

PROGRAM



Program
of the Ceremonies
attending the

INAUGURATION OF
THE PRESIDENT AND
VICE-PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES

at the
National Capitol
March Fourth
Nineteen Hundred and Nine

Platform Tickets.



Tickets to the platforms on the north and south of the center platform, designated as A and B, DO NOT ADMIT TO THE CAPITOL BUILDING.



Those admitting to platform A must be presented at the entrances thereto on the north (near Senate wing).



Those admitting to platform B must be presented at the entrances thereto on the south (near House wing).

Entrance to the Senate Wing of the Capitol.

No person will be admitted to the Senate wing of the Capitol, the Senate galleries, the floor of the Senate Chamber, or the inaugural platform without a ticket or card signed by the Committee of Arrangements, except Members of the Senate and elective officers, Members of the House of Representatives and elective officers, ex-Vice-Presidents, the Justices of the United States Supreme Court and officers (the clerk, reporter, and marshal), Heads of Executive Departments, the Admiral of the Navy and his aid, the Chief of Staff of the Army and his aid.

Cards of admission to the Senate floor (except those for Members-elect) will be good only at the Senate bronze door (at the head of the marble steps on the east front of the Senate wing) and at the lower door under the arch beneath the marble steps.

Tickets of admission to the east galleries will be good only at the Senate bronze door (at the head of the marble steps on the east front of the Senate wing) and at the lower door under the arch beneath the marble steps.

Tickets of admission to the west galleries will be good only at the north door of the Senate wing.

Ticket holders presenting themselves at any other than these three entrances will be refused admission. This provision is necessary to protect the galleries for the use of those having tickets, and to prevent persons with or without tickets gaining admission through the halls leading from the rotunda and the crypt and occupying the galleries to the exclusion of the bona fide ticket holders.

All horses and carriages, except those used in conveying persons to the Senate wing of the Capitol, will be excluded from the north half of the Capitol Grounds until after the conclusion of the inaugural ceremonies.

The two eastern doors and the north door of the Senate wing, as above described, will be open at 10 o'clock a. m. to those holding tickets and cards and entitled to admission.

Entrance to the Galleries of the Senate Chamber.

SENATE RESERVED GALLERY.

The section of the Gallery known as the Senate Reserved Gallery, on the eastern side, between the Ladies' Gallery and the northeastern Reserved Gallery, will be set apart for the guests of the President, the President-elect, the Vice-President, the Vice-President-elect, the President of the Senate pro tempore, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Supreme Court, and Cabinet Officers. Special tickets will be issued for this Gallery, and NO ONE will be admitted to it without such ticket.

DIPLOMATIC GALLERY.

The Diplomatic Gallery will be reserved exclusively for the use of the families of the members of the Diplomatic Corps, and tickets of admission thereto will be distributed by the Secretary of State.

PRESS GALLERY.

The Press Gallery will be reserved exclusively for the Reporters of the Press. Tickets of admission thereto will be countersigned by the Chairman of the Press Committee, and will entitle the holders to proceed to the place reserved for the Press on the platform while the procession is forming and in advance of it.

OTHER GALLERIES.

The Committee of Arrangements is determined that the tickets issued shall not exceed the capacity of the galleries, and therefore it will be impossible to allot more than two to each Senator and Senator-elect, or more than one to each Member, Delegate, and the elective officers of the House of Representatives.

The northeast Reserved Gallery and the Ladies' Gallery will be reserved for the guests of Senators.

The three west galleries will be reserved for the guests of Representatives; and the tickets allotted to them will be distributed by the Clerk of the House, to whom Representatives and Delegates should apply for their quotas, on or before March 1.

All tickets to the galleries and all cards of admission to the floor of the Senate Chamber will also entitle holders thereof to places on the inaugural platform.

Entrance to the Floor of the Senate Chamber.

The doors of the Senate Chamber will be opened at 11 o'clock a. m. to those entitled to reserved seats on the floor of the Senate.

The Clerk of the House of Representatives will distribute to Members-elect cards of identification, and they are requested to come with Members of the House and enter the Senate Chamber at the south door.

The Secretary of State will distribute to Ambassadors and Ministers of Foreign Countries cards of admission to the Senate Chamber, and they are requested to enter at the Senate bronze door and to assemble in the Senate marble room, whence they will be shown to seats on the Senate floor.

The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate will distribute to all the others entitled to the floor of the Senate cards of admission to the Senate Chamber, and they are requested to enter at the Senate bronze door or the door under the arch beneath the bronze door.

Those entitled to admission to the floor of the Senate will be shown to their seats upon entering the Senate Chamber by those in attendance.

The Supreme Court, headed by its officers, will enter the Senate Chamber in a body at 11.45 a. m. and be announced.

The House of Representatives, headed by its officers, will enter the Senate Chamber in a body at 11.50 a. m. and be announced.

Proceedings in the Senate Chamber.

The President and the President-elect will be escorted to the Capitol by the Committee of Arrangements, and will enter the Senate wing by the bronze door. The President and President-elect will go directly to the President's room, where they will remain until the Committee of Arrangements waits upon them and escorts them to the Senate Chamber. They will occupy the seats reserved for them in front of the Vice-President's desk. The Committee of Arrangements will occupy the seats on their left.

The Vice-President and the Vice-President-elect will be accompanied to the Senate by the Committee of Arrangements, will enter the Senate wing at the bronze door, and will go to the Vice-President's room, where the Vice-President-elect will remain until the Committee of Arrangements waits upon him and escorts him to the Senate Chamber, and the oath of office will be administered to him by the Vice-President, just before the adjournment of the present Senate.

After prayer by the Chaplain, the Vice-President will deliver his inaugural address and will administer the oath of office to the Senators-elect.

The Procession to the Inaugural Platform.

After the organization of the Senate shall have been completed, those assembled in the Senate Chamber will proceed through the rotunda to the platform on the center portico of the Capitol in the following order, viz :

The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives.

The Marshal of the District of Columbia and the Marshal of the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice, Associate Justices, Clerk, and Reporter of the Supreme Court.

The Committee of Arrangements.

The President and the President-elect.

Ambassadors to the United States.

Ministers Plenipotentiary.

Ex-Vice-Presidents.

The Vice-President and the Secretary of the Senate.

The Senate of the United States and ex-Senators.

The Speaker and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Retiring Members, Members-elect, and officers of the House of Representatives.

Heads of the Executive Departments.

Governors of States and Territories.

The Admiral of the Navy and his aid.

The Chief of Staff of the Army and his aid.

Officers of the Army and Navy who, by name, have received the thanks of Congress.

All other persons who have been admitted to the floor of the Senate Chamber, followed by those who have been admitted to the galleries.

The occupants of the galleries will be escorted by officers in charge to the platform in the following order :

Those occupying the Diplomatic and galleries east of such gallery will proceed by the east stairway to the south side of the Senate Chamber, the right of the line halting and resting at the east side of the south door of the Senate Chamber. Those occupying galleries west of the Diplomatic Gallery will proceed by the west stairway to the south side of the Senate Chamber, the right of the line halting and resting at the west side of the south door of the Senate Chamber. When the rear of the column from the Senate floor shall have passed, those on the east of the south door will follow, and, when they shall have passed, those on the west side of said door will follow.

After the occupants of the galleries have proceeded to the platform, employees of the Senate, Supreme Court, House of Representatives, and Superintendent's Office will be admitted to seats on the platform.

While the Senators-elect are being sworn in and the procession formed, the members of the press, in a body, will proceed down the west steps leading to the gallery, through the rotunda, to the seats reserved for them on the platform.

Proceedings on the Inaugural Platform.

On reaching the platform the President and President-elect will take the seats reserved for them, the Chief Justice on their right and the Committee of Arrangements and the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate on their left.

Ex-Vice-Presidents, Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, the Vice-President, Secretary, Members of the Senate, and ex-Senators will occupy seats on the right.

The retiring Members of the House and Members-elect will be seated on the right of the President next to and behind the Senate.

The Diplomatic Corps will occupy the seats on the left of the President. Governors of States and Territories, Heads of Departments, the Admiral of the Navy, the Chief of Staff of the Army, and the officers of the Army and Navy who, by name, have received the thanks of Congress, will take seats on the left of the President.

Such other persons as are included in the preceding arrangements will occupy the residue of the platform.

When all are assembled, the oath of office will be administered to the President-elect by the Chief Justice, or, in his absence, by the senior Justice present.

The President will then deliver his Inaugural Address.

On the conclusion of the Address the Members of the Senate, preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms, Vice-President, and the Secretary, will return to the Senate Chamber, and the President, accompanied by the Committee of Arrangements, will proceed to the Executive Mansion.

All doors of the rotunda will be closed, and passageways leading thereto will be kept clear. No person will be permitted to pass from the House wing through the rotunda except Members, Members-elect, and the officers of the House.

All entrances to the Senate wing (except the three before mentioned) will be closed the night of March 3 and be kept closed until after the inaugural ceremonies. All persons having the right of admission will be admitted ONLY at the Senate bronze door, the door under the arch beneath the bronze door, and the north door.

The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate is charged with the execution of these arrangements.

PHILANDER CHASE KNOX,
HENRY CABOT LODGE,
AUGUSTUS OCTAVIUS BACON,
JAMES FRANCIS BURKE,
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