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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2013, at 11 a.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PRAYER

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

Our Father, the giver of every good and perfect gift, live within us so that we will be established in faith and abounding in thanksgiving. Today, help our lawmakers to seek the things that are above, as You empower them to embrace kindness, compassion, humility, patience, and forbearance. May they give You preeminence in all

things, rejoicing even in the trials they must endure for Your sake. Lord, inspire them to persevere with joy in the calling You have given them to protect freedom and to keep America strong. Enable them to bear fruits that will bless this Nation and our world.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

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CHARLES E. SCHUMER, *Chairman*.

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