

extend beyond an adjournment, except by unanimous consent.

2 **RULE II** 2

PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS AND QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE

- 2.1 1. The presentation of the credentials of Senators elect 2.1
or of Senators designate and other questions of privilege
shall always be in order, except during the reading and
correction of the Journal, while a question of order or a
motion to adjourn is pending, or while the Senate is voting
or ascertaining the presence of a quorum; and all questions
and motions arising or made upon the presentation of such
credentials shall be proceeded with until disposed of.
- 2.2 2. The Secretary shall keep a record of the certificates 2.2
of election and certificates of appointment of Senators by
entering in a well-bound book kept for that purpose the
date of the election or appointment, the name of the person
elected or appointed, the date of the certificate, the name
of the governor and the secretary of state signing and
counter-signing the same, and the State from which such
Senator is elected or appointed.
- 2.3 3. The Secretary of the Senate shall send copies of the 2.3
following recommended forms to the governor and sec-
retary of state of each State wherein an election is about
to take place or an appointment is to be made so that they
may use such forms if they see fit.

THE RECOMMENDED FORMS FOR CERTIFICATES
OF ELECTION AND CERTIFICATE OF APPOINT-
MENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:¹

“CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

“To the President of the Senate of the United States:

“This is to certify that on the — day of —, 20—, A—
B— was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State
of — 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 3d day of January, 20—.

“Witness: His excellency our governor —, and our seal
hereto affixed at — this — day of —, in the year
of our Lord 20—.

¹All year designations within the following certificates were changed from 19
to 20 by S. Res. 99, 106-2, Apr. 27, 2000.

“By the governor:

“C— D—,
“Governor.

“E— F—,
“Secretary of State.”

“CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR UNEXPIRED TERM

“To the President of the Senate of the United States:

“This is to certify that on the — day of —, 20—, A— B— was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of — a Senator for the unexpired term ending at noon on the 3d day of January, 20—, to fill the vacancy in the representation from said State in the Senate of the United States caused by the — of C— D—.

“Witness: His excellency our governor —, and our seal hereto affixed at —— this — day of —, in the year of our Lord 20—.

“By the governor:

“E— F—,
“Governor.

“G— H—,
“Secretary of State.”

“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 —, I, A— B—, the governor of said State, do hereby appoint C— D— a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States until the vacancy therein caused by the — of E— F—, is filled by election as provided by law.

“Witness: His excellency our governor —, and our seal hereto affixed at —— this — day of —, in the year of our Lord 20—.

“By the governor:

“G— H—,
“Governor.

“I— J—,
“Secretary of State.”

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RULE III

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OATHS

The oaths or affirmations required by the Constitution and prescribed by law shall be taken and subscribed by each Senator, in open Senate, before entering upon his duties.

OATH REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND BY LAW TO
BE TAKEN BY SENATORS

“I, A—— B—— do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.” (5 U.S.C. 3331.)

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RULE IV

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COMMENCEMENT OF DAILY SESSIONS

- 4.1a 1.(a)² The Presiding Officer having taken the chair, following the prayer by the Chaplain, and after the Presiding Officer, or a Senator designated by the Presiding Officer, leads the Senate from the dais in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States, and a quorum being present, the Journal of the preceding day shall be read unless by nondebatable motion the reading shall be waived, the question being, “Shall the Journal stand approved to date?”, and any mistake made in the entries corrected. Except as provided in subparagraph (b) the reading of the Journal shall not be suspended unless by unanimous consent; and when any motion shall be made to amend or correct the same, it shall be deemed a privileged question, and proceeded with until disposed of. 4.1a
- 4.1b (b) Whenever the Senate is proceeding under paragraph 2 of rule XXII, the reading of the Journal shall be dispensed with and shall be considered approved to date. 4.1b
- 4.1c (c) The proceedings of the Senate shall be briefly and accurately stated on the Journal. Messages of the President in full; titles of bills and resolutions, and such parts as shall be affected by proposed amendments; every vote, and 4.1c

²As amended by S. Res. 28, 99-2, Feb. 27, 1986; S. Res. 113, 106-1, June 23, 1999.