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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at 12 noon.

## Senate

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, a Senator from the State of Connecticut.

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Merciful God, take possession of our hearts so that we will do Your will. Use us for Your glory as beacons of light and inspiration in our Nation and world. We desire for Your name to receive the honor it is due. So show us Your ways and teach us Your path. Lord, be gracious to the Members of this body, showering them liberally with Your wisdom. Let Your love fill and rule their lives, preparing them for that bliss You will give to those who love You.

We pray in Your great name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable RICHARD BLUMENTHAL 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. INOUE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, May 9, 2011.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, a Senator from the State of

Connecticut, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL 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 the ceremony that will take place very shortly, and following any leader remarks, the Senate will be in morning business until 4:30 p.m. At that time there will be 1 hour of debate on the nomination of James Cole to be Deputy Attorney General. At approximately 5:30, there will be a cloture vote on the Cole nomination.

Last week, we were able to enter into a consent agreement on the nomination of Edward Chen. We expect to vote on this nomination sometime this week.

I note the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

### CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate the certificate of appointment to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former Sen-

ator John Ensign of Nevada. The certificate, the Chair is advised, is in the form suggested by the Senate.

If there be no objection, the reading of the certificate will be waived and it will be printed in full in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

STATE OF NEVADA  
Executive Department  
CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that, pursuant to the power vested in me by the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of Nevada, I, Brian Sandoval, the governor of said State, do hereby appoint Dean Heller a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States until the vacancy therein caused by the resignation of John Ensign, is filled by election as provided by law.

Witness: His excellency our governor Brian Sandoval, and our seal hereto affixed at Carson City, Nevada, this third day of May, in the year of our Lord 2011.

By the governor:

BRIAN SANDOVAL,  
Governor.  
ROSS MILLER,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

### ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

The VICE PRESIDENT. If the Senator-designate will now present himself at the desk, the Chair will administer the oath of office.

The Senator-designate, DEAN HELLER, escorted by Mr. REID, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to him by the Vice President; and he subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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