter referred in this Certificate as the 2000 Electors from the State of Georgia, do hereby certify the following:

That the undersigned 2000 electors from the State of Georgia convened and organized at the State Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, County of Fulton, Georgia, at 12 o'clock noon, on the 18th day of December 2000, to perform the duties enjoined upon them:

That Frederick E. Cooper presided and Eric J. Tanenblatt served as Secretary for the meeting.

That the undersigned 2000 Electors from the State of Georgia cast each of their respective ballots for President of the United States of America, as follows, Signed by the pertinent Electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Georgia

seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 13 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 13 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Hawaii, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers). WE, the undersigned, Electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America, for the respective terms beginning on the twentieth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand, being electors duly and legally appointed and qualified by and for the State of Hawaii, as appears by the annexed list of electors, made certified and delivered to us by the Executive of the State, having met and convened at the Capitol, in Honolulu, in said State, in pursuance of the Constitution and laws of the United States, and in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Hawaii, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday, being the eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand.

Do Hereby Certify, That the following are two distinct lists, one of the votes for President and the other of the votes for Vice President. For President, AL GORE of Tennessee; for Vice President, JOE LIEBERMAN of Connecticut.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Hawaii seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom, 4 votes for President and 4 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Idaho and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator MCCONNELL (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned electors of President and Vice President of the United States for the respective terms beginning on the twentieth day of January, two thousand and one, being Electors duly and legally appointed and qualified by and for the State of the Idaho, as appears by the annexed certificate made and delivered to us by the Executive of said State, having met

agreeably to the provisions of law at Boise, in the State of Idaho, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December of the year two thousand, being the eighteenth day of said month, do hereby certify that being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot and balloted first for President and then for Vice President by distinct ballots.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote the State of Idaho seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 4 votes for President and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 4 votes for Vice President.

THE VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

THE VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Illinois, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. FATTAH (one of the tellers). Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Mr. President.

From the State of Illinois, Certificate of Vote.

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENT: That we, the undersigned, electors of the President and Vice President of the United States of America, duly and legally elected and appointed as such on the Seventh day of November, 2000, or chosen as provided by law for the filling of vacancies of Presidential Electors by and for the State of Illinois, as appears by annexed certificates made and delivered to us by the Illinois State Board of Elections.

DO HEREBY CERTIFY that we met and convened, as provided by law, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in the Capitol, in the City of Springfield, in the State of Illinois, on the Eighteenth day of December, 2000, being the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December next following our appointment, and organized, by electing Michael J. Madigan Chairman and Constance A. Howard, Secretary of the College of Electors of the State of Illinois; and we further certify that we then proceeded to vote by ballot and voted first for President of the United States and then for Vice President of the United States by distinct ballots; and that the following are the two distinct lists, one of the votes for President and the other the votes for Vice President, so cast as aforesaid:

AL GORE, 22, for President; JOE LIEBERMAN, 22, for Vice President.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Illinois seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that

AL GORE of the State of Tennessee received 22 votes for President and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 22 votes for Vice President.

THE VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Indiana, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator DODD (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned, duly elected and qualified as electors for President and Vice President of the United States of America, for the respective terms beginning on the twentieth day of January 2001, and for the State of Indiana, as appears by the annexed certificates mailed and delivered to us by the Governor of this State, its chief executive officer, having met and convened agreeably to the provisions of the law in the chamber of the Indiana House of Representatives at Indianapolis, Indiana on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December, 2000, being the eighteenth day of this month.

Do hereby certify, that being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot, and balloted first for President and then for Vice President by distinct ballots.

We further certify that the following are 2 distinct lists, one of the votes for President and the other of votes for Vice President, so cast as aforesaid:

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Indiana seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 12 votes for President and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 12 votes for Vice President.

THE VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

THE VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the Certificate of the Electors for President and Vice President of the State of Iowa. They will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers). The State of Iowa, Executive Department in the Name and By The Authority of The State of Iowa. CERTIFICATE OF VOTE OF ELECTORS FOR THE STATE OF IOWA.

We, the undersigned, the duly elected Electors for the State of Iowa for President and Vice President of the United States, meeting at the State Capitol in the City of Des Moines, Iowa, on this 18th day of December,

2000, in accordance with law, do hereby certify that on this date we have given our votes for President and Vice President of the United States for the term commencing January 20, 2001, and that all of the votes given by us for the said offices are as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AL GORE, 7 votes; FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, JOE LIEBERMAN, 7 votes.

Mr. President, signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

The certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Iowa seems to be in regular form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that AL GORE of the State of Tennessee received 7 votes for President, and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 7 votes for Vice President.

THE VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

THE VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Kansas, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator MCCONNELL (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned, electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America for the respective terms beginning on the twentieth day of January, A.D., two thousand and one, being electors duly and legally appointed and qualified by and for the State of Kansas, as appears by the annexed certificate made and delivered to us by the executive of said State, having met and convened, agreeably to the provisions of law, at Topeka in said State of Kansas on the first Monday after the second Wednesday of December of the year two thousand, being the eighteenth of said month.

DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot, and balloted first for President and then for Vice President by distinct ballots;

AND WE FURTHER CERTIFY, That the following are two distinct lists, one of the votes for President and the other of the votes for Vice President, so cast as aforesaid:

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Kansas seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 6 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 6 votes for Vice President.

THE VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

THE VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice

President of the commonwealth of Kentucky, and they will read the certificates and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

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Senator MCCONNELL (one of the tellers). Pursuant to the 12th Amendment of the United States Constitution in section 7 through 11 of title III of the United States Code, we, the undersigned electors for the Republican party in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do provide you with this certificate of votes for President and Vice President of the United States of America.

Attached to the certificate is the ballot for President and the ballot for Vice President and a list of the electors furnished to us at the direction of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the Commonwealth of Kentucky seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 8 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 8 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Louisiana, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. FATTAH (one of the tellers). The State of Louisiana, pursuant to the laws of the United States of America, I, M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr., Governor of Louisiana, do hereby certify that Mike Foster and Suzanne Haik Terrell for the State at Large, Patricia Brister for the First District, Donald Ensenat, for the Second District, Al Lippman for the Third District, Michael Woods, Sr. for the Fourth District, Elizabeth Levy for the Fifth District, Heulette Fontenot, Jr. for the Sixth District, and Steve Jordan for the Seventh District were duly elected Electors for President and Vice President of the United States, on the part of the State of Louisiana, agreeable to the provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana, and in conformity with the Constitution of the United States of America, for the purpose of giving their votes for President and Vice President of the United States for the term prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, to begin on the 20th day of January, A.D., 2001.

It is signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Louisiana seems to be regular in form and au-

thentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 9 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 9 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Maine, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator DODD (one of the tellers). The State of Maine. We, the undersigned, having been duly appointed and qualified by and for the State of Maine to be Electors of President and Vice President of the United States for the respective terms commencing on the twentieth day of January in the year two thousand and one, having met in convention in the Chamber of the House of Representatives at Augusta, in the State of Maine, in pursuance of the directions of the Congress of the United States, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December, being the eighteenth day of December, in the year two thousand; Hereby Certify, That, a vote by two distinct ballots was held; first, for President of the United States, and, then, for Vice President of the United States; and We further Certify, That, the following are two distinct lists; one, of the votes for President, and the other, of the votes for Vice President, so cast as aforesaid, signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Maine seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that AL GORE of the State of Tennessee received 4 votes for President, and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 4 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Maryland, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers). STATE OF MARYLAND, CITY OF ANNAPOLIS, MEETING OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS, WE, the undersigned, Mary Ann E. Love, Ina Taylor, Howard Friedman, Beatrice P. Tignor, Mary Butler Murphy, Gregory Pecoraro, Clarence W. Blount, Gene W. Counihan, Mary Jo Neville, and Thomas V. Mike Miller, being Electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America for the respective terms beginning on the 18th

day of December, 2000, duly and legally appointed and qualified by and for the State of Maryland, as appears by the annexed certificate made and delivered to us by his excellency, Honorable Parris N. Glendening, the Executive of said State, having met pursuant to the provisions of law, in the State House at Annapolis, in said State of Maryland, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December 2000, being the 18th day of said month, do hereby certify that after being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot and balloted first for President of the United States and then for Vice President of the United States by distinct ballots and that the following are two distinct lists, one of the votes for President and the other of the votes for Vice President, so cast as aforesaid:

LIST NO. 1 VOTES FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. RESULT: AL GORE, 10 VOTES.

LIST NO. 2 VOTES FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. RESULT: JOE LIEBERMAN 10 VOTES.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Maryland seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that AL GORE of the State of Tennessee received 10 votes for President, and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 10 votes for President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator MCCONNELL (one of the tellers). WE, the undersigned, ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, for the respective terms beginning at noon on the twentieth day of January, in the year two thousand and one, being Electors duly and legally appointed and qualified by and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as appears by the annexed certificate, made and delivered to us by the Executive of the Commonwealth, having met and convened, agreeably to the provisions of law, at the State House, in Boston, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December next following our appointment, being the eighteenth day of December, in the year two thousand.

DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot, and balloted first for such President, and then for such Vice President, by distinct ballots,

AND WE FURTHER CERTIFY, That the following are two distinct lists, one of the votes for President, and the other of the votes for Vice President, so cast, as aforesaid.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that AL GORE from the State of Tennessee received 12 votes for President, and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 12 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Michigan, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. FATTAH (one of the tellers). Mr. President, we, the undersigned Electors of the State of Michigan for President and Vice President, elected in the General Election held in the State of Michigan on November 7, 2000, and duly convened at the State Capitol in Lansing, Michigan, this 18th day of December, A.D. 2000, due hereby certify that the following are lists of all votes given by us for the office of President and Vice President, respectively, of the United States:

1. Votes cast for AL GORE for President of the United States . . . Eighteen . . . 18.

2. Votes cast for JOE LIEBERMAN for Vice President of the United States . . . Eighteen . . . 18.

In witness whereof, signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Michigan seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that AL GORE of the State of Tennessee received 18 votes for President, and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 18 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Minnesota, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator DODD (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned, duly elected and qualified as electors for President and Vice President of the United States of America for the respective terms beginning on the twentieth day of January 2001 in and for the State of Minnesota, as appears by the annexed certificates mailed and delivered to us by the Governor of this State, its chief ex-

ecutive officer, having met and convened agreeable to the provisions of the law, in the executive chamber at the State Capitol at Saint Paul, Minnesota, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December 2000, being the eighteenth day of this month, Do hereby certify, that being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot, and balloted first for President and then for Vice President by distinct ballots.

And we further certify that the following are two distinct lists, one of the votes for President and the other of the votes for Vice President, so cast as aforesaid.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote for the State of Minnesota seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that AL GORE of the State of Tennessee received 10 votes for President, and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 10 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Mississippi, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers). Certificate of Vote.

We, the seven (7) presidential electors elected in Mississippi at the November 7, 2000, General Election, assembled in Jackson, Mississippi on December 18, 2000, hereby certify that we have cast our seven (7) electoral votes for the Office of President of the United States for George W. Bush.

We, the seven (7) Presidential electors elected in Mississippi at the November 7, 2000, General Election, assembled in Jackson, Mississippi, on December 18, 2000, hereby certify that we have cast our seven (7) electoral votes for the Office of Vice-President of the United States for Dick Cheney.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Mississippi seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 7 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 7 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Missouri, and

they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator MCCONNELL (one of the tellers). BE IT KNOWN, that we, the undersigned electors for President and Vice-President, do hereby certify that all of the votes of the State of Missouri given for President and all of the votes of the State of Missouri given for Vice President are contained herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned electors for President and Vice-President, hereunto set our hands and caused the Great Seal of the State of Missouri to be affixed at the City of Jefferson, State of Missouri, this 18th day of December, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Missouri seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 11 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 11 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Montana, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. FATTAH (one of the tellers). The State of Montana, Mr. President, the certificate reads:

WE, the undersigned, Electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America for the respective terms beginning on the twentieth day of January, 2001, being the electors duly appointed or elected as replacements and qualified by and for the State of Montana, as appears on the annexed certificate made and delivered to us by the Executive of the said state and annexed copy of our certificate of election of replacements, having met, agreeable to the provisions of law, at Helena, the Capital of said State of Montana, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December, in the year 2000, being the eighteenth day of said month.

DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot, and balloted first for President and then for Vice President by distinct ballots.

AND WE FURTHER CERTIFY, that the following are the two distinct lists, one of the votes for President and the other of the votes for Vice President, so cast as aforesaid:

For George W. Bush of Texas, 3 votes, and for Vice President, Dick Cheney of Wyoming, 3 votes, signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral votes of the State of Montana

seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 3 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 3 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Nebraska, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator DODD (one of the tellers). We, do hereby certify that the attached document contains the list of electoral votes from the State of Nebraska, the office of President of the United States and Vice President of the United States, signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Nebraska seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 5 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 5 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Nevada, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

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Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers). State of Nevada, Executive Department, State of Nevada, Certificate of Vote, WE THE UNDERSIGNED, Electors for President and Vice President of the United States of America for the respective terms beginning at noon on the twentieth day of January, 2001, being Electors duly and legally appointed and qualified by and for the State of Nevada, as appears by the annexed Certificate of Ascertainment, having met and convened, agreeably to the provision of law, at Carson City, in said state of Nevada at 2 o'clock p.m. on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December of the year two thousand, being the eighteenth day of said month;

DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot, and balloted first for President and then Vice President by distinct ballots;

AND WE FURTHER CERTIFY, that the following are the votes for President and Vice President, so cast as aforesaid:

GEORGE W. BUSH received four (4) votes. DICK CHENEY received four (4) votes.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested, Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Nevada seems to be regular in form and authentic; and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 4 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 4 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Hearing none, the Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President for the State of New Hampshire. They will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator MCCONNELL (one of the tellers). We the undersigned, Electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America for the term beginning on the twentieth day of January, 2001, being electors duly elected and qualified by and for the State of New Hampshire, as appears by the annexed certificate, having met and organized at the State House in Concord in said State in accordance with the Act of Congress approved February 3, 1887, and acts supplementary thereto, approved October 19, 1888, May 29, 1928, and June 5, 1934, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December 2000, being the eighteenth day of said month, then and there proceeded to vote by ballot for such President by distinct ballots and for such Vice President by distinct ballots.

We hereby certify that the following person received votes for President of the United States:

George W. Bush of Austin, Texas had four votes.

We hereby certify that the following person received votes for Vice President of the United States:

Dick Cheney of Wilson, Wyoming had four votes.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of New Hampshire seems to be regular in form and authentic. It appears, therefrom, that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 4 votes for President and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 4 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Hearing none, the Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of New Jersey, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. FATTAH (one of the tellers). State of New Jersey, Certification of Electors. We, the undersigned, Paul M. Bangiola, Angelo R. Bianchi, Mamie Bridgeforth, Dennis P. Collins, John

Garrett, Deborah Lynch, Patricia McCullough, John P. McGreevey, June B. Montag, W. Michael Murphy, Jeffrey L. Nash, Barbara A. Plumeri, Julia Valdivia, Stephen S. Weinstein, and Charles Wowkanech;

Electors of President and Vice President for the State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the annex hereto is an original certificate of ascertainment and an original certificate of vote which lists the electoral votes of the State of New Jersey for President and Vice President.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral votes of the State of New Jersey seem to be regular in form and authentic; and it appears therefrom that AL GORE from the State of Tennessee received 15 votes for President and that JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 15 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Hearing none, the Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of New Mexico, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator DODD (one of the tellers). Mr. President, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CERTIFICATE OF VOTE.

Pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the United States of America and the laws of the State of New Mexico, we, the undersigned, being the five duly elected presidential electors of New Mexico, do hereby certify that, at the meeting held on December 18, 2000, in the Office of the Secretary of State in the Capitol, the ballots cast for President and Vice President of the United States of America were as follows:

For AL GORE as President of the United States, five votes;

For JOE LIEBERMAN as Vice President of the United States, five votes.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of New Mexico, this 18th day of December, A.D. 2000.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of New Mexico seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that AL GORE of the State of Tennessee received 5 votes for President, and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 5 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Hearing none, the Chair hands to the tellers the

certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of New York. They will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers). State of New York: We, the undersigned, Electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America, being Electors duly and legally appointed and qualified in and for the State of New York, as appears by the annexed list of Electors, made, certified and delivered to us by the Executive of the said State, and having the signature of the Governor of said State affixed thereto; and the annexed certificate as to filling of vacancies made and certified by the president and secretaries of the Electoral College;

Do hereby Certify, That the said Electors of President and Vice President of the United States for the State of New York, as by law required, convened at the Capitol of the said State, in the City of Albany, on the eighteenth day of December, 2000, at twelve o'clock noon of that day;

And we do hereby further Certify, That, being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot, first for such President, and then for such Vice President, by distinct ballots.

And we further Certify, That the following are two distinct lists, one of the votes for President, and the other of the votes for Vice President, so given as aforesaid:

NAMES OF PERSONS VOTED FOR:
AL GORE of the State of Tennessee, 33.
NAMES OF PERSONS VOTED FOR:
JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut, 33.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of New York seems to be regular in form and authentic; and it appears therefrom that AL GORE of the State of Tennessee received 33 votes for President and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 33 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Hearing none, the Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of North Carolina, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator McCONNELL (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned, being the duly elected, qualified and acting presidential electors for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that on the 18th day of December, 2000, in the City of Raleigh, State of North Carolina, duly and regularly met and convened and then and there, by authority of law in us vested, voted for President and Vice President of the United States of America, with the following results:

For President: George W. Bush, 14 votes.

For Vice President: Dick Cheney, 14 votes.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of North Carolina seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 14 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 14 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Hearing none, the Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of North Dakota, and they will read the certificate and count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. FATTAH (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned electors for President and Vice President of the United States of America, as chosen by the voters of North Dakota on November 7, 2000, and as listed on the attached Certificate of Ascertainment made and delivered to us by the Executive of said state, having met according to the provisions of federal and state law at Bismarck, in said state of North Dakota, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday of December of year 2000, being the eighteen day of the said month;

Do hereby certify, that being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot, and balloted first for President and then for Vice President by distinct ballots;

And, we further certify that the following are two distinct lists, one showing the votes cast for President and the other showing the votes cast for Vice President, so cast as aforesaid:

For President: George W. Bush, 3 votes.

For Vice President, Dick Cheney, 3 votes.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of North Dakota seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 3 votes for President, and Dick Cheney from the State of Wyoming received 3 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Hearing none, the Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Ohio, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of votes cast by that State.

Senator DODD (one of the tellers). State of Ohio. We the undersigned,

Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States of America for the respective terms of four years beginning on the Twentieth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand one, being electors duly and legally appointed and qualified by and for the State of Ohio, as appears by the annexed list of Electors, made, certified and delivered to us by the Executive of the State, having met and convened at the Statehouse, in the City of Columbus, in the State of Ohio, in pursuance of the direction of the Legislature of said State, on the First Monday after the Second Wednesday in December, being the Eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand;

Do hereby certify, That, being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot, and balloted first for such President, and then for such Vice-President, by distinct ballots;

And We Further Certify, That the following are two distinct lists; one, of the votes cast for President, and the other of the votes for Vice-President, so cast as aforesaid.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Ohio seems to be regular in form and authentic; and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 21 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 21 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Hearing none, the Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Oklahoma, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers). State of Oklahoma. For President of the United States of America, the Electors duly chosen for the State of Oklahoma cast their votes as follows:

George W. Bush, Eight (8) votes.

For Vice President of the United States, the Electors duly chosen for the State of Oklahoma cast their votes as follows:

Dick Cheney, Eight (8) votes.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Oklahoma seems to be regular in form and authentic; and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 8 votes for President, and Dick Cheney of the State of Wyoming received 8 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Hearing none, the Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Oregon, and they will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator MCCONNELL (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America for the respective terms beginning at noon on January 20, 2001, being electors legally elected and qualified in and for the State of Oregon, appears by the attached certificate made and delivered to us by the executive of the said State, having met, in accordance with law, at Salem, Oregon on December 18, 2000, the first Monday after the second Wednesday of the month:

Do hereby certify, that being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot, and balloted first for President and then for Vice President by distinct ballots:

And we further certify, that the following are two distinct lists; one, of the votes for President, and the other, of the votes for Vice President.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Oregon seems to be regular in form and authentic; and it appears therefrom that AL GORE of the State of Tennessee received 7 votes for President, and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 7 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Hearing none, the Chair hands to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) and the other tellers the certificate of electors for President and Vice President of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. They will read the certificate and will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. FATTAH (one of the tellers). It is a great pleasure that I read the certificate of the votes for President and Vice President from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States of America for the respective terms beginning the twentieth day of January, A.D. 2001, being electors duly and legally appointed and qualified by and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as appears by the annexed certificate of ascertainment made and delivered to us by the executive of said Commonwealth, and as appears by the annexed certificate made by us filling vacancies occasioned by the failure of electors to appear to perform their duties, having met, agreeably to the provisions of law, at Harrisburg, in said Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December in the year 2000, being the eighteenth day of said month:

DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot, and balloted first for President and then for Vice-President by distinct ballots.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, that the following are two distinct lists, one, of all the votes for President; and the other of all the votes for Vice President, so cast as aforesaid.

LIST OF ALL PERSONS VOTED UPON FOR PRESIDENT:

AL GORE received 23 votes.

LIST OF ALL PERSONS VOTED UPON FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:

JOE LIEBERMAN received 23 votes.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania seems to be regular in form and authentic; and it appears therefrom that AL GORE of the State of Tennessee received 23 votes for President, and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 23 votes for Vice President.

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The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificates of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Rhode Island, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator DODD (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned Electors of President and Vice President for the State of Rhode Island, Providence Plantations, do certify, in pursuance of law, that the lists of the votes of the said State cast by us as the Electors thereof for President and of all the votes of the said State cast by us as the Electors thereof of Vice President for respective terms beginning on the 20th day of January A.D. 2001, and herein contained witness our hands at Providence this first Monday after the second Wednesday, the same being the 18th day of December A.D. 2000.

Signed by the pertinent Electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Rhode Island seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that AL GORE of the State of Tennessee received 4 votes for President and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 4 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of South Carolina, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers). The State of South Carolina, Office of Secretary of State Jim Miles. 2000 Electoral College Certificate of vote.

We, the undersigned, being duly elected Electors for President and Vice President of the United States for the State of South Carolina, at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 7, 2000, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the United States and this State, certify that the following candidates for President and Vice President received the following number of votes by ballot at the meeting of electors held on Monday, December 18 in Columbia:

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: George W. Bush. Number of electoral votes 8.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: DICK CHENEY. Number of electoral votes 8.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of South Carolina seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 8 votes for President and DICK CHENEY of the State of Wyoming received 8 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of South Dakota, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator MCCONNELL (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned Electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America for the respective terms of President and Vice President, beginning on the 20th day of January, in the year of our Lord, 2001, being Electors duly and legally elected and qualified and in and for the State of South Dakota, as appears by the annexed Certificate of Ascertainment of Election made, certified, and delivered to us by the Governor of said State and having the signature of the Governor of said State, affixed thereto, having met and convened at the Capitol, in the City of Pierre, in the State of South Dakota, in pursuance of the statutes of the State of South Dakota and of the United States on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December, being the 18th day of December in the year of our Lord, 2000, do hereby certify that being so assembled and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by ballot, and balloted first for such President and then for such Vice President, by distinct ballots.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of South Dakota seems to be regular in form and

authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 3 votes for President and DICK CHENEY of the State of Wyoming received 3 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Tennessee, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. FATTAH (one of the tellers). We, the undersigned, being duly elected Electors for President and Vice President of the United States of America for the State of Tennessee at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 7, 2000, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the United States and of this State, certify that the following candidates for President and Vice President received the following number of votes, by ballot, at the meeting of Electors, held December 18, 2000, at the State Capitol of Tennessee. President of the United States of America, George W. Bush 11. Vice President of the United States of America, DICK CHENEY 11.

Signed by pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Tennessee seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 11 votes for President and DICK CHENEY from the State of Wyoming received 11 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Texas, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator DODD (one of the tellers). We, the duly elected and qualified Presidential Electors of the State of Texas, HEREBY CERTIFY that we did convene in the State Capitol, Austin, Texas, on the 18th day of December 2000, for the purpose of voting for President and Vice President of the United States.

We FURTHER CERTIFY that the persons whose names are listed herein voted by individual ballot for President of the United States and for Vice President of the United States, and the number of votes cast for each office numbered thirty-two (32).

FOR PRESIDENT: George W. Bush received thirty-two votes; and no votes were cast for any other person for President of the United States.

For VICE PRESIDENT: DICK CHENEY received thirty-two votes; and no votes were cast for any other person for Vice President of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto signed our names officially this 18th day of December, 2000.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Texas seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 32 votes for President and DICK CHENEY of the State of Wyoming received 32 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Utah, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers). State of Utah, Executive Department, Certificate of Vote.

We, the legally elected and qualified Electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America for the State of Utah, as appears on the attached Certificate of Ascertainment, as certified by the Governor of said State with the Great Seal affixed thereto, having met in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor at 12:00 noon on Monday, December 18, 2000, and reported ourselves to the Governor of said State as in attendance, in pursuance of the statutes of the United States and of the statutes of the State of Utah, for the purpose of voting for President and Vice President of the United States of America.

We do hereby certify, that being so convened and duly organized, we proceeded to vote by separate ballot, first for President and secondly for Vice President, that the following two distinct lists are a true statement of the votes given as aforesaid, one of the votes for President and the other of the votes for Vice President.

List of all persons voted for as President with the numbers of votes given for each.

Name of person voted for: George W. Bush of the State of Texas. Number of votes received five.

List of all persons voted for as Vice President with the number of votes given for each.

Name of person voted for: DICK CHENEY of the State of Wyoming. Number of votes received five.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested to.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Utah seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas

has received five votes for President and DICK CHENEY of the State of Wyoming received five votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of electors for President and Vice President of the State of Vermont, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator McCONNELL (one of the tellers). We hereby certify that the attached are of the Certificate of Ascertainment listing all Electors, candidates for Electors, and number of votes received and the Certificate of Vote listing all persons who received electoral votes for President with the number of votes received and all persons who received votes for Vice President and the number of votes received, as signed and certified by the Electors at the December 18, 2000, meeting at the State House in Montpelier, Vermont.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Vermont seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that AL GORE of the State of Tennessee received three votes for President and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received three votes as Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that Commonwealth.

Mr. FATTAH (one of the tellers). Commonwealth of Virginia.

We, the undersigned Electors of President and Vice President of the United States of America for the next ensuing regular term of the respective offices thereof being Electors duly and legally appointed by the Commonwealth of Virginia, as appears by the annexed list of Electors in the Certificate of the Executive, made, certified and delivered to us by the direction of the Executive of the State, having met and convened in the City of Richmond, Virginia, in the seat of Government, at the Capitol, in pursuance of the Constitution and laws of the United States, and also in pursuance of the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, on the 18th day of December, in the year of our Lord, two thousand, do hereby certify, that, being so assembled, we duly qualified and organized and that all the Electors duly and legally appointed by and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, appeared and answered to their names

and that thereupon, being duly in session at said Capitol on the 18th day of December, in the year of our Lord, two thousand, we proceeded to vote by ballot, and balloted first for such President, and then for such Vice President, by distinct ballots. And we further certify that the following are two distinct lists, one of the votes for such President and the other of the votes for such Vice President.

George W. Bush, of the State of Texas, received 13 votes.

DICK CHENEY, of the State of Wyoming, received 13 votes for Vice President.

Signed by the pertinent Electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the Commonwealth of Virginia seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 13 votes for President and DICK CHENEY of the State of Wyoming received 13 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Washington, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Senator DODD (one of the electors). Certificate of the Electoral College of the State of Washington.

We, the undersigned Presidential Electors of the State of Washington, being duly elected and qualified as evidenced by the accompanying Certificate of Ascertainment made and delivered to us by the Governor of the State of Washington, and having met pursuant to the provisions of Federal and state law, at the State Capitol in Olympia, in the state of Washington, twelve o'clock noon, on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December, 2000, do certify, that we have voted, by ballot, separately for the offices of President of the United States and Vice President of the United States for the respective terms which begin on the 20th day of January, 2001, and that the following are the names of all the persons who received votes for these offices, respectively.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Washington seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that AL GORE of the State of Tennessee received 11 votes for President and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 11 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of West Virginia, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. THOMAS (one of the tellers). Certificate of Vote.

We, the electors for President and Vice President of the United States, chosen by the people of West Virginia at the general election held on November 7, 2000, certify that we assembled in the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Charleston, West Virginia, on December 18, 2000, and voted as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT: George W. Bush five votes.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT: DICK CHENEY five votes.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of West Virginia seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 5 votes for President and DICK CHENEY of the State of Wyoming received 5 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors of the State of Wisconsin, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. MCCONNELL (one of the tellers). WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, being duly elected, qualified and acting Presidential Electors of the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to the attached certificate of the designee of the Chairperson of the state Elections Board, certified by Kevin J. Kennedy, Executive Director of the State Elections Board and exemplified by Governor Tommy G. Thompson and Secretary of State Douglas La Follette, respectively; having met and convened at the State Capitol, in the city of Madison, in the State of Wisconsin, at 12:00 noon on December 18, 2000, pursuant to Section 7, Title 3 of the United States Code, and Section 7.75 of the Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of casting our votes for President and Vice President of the United States, and the transmitting of the results of our determination, in accordance with Sections 9 and 11, Title 3 of the United States Code, DO HEREBY CERTIFY: That all of such Presidential Electors, so elected and so certified to this meeting of the Electoral College answered present and were present in person.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that the following distinct lists contain a correct abstract of the votes cast for the election of President and Vice President of the United States, respectively:

For President, AL GORE of the State of Tennessee.

For Vice President, JOE LIEBERMAN, of the State of Connecticut.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Wisconsin seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that AL GORE of the State of Tennessee received 11 votes for President and JOE LIEBERMAN of the State of Connecticut received 11 vote for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electors for President and Vice President of the State of Wyoming, and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that State.

Mr. FATTAH (one of the tellers). For the State of Wyoming, Secretary of State, Certificate of Votes for President and Vice President.

Whereas, according to the official returns of the General Election held in the State of Wyoming, on the 7th day of November, 2000, as duly canvassed by the Wyoming State Canvassing Board, a list is hereby given of the votes cast for President and Vice President of the United States.

Signed by the pertinent electors and duly attested.

Mr. President, the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Wyoming seems to be regular in form and authentic, and it appears therefrom that George W. Bush of the State of Texas received 3 votes for President and DICK CHENEY of the State of Wyoming received 3 votes for Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection.

There was no objection.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Gentlemen and gentlewomen of the Congress, the certificates of all the States have now been opened and read, and the tellers will make final ascertainment of the result and deliver the same to the President of the Senate.

The tellers delivered to the President of the Senate the following statement of results:

JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS FOR THE COUNTING OF THE ELECTORAL VOTES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: OFFICIAL TALLY, JANUARY 6, 2001

The undersigned, CHRISTOPHER J. DODD and MITCH MCCONNELL, tellers on the part of the Senate, WILLIAM M. THOMAS and CHAKA FATTAH, tellers on the part of the House of Representatives, report the following as the result of the ascertainment and counting of the electoral vote for President and Vice President of the United States for the term beginning on the twentieth day of January, two thousand and one.

Electoral Votes of Each State	For President		For Vice President	
	George W. Bush	Al Gore	Dick Cheney	Joe Lieberman
Alabama—9	9		9	
Alaska—3	3		3	
Arizona—8	8		8	
Arkansas—6	6		6	
California—54		54		54
Colorado—8	8		8	
Connecticut—8		8		8
Delaware—3		3		3
District of Columbia—3		2		2
Florida—25	25		25	
Georgia—13	13		13	
Hawaii—4		4		4
Idaho—4	4		4	
Illinois—22		22		22
Indiana—12	12		12	
Iowa—7		7		7
Kansas—6	6		6	
Kentucky—8	8		8	
Louisiana—9	9		9	
Maine—4		4		4
Maryland—10		10		10
Massachusetts—12		12		12
Michigan—18		18		18
Minnesota—10		10		10
Mississippi—7	7		7	
Missouri—11	11		11	
Montana—3	3		3	
Nebraska—5	5		5	
Nevada—4	4		4	
New Hampshire—4	4		4	
New Jersey—15		15		15
New Mexico—5		5		5
New York—33		33		33
North Carolina—14	14		14	
North Dakota—3	3		3	
Ohio—21	21		21	
Oklahoma—8	8		8	
Oregon—7		7		7
Pennsylvania—23		23		23
Rhode Island—4		4		4
South Carolina—8	8		8	
South Dakota—3	3		3	
Tennessee—11	11		11	
Texas—32	32		32	
Utah—5	5		5	
Vermont—3		3		3
Virginia—13	13		13	
Washington—11		11		11
West Virginia—5	5		5	
Wisconsin—11		11		11
Wyoming—3	3		3	
Total—538	271	266	271	266

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resentatives.*

The VICE PRESIDENT. The state of the vote for President of the United States, as delivered to the President of the Senate, is as follows:

The whole number of electors appointed to vote for President of the United States is 538, of which a majority is 270.

George W. Bush, of the State of Texas, has received for President of the United States 271 votes.

AL GORE, of the State of Tennessee, has received 266 votes.

The state of the vote for Vice President of the United States, as delivered to the President of the Senate, is as follows:

The whole number of the electors appointed to vote for Vice President of the United States is 538, of which a majority is 270.

DICK CHENEY, of the State of Wyoming, has received for Vice President of the United States 271 votes.

JOE LIEBERMAN, of the State of Connecticut, has received 266 votes.

This announcement on the state of the vote by the President of the Senate

shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons elected President and Vice President of the United States, each for the term beginning on the 20th of January 2001, and shall be entered, together with a list of the votes, on the Journals of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

May God bless our new President and our new Vice President, and may God bless the United States of America.

Members of the Congress, the purpose for which the joint session of the two Houses of Congress has been called having been accomplished, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 1, 107th Congress, the Chair thanks the Speaker and the Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate here assembled and declares the joint session dissolved.

(Thereupon, at 2 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m. the joint session of the two Houses of Congress was dissolved.)

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 1, 107th Congress, the Chair directs that the electoral vote will be spread at large upon the Journal.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 3:05 p.m.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 3:05 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) at 3 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.

COMPOSITION OF PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding the requirement of clause 11(a)1 of rule X, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence be composed of not more than 20 Members, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner, of whom not more than 11 be from the same party.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 19) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 19

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees for the House of Representatives:

Committee on Agriculture: Mr. Combest, Chairman; Mr. Boehner; Mr. Goodlatte; Mr. Pombo; Mr. Smith of Michigan; Mr. Everett; Mr. Lucas of Oklahoma; Mr. Chambliss; Mr. Moran of Kansas; Mr. Schaffer; Mr. Thune; Mr. Jenkins; Mr. Cooksey; Mr. Gutknecht; Mr. Riley; Mr. Simpson; Mr. Ose; Mr. Hayes; Mr. Fletcher; Mr. Pickering; Mr. Johnson of Illinois; Mr. Osborne; Mr. Pence; Mr. Rehberg; Mr. Graves; Mr. Putnam and Mr. Kennedy of Minnesota.

Committee on Appropriations: Mr. Young of Florida, Chairman; Mr. Regula; Mr. Lewis of California; Mr. Rogers of Kentucky; Mr. Skeen; Mr. Wolf; Mr. DeLay; Mr. Kolbe; Mr. Callahan; Mr. Walsh; Mr. Taylor of North Carolina; Mr. Hobson; Mr. Istook; Mr. Bonilla; Mr. Knollenberg; Mr. Miller of Florida; Mr. Kingston; Mr. Frelinghuysen; Mr. Wicker; Mr. Nethercutt; Mr. Cunningham; Mr. Tiahrt; Mr. Wamp; Mr. Latham; Mrs. Northup; Mr. Aderholt; Mrs. Emerson; Mr. Sununu; Ms. Granger; Mr. Peterson of Pennsylvania; Mr. Doolittle; Mr. LaHood; Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Vitter.

Committee on Armed Services: Mr. Stump, Chairman; Mr. Spence; Mr. Hunter; Mr. Hansen; Mr. Weldon of Pennsylvania; Mr. Hefley; Mr. Saxton; Mr. McHugh; Mr. Everett; Mr. Bartlett; Mr. McKeon; Mr. Watts; Mr. Thornberry; Mr. Hostettler; Mr. Chambliss; Mr. Hilleary; Mr. Scarborough; Mr. Jones of North Carolina; Mr. Graham; Mr. Ryan of Kansas; Mr. Riley; Mr. Gibbons; Mr. Hayes; Mr. Sherwood; Mrs. Wilson; Mr. Calvert; Mr. Simmons; Mr. Crenshaw; Mr. Kirk; Ms. Jo Ann Davis of Virginia; Mr. Schrock and Mr. Akin.

Committee on Budget: Mr. Nussle, Chairman; Mr. Hoekstra; Mr. Bass; Mr. Gutknecht; Mr. Hilleary; Mr. Sununu; Mr. Knollenberg; Mr. Thornberry; Mr. Ryan of Kansas; Mr. Collins; Mr. Wamp; Mr. Fletcher; Mr. Gary Miller of California; Mr. Toomey; Mr. Watkins; Mr. Hastings of Washington; Mr. Portman; Mr. Schrock; Mr. Culberson; Mr. Brown of South Carolina; Mr. Crenshaw and Mr. Putnam.

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Mr. Boehner, Chairman; Mr. Petri; Mrs. Roukema; Mr. Ballenger; Mr. Hoekstra; Mr. McKeon; Mr. Castle; Mr. Johnson of Texas; Mr. Greenwood; Mr. Graham; Mr. Souder; Mr. Norwood; Mr. Schaffer; Mr. Upton; Mr. Hilleary; Mr. Ehlers; Mr. Tancredo; Mr. Fletcher; Mr. DeMint; Mr. Isakson; Mrs. Biggert; Mr. Platts; Mr. Tiberi; Mr. Keller; Mr. Osborne and Mr. Culberson.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Mr. Tauzin, Chairman; Mr. Bilirakis; Mr. Barton; Mr. Upton; Mr. Stearns; Mr. Gillmor; Mr. Greenwood; Mr. Cox; Mr. Deal; Mr. Largent; Mr. Burr; Mr. Whitfield; Mr. Ganske; Mr. Norwood; Mrs. Cubin; Mr. Shimkus; Mrs. Wilson; Mr. Shadegg; Mr. Pickering; Mr. Fossella; Mr. Blunt; Mr. Thomas Davis of Virginia; Mr. Bryant; Mr. Ehrlich; Mr. Buyer; Mr. Radanovich; Mr. Pitts; Mrs. Bono; Mr. Walden of Oregon and Mr. Terry.

Committee on Financial Services: Mr. Oxley, Chairman; Mr. Leach; Mrs. Roukema; Mr. Bereuter; Mr. Baker; Mr. Bachus; Mr. Castle; Mr. King; Mr. Royce; Mr. Lucas of Oklahoma; Mr. Ney; Mr. Barr of Georgia; Mrs. Kelly; Mr. Paul; Mr. Gillmor; Mr. Cox; Mr. Weldon of Florida; Mr. Ryan of Kansas; Mr. Riley; Mr. LaTourette; Mr. Manzullo; Mr. Jones of North Carolina; Mr. Ose; Mrs. Biggert; Mr. Green of Wisconsin; Mr.