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The Senate met at 12 noon and 1 second, and was called to order by the Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada.

> 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 bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, Washington, DC, December 27, 2011. To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUYE, President pro tempore. Mr. REID thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2011, AT 11 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday, December 30, 2011.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12 noon and 31 seconds, adjourned until Friday, December 30, 2011, at 11 a.m.

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

