

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. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The VICE PRESIDENT. 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 VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, the resolution is 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.

ELECTION OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT C. BYRD AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE AND ELECTION OF THE HONORABLE STROM THURMOND AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 3) to elect Robert C. Byrd, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States, and to elect Strom Thurmond, a Senator from the State of South Carolina, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States.

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

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

S. RES. 3

Resolved, That Robert C. Byrd, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, be, and he is hereby, elected President of the Senate pro tempore, to hold office until 12:00 meridian on January 20, 2001, in accordance with rule I, paragraph 1, of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

SEC. 2. That Strom Thurmond, a Senator from the State of South Carolina, be, and he is hereby, elected President of the Senate pro tempore, to hold office effective 12:00 meridian on January 20, 2001, in accordance with rule I, paragraph 1, of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senator from West Virginia.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The Senator, escorted by Senator DASCHLE and Senator LOTT, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to Senator BYRD by the Vice President; and he subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

(The PRESIDENT pro tempore assumed the chair.)

(Applause, Senators rising.)

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, we officially congratulate you on the ascendancy to your new position.

NOTIFYING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. DASCHLE. I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 4) notifying the President of the United States of the election of a President pro tempore.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The resolution is privileged.

Without objection, the resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 4) reads as follows:

S. RES. 4

Resolved, That the President of the United States be notified of the election of Robert C. Byrd, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, as President pro tempore.

NOTIFYING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. DASCHLE. I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 5) notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 5) reads as follows:

S. RES. 5

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be notified of the election of Robert C. Byrd, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, as President pro tempore.

FIXING THE HOUR OF DAILY MEETING

Mr. DASCHLE. I send a resolution to the desk and again ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will state the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 6) fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 6) reads as follows:

S. RES. 6

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

PROVIDING FOR COUNTING OF ELECTORAL VOTES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I send a concurrent resolution to the desk and now ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will state the title of the concurrent resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 1) to provide for the counting on January 6, 2001, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. This is a privileged resolution.

Without objection, the concurrent resolution is agreed to.

The Senate 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 Saturday, the 6th day of January 2001, 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.

EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I send a second concurrent resolution to the desk and now ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.