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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at 12 noon.

Senate

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The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOE DONNELLY, a Senator from the State of Indiana.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the center of our joy. On this special day when I am honored

to participate in Senator MARK KIRK's retirement ceremony from the U.S. Navy Reserve at the Pentagon, thank You for his service to You and country. Lord, we are also grateful for all of our military men and women who back their words with courageous deeds.

In this season that brings tidings of a coming dawn, guide our lawmakers through the darkness that precedes the breaking of day. You have guided this

Nation through stormy places, and we have felt the winds and have been tossed by troubled seas. May our Senators, amid the tumult, hear the whisper of Your promise to never forsake us. Remind us of life's brevity so that we will number our days and have hearts of wisdom.

We pray in Your marvelous Name. Amen.

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CHARLES E. SCHUMER, *Chairman*.

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