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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 3, 2009, at 11 a.m.

## Senate

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2009

(Legislative day of Wednesday, December 10, 2008)

The Senate met at 10 and 2 seconds a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable JEFF BINGAMAN, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

### APPOINTMENT OF 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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, January 2, 2009.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JEFF BINGAMAN, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. BINGAMAN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned sine die under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 440.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10 and 33 seconds a.m., adjourned sine die.

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



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