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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you are our fortress. You know everything we do and desire justice and humility. You have ordained human government for the good of humanity.

Guide our Senators by the wisdom of Your Word. Deliver them from the pride that leads to shame as they make obeying You their top priority. Remind them of Proverbs 29:2, that "when the

righteous are in authority the people rejoice. But when the wicked rule, the people groan." Help our Senators also to remember Your wisdom in Proverbs 29:7, "a righteous person knows the rights of the poor; a wicked person does not understand such knowledge."

May the business done in this place conform to Your justice and equity. We ask this in Your Name and for Your glory. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, December 11, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE,

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ROBERT A. BRADY, *Chairman.*

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