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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at 12.30 p.m.

## Senate

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2009

(Legislative day of Friday, January 9, 2009)

The Senate met at 1 p.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God, in whose life we find life, give our Senators throughout this day a sense of Your nearness. As they wrestle with decisions, may they turn to You for wisdom, knowing that You are only a prayer away. When they feel discouragement, help them to find cheer in Your promise to always be with them, even until the end of time. May Your divine nearness purge them of all that blemishes, corrupts, or defies their common life. May Your divine companionship inspire them with wisdom and grace to build a better world.

We pray in the Redeemer's Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JON TESTER led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### 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, January 11, 2009.

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.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, if there be any, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 22, the lands bill. The time until 2 p.m. will be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees. At 2 p.m., the Senate will proceed to a roll-call vote on the motion to proceed to S. 22, the lands bill. I also remind all Democratic Senators there is a Democratic caucus at 2:45 p.m. in S. 207 of this building.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### DESIGNATING CERTAIN LAND COMPONENTS OF THE NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM—MOTION TO PROCEED

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate shall resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 22, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 22) to designate certain land components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the time until 2 p.m. shall be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees.

Who yields time?

The Senator from Michigan.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I understand I now will be proceeding as though in morning business for 5 minutes; is that correct?

Mr. REID. Mr. President, he may use the time to be charged against the majority.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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