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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2008, at 12 p.m.

## Senate

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2007

(Legislative day of Wednesday, December 19, 2007)

The Senate met at 9:30 and 44 seconds a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the State of Virginia.

### APPOINTMENT OF THE ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, December 21, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of Rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the State of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. WEBB thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECESS UNTIL 11 A.M., SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 23, 2007

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until Sunday, December 23, 2007.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 9:31 a.m. and 10 seconds, recessed until Sunday, December 23, 2007, at 11 a.m.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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