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The Senate met at 11 o'clock and 2 seconds a.m., on the expiration of the adjournment, and was called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. CARDIN).

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President protempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 19, 2010.
To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD, President pro tempore.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2010

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 10 a.m., Wednesday, January 20, 2010.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11 o'clock and 30 seconds a.m., adjourned until Wednesday, January 20, 2010, at 10 a.m.

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

