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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 22, 2005, at 4 p.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable LISA MURKOWSKI, a Senator from the State of Alaska.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal spirit, by whose providence we have been blessed with the gift of

another day. Your greatness overwhelms us. We bow in adoration because of Your merciful kindness. We thank You for disasters averted and advancements made. We thank You also for blessings that come disguised as adversity.

Bless our Senators in their significant work. Strengthen and refresh them with Your goodness. Purge them from all unworthy self-indulgence that

they may not hinder but help the work of freedom. Give them hearts and hands that are willing to serve. Temper their successes with humility. Open their eyes to new levels of truth that they have not known before.

Bless also the many staffers who assist our leaders in their labors.

Empower us all to live abundantly as Your children.

We pray in Your strong Name. Amen.

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TRENT LOTT, *Chairman*.

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