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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 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SAM BROWNBACK, a Senator from the State of Kansas.

### PRAYER

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

Eternal Spirit, direct our efforts so that our labors may honor You. Let our toil bring a harvest that will benefit others. Give us opportunities to live with such integrity that our lives will be living sermons.

Bless our lawmakers. Lead them into a knowledge of Your compassion. Each day, bring them new aspirations and fresh wisdom.

When disappointment comes, may they turn to You for direction. Raise them step by step above temptation until they are determined to never deviate from the right path.

Keep each of us faithful even in little things so that You can use us for Your glory.

We pray in Your wonderful Name. Amen.

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TRENT LOTT, *Chairman*.

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