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Senate

The seventh day of January being the day prescribed by Senate Joint Resolution 53 for the meeting of the 1st session of the 108th Congress, the Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol and at 12 noon was called to order by the Vice President (Mr. CHENEY).

PRAYER

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

Almighty God, we are one Nation under Your sovereignty, one body of leaders ready to be led by You, one band of patriots called to love You and serve our Nation above party or personal popularity, one family charged to work together in spite of differences to achieve Your will for our society. Today is an awesome time of dedication for the Senators-elect who will make an unreserved commitment to You, our beloved Nation, and our cherished Constitution. Give them a vision of their potential greatness as leaders; make them riverbeds for the flow of Your wisdom. Thank You for the families that nurtured them, the mentors who help them realize their talents and the power of Your gifts, and the loved ones who now stand by them to uphold and sustain them. May the vows they are about to take engender in them true humility. Save them from the seduction of power, political aggrandizement, and the bogus might of manipulation. With only You to please, set them free to speak truth, honed by study and prayer, to discern what is right and do it regardless of who gets the credit, to be distinguished for their integrity. All of the Senators and Officers of the Senate join with these new Senators once again in putting You and their families first, the good of the Nation second, consensus around truth, third; party loyalties, fourth; and, last of all, personal success. The time for greatness is now; the place for greatness is here; and the secret of greatness is in constant dependence on Your guidance and strength! You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable RICHARD CHENEY led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION AND CREDENTIALS

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate one certificate of election to fill an unexpired term, two letters of resignation, and two certificates of appointment to fill the vacancies created thereby, and the certificates of election of 33 Senators elected for 6-year terms beginning January 3, 2003.

All certificates, the Chair is advised, are in the form suggested by the Senate, or contain all of the essential requirements of the form suggested by the Senate.

If there be no objection, the reading of the above-mentioned letters and the 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:

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATE,

Washington, DC, November 20, 2002.

Hon. RICHARD B. CHENEY,
President of the United States Senate, Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I herewith tender my resignation as a Member of the United States Senate from Texas to become effective at the close of business on Saturday, November 30, 2002.

Yours respectfully,

PHIL GRAMM,
U.S. Senator.

STATE OF TEXAS

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that, pursuant to the power vested in me by the Constitution of

the United States and the laws of the State of Texas, I, Rick Perry, the governor of said State, do hereby appoint, effective December 1, 2002, John Cornyn, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States to complete the term caused by the resignation of Phil Gramm.

Witness: His excellency our governor Rick Perry, and our seal hereto affixed at Austin, Texas this 21st day of November, in the year of our Lord 2002.

By the Governor:

RICK PERRY,
Governor.

U.S. SENATE,

Washington, DC, December 2, 2002.

Hon. RICHARD CHENEY,
Vice President of the United States, President of the United States Senate, Capitol, Washington, DC

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I hereby tender my resignation as a Member of the United States Senate from Alaska to be effective at 3:59 PM, Eastern Standard Time, (11:59 AM Alaska Standard Time) on Monday, December 2, 2002.

Respectfully yours,

FRANK H. MURKOWSKI.

STATE OF ALASKA

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that, pursuant to the power vested in me by the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of Alaska, I, Frank H. Murkowski, the governor of said State, do hereby appoint Lisa Murkowski a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States until the vacancy therein caused by my resignation from the Senate, is filled by election as provided by law.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Frank H. Murkowski, and our seal hereto affixed at Anchorage this 20th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2002.

By the governor:

FRANK H. MURKOWSKI,
Governor.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

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, 2002, Lamar Alexander was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of

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



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