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Senate

The Senate met at 11 and 4 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARK BEGICH, a Senator from the State of Alaska.

> 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 assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

U.S. SENATE, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, Washington, DC, January 10, 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 BEGICH, a Senator from the State of Alaska, to perform the duties of the Chair.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2012

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate stands adjourned until Friday, January 13, 2012, at 12 noon.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11 and 32 seconds a.m., adjourned until Friday, January 13, 2012.

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

