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The Senate met at 10 and 1 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable CORY GARDNER, a Senator from the State of Colorado.

## 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. HATCH).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 31, 2018.
To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CORY GARDNER, a Senator from the State of Colorado, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH, President pro tempore.

Mr. GARDNER thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL WEDNES-DAY, JANUARY 2, 2019, AT 4 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10 and 25 seconds a.m., adjourned until Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at 4 p.m.

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

