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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 19, 2009, at noon.

## Senate

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009

(Legislative day of Thursday, December 17, 2009)

The Senate met at 12:03 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable AL FRANKEN, a Senator from the State of Minnesota.

### PRAYER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Our guest Chaplain, Senator John Barrasso, of Wyoming, will lead the Senate in prayer.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Please join me in prayer.

Almighty God, we praise You for the constancy and consistency of Your faithfulness in blessing and guiding the Senate of the United States through the years of our Nation's history. We turn to You again today and know that You will be faithful to give the women and men of this Senate exactly what is

needed in each hour, each challenge, each decision. Give us light when our vision is dim, courage when we need to be bold, decisiveness when it would be easy to equivocate, and hope when others are tempted to be discouraged. So we commit ourselves to be Your faithful servants, examples of patriotism to our people, and crusaders for Your best for our Nation.

In Your Holy Name. Amen.

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CHARLES E. SCHUMER, *Chairman*.

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