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The seventh day of January being the day prescribed by House Concurrent Resolution 230, as amended, for the meeting of the 1st session of the 105th Congress, the Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol, at 12 noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Your glory fills this hallowed Senate Chamber. We exalt You as Sovereign of our beloved Nation, and we are exhilarated as we prepare to witness the divine encounter between You and the Senators-elect as they are sworn in. You have destined them for greatness as leaders of our Nation. They are here by Your choice and are accountable to You for how they lead this Nation under Your guidance. May the awesome vows that they take and the immense responsibilities they assume bring them to the knees of their hearts with profound humility and an unprecedented openness to You. Save them from the seduction of power, the addiction of popularity and the aggrandizement of pride. Lord, keep their priorities straight: You and their families first; the good of our Nation second; consensus around truth third; party loyalties fourth; and personal success last of all.

May they never forget that they are here to serve and not to be served. Consistently replenish the reserves of strength and courage so often drained by pressure and stress. Anoint their minds with Your spirit and guide them as they seek to know and do Your will in the crucial issues before our Nation. This can be America's finest hour awaiting leaders imbued with Your power. May it be, Lord, in Your holy name. Amen.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION AND CREDENTIALS

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate one certificate of election to fill an unexpired term and the credentials of 33 Senators elected for 6-year terms beginning on January 3, 1997.

All certificates, the Chair is advised, are in the form suggested by the Senate or contain all the essential requirements of the form suggested by the Senate. If there be no objection, the reading of the above-mentioned certificates will be waived and they will be printed in full in the RECORD.

The documents ordered to be printed in the RECORD are as follows:

STATE OF COLORADO

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

This is to certify that on the 5th day of November, 1996, Wayne Allard was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Colorado a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 1997.

Witness: His excellency our governor Roy Romer, and our seal hereto affixed at the City and County of Denver this 6th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1996.

By the governor:

ROY ROMER,
Governor.

STATE OF MONTANA

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

This is to certify that on the 5th day of November, 1996, Max Baucus was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Montana a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning the 3rd day of January, 1997.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Marc Racicot, and our seal hereunto affixed at the City of Helena, the Capital, this 2nd day of December, in the year of our Lord 1996.

By the Governor:

MARC RACICOT,
Governor.

STATE OF DELAWARE

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

Be it known, an election was held in the State of Delaware, on Tuesday, the fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six, that being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, in pursuance of the Constitution of the United States and the Laws of the State of Delaware, in that behalf, for the election of a Senator for the people of the said State, in the Senate of the United States.

Whereas, the official certificates or returns of the 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 the said State, by the Superior Court of the said counties; and having examined said returns, and enumerated and ascertained the number of votes for each and every candidate or person voted for, for such Senator, I have found Joseph R. Biden, Jr., to be the person highest in votes, and therefore duly elected Senator of and for the said State in the Senate of the United States for the Constitutional term to commence at noon on the third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

I, Thomas R. Carper, Governor, do therefore, according to the form of the Act of the General Assembly of the said State and of the Act of Congress of the United States, in such case made and provided, declare the said Joseph R. Biden, Jr., the person highest in votes at the election aforesaid, and therefore duly and legally elected Senator of and for the said State of Delaware in the Senate of the United States, for the Constitutional term to commence at noon on the third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the said State, in obedience to the said Act of the General Assembly and of the said Act of Congress, at Dover, the 14th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-first.

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



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