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Senate

The Senate met at 11 and 2 seconds a.m., and was called to order by the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

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. INOUYE).

The assistant bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 30, 2011.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUYE,
President pro tempore.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012, AT 12 NOON

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, January 3, 2012, and will reconvene for the Second Session of the 112th Congress at 12 noon.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11 and 34 seconds a.m., adjourned until Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at 12 noon.

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