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Senate

The 3d day of January being the day prescribed by the Constitution of the United States for the annual meeting of the Congress, the 2d session of the 112th Congress convened at 12:01 and 32 seconds p.m., and was called to order by the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of 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. INOUYE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 3, 2012.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUYE,
President pro tempore.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M., FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2012

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday, January 6, 2012.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:02 and 13 seconds p.m., adjourned until Friday, January 6, 2012, at 11 a.m.

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