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Senate

The 3d day of January being prescribed by the Constitution of the United States for the annual meeting of the Congress, the 2d session of the 109th Congress commenced this day at 12 noon.

The Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol.

The Senate was called to order by the Honorable ROBERT F. BENNETT, a Senator from the State of Utah.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read a communication to the

Senate from the President pro tempore [Mr. STEVENS].

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 3, 2006.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule 1, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT F. BENNETT, a Senator from the State of Utah, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,
President pro tempore.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.,
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2006

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2006.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:00 and 45 seconds p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, January 18, 2006, at 10 a.m.

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