

The VICE PRESIDENT. The absence of a quorum having been suggested, the clerk will call the roll.

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

[Quorum No. 1 Leg.]

Akaka	Feingold	Murkowski
Alexander	Feinstein	Murray
Barrasso	Graham	Nelson, Nebraska
Baucus	Grassley	Nelson, Florida
Bayh	Gregg	Pryor
Begich	Hagan	Reed, Rhode Island
Bennett	Harkin	Reid, Nevada
Biden	Hatch	Risch
Boxer	Hutchison	Roberts
Brown	Inhofe	Rockefeller
Brownback	Inouye	Salazar
Bunning	Isakson	Sanders
Burr	Johanns	Schumer
Byrd	Johnson	Sessions
Cantwell	Kennedy	Shaheen
Cardin	Kerry	Shelby
Carper	Klobuchar	Snowe
Casey	Kyl	Specter
Chambliss	Landrieu	Stabenow
Clinton	Lautenberg	Tester
Coburn	Leahy	Thune
Cochran	Levin	Udall, Colorado
Collins	Lieberman	Udall, New Mexico
Conrad	Lincoln	Vitter
Cornyn	Lugar	Warner
Crapo	McCain	Webb
DeMint	McCaskill	Whitehouse
Dodd	McConnell	Wicker
Dorgan	Menendez	Wyden
Durbin	Merkley	
Enzi	Mikulski	

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER). A quorum is present.

LIST OF SENATORS BY STATES

ALABAMA	
Jeff Sessions and Richard C. Shelby	
ALASKA	
Mark Begich and Lisa Murkowski	
ARIZONA	
Jon Kyl and John McCain	
ARKANSAS	
Blanche L. Lincoln and Mark L. Pryor	
CALIFORNIA	
Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein	
COLORADO	
Ken Salazar and Mark Udall	
CONNECTICUT	
Christopher J. Dodd and Joseph I. Lieberman	
DELAWARE	
Joe Biden and Thomas R. Carper	
FLORIDA	
Mel Martinez and Bill Nelson	
GEORGIA	
Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson	
HAWAII	
Daniel K. Akaka and Daniel K. Inouye	
IDAHO	
Mike Crapo and James E. Risch	
ILLINOIS	
Richard J. Durbin	
INDIANA	
Evan Bayh and Richard G. Lugar	
IOWA	
Chuck Grassley and Tom Harkin	
KANSAS	
Sam Brownback and Pat Roberts	
KENTUCKY	
Jim Bunning and Mitch McConnell	
LOUISIANA	
Mary L. Landrieu and David Vitter	

MAINE
Susan M. Collins and Olympia J. Snowe

MARYLAND
Benjamin L. Cardin and Barbara A. Mikulski

MASSACHUSETTS
Edward M. Kennedy and John F. Kerry

MICHIGAN
Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow

MINNESOTA
Amy Klobuchar

MISSISSIPPI
Thad Cochran and Roger F. Wicker

MISSOURI
Christopher S. Bond and Claire McCaskill

MONTANA
Max Baucus and Jon Tester

NEBRASKA
Mike Johanns and E. Benjamin Nelson

NEVADA
John Ensign and Harry Reid

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Judd Gregg and Jeanne Shaheen

NEW JERSEY
Frank R. Lautenberg and Robert Menendez

NEW MEXICO
Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall

NEW YORK
Hillary Rodham Clinton and Charles E. Schumer

NORTH CAROLINA
Richard Burr and Kay R. Hagan

NORTH DAKOTA
Kent Conrad and Byron L. Dorgan

OHIO
Sherrod Brown and George V. Voinovich

OKLAHOMA
Tom Coburn and James M. Inhofe

OREGON
Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden

PENNSYLVANIA
Robert P. Casey, Jr., and Arlen Specter

RHODE ISLAND
Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse

SOUTH CAROLINA
Jim DeMint and Lindsey Graham

SOUTH DAKOTA
Tim Johnson and John Thune

TENNESSEE
Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker

TEXAS
John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison

UTAH
Robert F. Bennett and Orrin Hatch

VERMONT
Patrick J. Leahy and Bernard Sanders

VIRGINIA
Mark R. Warner and Jim Webb

WASHINGTON
Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray

WEST VIRGINIA
Robert C. Byrd and John D. Rockefeller, IV

WISCONSIN
Russell D. Feingold and Herb Kohl

WYOMING
John Barrasso and Michael B. Enzi

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have a resolution at the desk and I ask it now be considered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: The resolution (S. Res. 1) informing the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled.

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

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

S. RES. 1

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to, and it is my understanding my counterpart also has a motion to make.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have another resolution at the desk and I ask it now be considered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A resolution (S. Res. 2) informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.

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

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

S. RES. 2

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

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

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

SETTING THE DATE OF JANUARY 8, 2009, FOR THE COUNTING OF ELECTORAL VOTES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have a concurrent resolution at the desk and I ask it now be considered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 1) to provide for the counting on January 8, 2009, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

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

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

S. CON. RES.

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the two Houses of Congress shall meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Thursday, the 8th day of January 2009, at 1 o'clock post meridian, pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and laws relating to the election of President and Vice President of the United States, and the President of the Senate shall be their Presiding Officer; that two tellers shall be previously appointed by the President of the Senate on the part of the Senate and two by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives, to whom shall be handed, as they are opened by the President of the Senate, all the certificates and papers purporting to be certificates of the electoral votes, which certificates and papers shall be opened, presented, and acted upon in the alphabetical order of the States, beginning with the letter 'A'; and said tellers, having then read the same in the presence and hearing of the two Houses, shall make a list of the votes as they shall appear from the said certificates; and the votes having been ascertained and counted in the manner and according to the rules by law provided, the result of the same shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, who shall thereupon announce the state of the vote, which announcement shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons, if any, elected President and Vice President of the United States, and, together with a list of the votes, be entered on the Journals of the two Houses.

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

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have another concurrent resolution at the desk and I ask it now be considered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 2) extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

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

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

S. CON. RES. 2

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That effective from January 6, 2009, the joint committee created by Senate Concurrent Resolution 67 (110th Congress), to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration, is hereby continued with the same power and authority provided for in that resolution.

SEC. 2. Effective from January 6, 2009, the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 68 (110th Congress), to authorize the rotunda of the United States Capitol to be used in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of

the United States, are continued with the same power and authority provided for in that resolution.

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

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

FIXING THE HOUR OF THE DAILY MEETING OF THE SENATE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have a resolution at the desk and I ask it be considered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

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

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

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

S. RES. 3

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

Mr. REID. I move to reconsider the vote.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send to the desk en bloc 12 unanimous consent requests and I ask for their immediate consideration en bloc; that the requests be agreed to en bloc, that the motion to reconsider the adoption of these requests be laid upon the table and that they appear separately in the record.

Before the Chair rules, I would like to point out these requests are routine, done at the beginning of each new Congress, and they entail issues such as authority for the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to meet, authorizing the Secretary to receive reports at the desk, establishing leader time each day, and floor privileges for House Parliamentarians.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The requests read as follows:

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 111th Congress, the Ethics Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 111th Congress, there be a limitation of 15 minutes each upon any roll call vote, with the warning signal to be sounded at the midway point, beginning at the last 7½ minutes, and when roll call votes are of 10-minute duration, the warning signal be sounded at the beginning of the last 7½ minutes.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that during the 111th Congress, it be in order for the Secretary of the Senate to receive re-

ports at the desk when presented by a Senator at any time during the day of the session of the Senate.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the majority and minority leaders may daily have up to 10 minutes each on each calendar day following the prayer and disposition of the reading of, or the approval of, the Journal.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Parliamentary of the House of Representatives and his five assistants be given the privileges of the floor during the 111th Congress.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXVIII, conference reports and statements accompanying them not be printed as Senate reports when such conference reports and statements have been printed as a House report unless specific request is made in the Senate in each instance to have such a report printed.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations be authorized during the 111th Congress to file reports during adjournments or recesses of the Senate on appropriations bills, including joint resolutions, together with any accompanying notices of motions to suspend rule XVI, pursuant to rule V, for the purpose of offering certain amendments to such bills or joint resolutions, which proposed amendments shall be printed.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, for the duration of the 111th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical and clerical corrections in the engrossments of all Senate-passed bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions, and Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate amendments to House bills or resolutions.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 111th Congress, when the Senate is in recess or adjournment, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to receive messages from the President of the United States, and—with the exception of House bills, joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions—messages from the House of Representatives; and that they be appropriately referred; and that the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Acting President pro tempore be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 111th Congress, Senators be allowed to leave at the desk with the Journal Clerk the names of two staff members who will be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the specific matter noted, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to rotate such staff members as space allows.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 111th Congress, it be in order to refer treaties and nominations on the day when they are received from the President, even when the Senate has no executive session that day.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 111th Congress, Senators may be allowed to bring to the desk bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and simple resolutions, for referral to appropriate committees.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now have some brief remarks I am going to make of about 10 minutes. It is my understanding the Republican leader is going