

**COUNTING ELECTORAL VOTES--JOINT SESSION OF
THE HOUSE AND SENATE HELD PURSUANT TO THE
PROVISIONS OF SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 2; Congressional Record Vol. 163, No. 4
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The VICE PRESIDENT. For what purpose does the gentleman from Maryland rise?

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. President, I have an objection because 10 of the 29 electoral votes cast by Florida were cast by electors not lawfully certified because they violated Florida's prohibition against dual office holding.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Debate is out of order.

Section 15 and 17 of title 3 of the United States Code requires that any objection presented be in writing, signed by both a Member of the House of Representatives and a Senator.

Is the objection in writing and signed not only by the Member of the House of Representatives, but also by a Senator?

Mr. RASKIN. It is in writing, Mr. President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is it signed by a Senator?

Mr. RASKIN. Not as of yet, Mr. President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. In that case, the objection cannot be entertained.