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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 16, 2008

(Legislative day of Wednesday, December 10, 2008)

The Senate met at 11 and 19 seconds a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, 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 assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 16, 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, 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 19, 2008, AT 10 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 10 a.m. on Friday, December 19, 2008.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11 and 50 seconds a.m., recessed until Friday, December 19, 2008, at 10 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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