

Maryland—Benjamin L. Cardin and Barbara A. Mikulski
 Massachusetts—John F. Kerry and Elizabeth Warren
 Michigan—Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow
 Minnesota—Al Franken and Amy Klobuchar
 Mississippi—Thad Cochran and Roger F. Wicker
 Missouri—Roy Blunt and Claire McCaskill
 Montana—Max Baucus and Jon Tester
 Nebraska—Deb Fischer and Mike Johanns
 Nevada—Dean Heller and Harry Reid
 New Hampshire—Kelly Ayotte and Jeanne Shaheen
 New Jersey—Frank R. Lautenberg and Robert Menendez
 New Mexico—Martin Heinrich and Tom Udall
 New York—Kirsten E. Gillibrand and Charles E. Schumer
 North Carolina—Richard Burr and Kay R. Hagan
 North Dakota—Heidi Heitkamp and John Hoeven
 Ohio—Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman
 Oklahoma—Tom Coburn and James M. Inhofe
 Oregon—Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden
 Pennsylvania—Robert P. Casey, Jr. and Patrick J. Toomey
 Rhode Island—Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse
 South Carolina—Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott
 South Dakota—Tim Johnson and John Thune
 Tennessee—Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker
 Texas—John Cornyn and Ted Cruz
 Utah—Orrin Hatch and Mike Lee
 Vermont—Patrick J. Leahy and Bernard Sanders
 Virginia—Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine
 Washington—Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray
 West Virginia—Joe Manchin, III and John D. Rockefeller, IV
 Wisconsin—Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson
 Wyoming—John Barrasso and Michael B. Enzi

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader is recognized.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have a number of housekeeping matters I need to take care of with Senator McConnell. Senators are welcome to stay, but I know there are a lot of things going on today—receptions and things of that nature. We are not going to have speeches today. We will have plenty of time to do that at a subsequent time. I doubt we will have any votes. There may be a need for one roll-call vote later on. We will see what happens after the House takes action today, but I hope that is not the case. So having said that, people are welcome to stay or to leave.

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 that it now be considered.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 1) informing the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the resolution is considered and agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 1) reads 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.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Can we have order.

The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, even though I suggested people need not stay, I would appreciate they be quiet.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. There will be order in the Senate and in the galleries. The Senate will be in order so the majority leader can be heard.

Mr. REID. I do not like to complain, Mr. President, but all the noise is coming from the Democratic side so—

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Will the Democratic side be in order.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. McConnell. Mr. President, I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Pursuant to S. Res. 1, the Chair appoints the Senator from Nevada, Mr. REID, and the Senator from Kentucky, Mr. McConnell, as a committee to join the committee on the part of the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum is assembled and that the Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

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

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. 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 PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the resolution is considered and agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 2) reads 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 by which the resolution was agreed to.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

PROVIDING FOR THE COUNTING OF ELECTORAL VOTES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. 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 4, 2013, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the concurrent resolution is considered and agreed to.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 1) reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 1

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 4th day of January 2013, 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 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 by which the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair appoints the Senator from New York, Mr. SCHUMER, and the Senator from Tennessee, Mr. ALEXANDER, as tellers on the part of the Senate to count electoral votes.