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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at 12 noon.

Senate

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The Senate met at 6:45 a.m. and was called to order by the Vice President.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

O Lord our Heavenly Father, source of light, truth, and goodness, on this Christmas Eve, transform this time of

decision into a season of vision and inspiration. Continue to show our lawmakers Your mercy as You shed light on their thoughts and offer them Your salvation. Lord, give them strength, understanding, and humility as they seek to honor You by serving their Nation. Provide them with the power to match great needs with great deeds. Today, tune their hearts to the infinite

that perplexity may be removed by Your wisdom and peace. As You protect them from vanity and pride, give them the strength to concentrate, to think objectively, and to see Your will clearly. Remind us all this is the day that You have made so we should rejoice and be glad in it. We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

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CHARLES E. SCHUMER, *Chairman*.

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