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## Senate

The Senate met at 4 and 3 seconds p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable CHUCK GRASSLEY, a Senator from the State of Iowa.

### 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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, January 2, 2018.

To the Senate:

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

ORRIN G. HATCH,  
President pro tempore.

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

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be recognized for the purposes of propounding a unanimous consent agreement.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

### NOMINATIONS REMAINING IN STATUS QUO

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the order of December 21, 2017, and the provisions of rule XXXI, all uniformed military promotions pending in the Senate remain in status quo, with the exception of the following:

PN765, PN540, and PN475, and that the following defense civilian nomination also be returned to the President: PN1096. I further ask consent that the previous order be modified to reflect that PN1193 should be returned to the President and PN1316 should remain in status quo.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 12 noon on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 4:01 and 39 seconds p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at 12 noon.

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