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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at 11 a.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2008

(Legislative day of Thursday, November 20, 2008)

The Senate met at 11 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland.

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 5, 2008.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

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

RECESS UNTIL MONDAY,
DECEMBER 8, 2008, AT 3 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 3 p.m., on Monday, December 8, 2008.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11 and 28 seconds a.m., recessed until Monday, December 8, 2008, at 3 p.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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