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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 2, 2008

(Legislative day of Thursday, November 20, 2008)

The Senate met at 10:30 and 2 seconds a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable Jon Tester, a Senator from the State of Montana.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 2, 2008.
To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable Jon Tester, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD, President pro tempore.

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

RECESS UNTIL FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2008, AT 11 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until Friday, December 5, 2008, at 11 a.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10:30 and 27 seconds a.m., recessed until Friday, December 5, 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.

