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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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2008

(Legislative day of Wednesday, December 10, 2008)

The Senate met at 11 and 8 seconds a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV, a Senator from the State of West Virginia.

### 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, December 23, 2008.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

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

RECESS UNTIL FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER 26, 2008, AT 11 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until Friday, December 26, 2008, at 11 a.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11 and 40 seconds a.m., recessed until Friday, December 26, 2008, 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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