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Senate

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MAX BAUCUS, a Senator from the State of Montana.

PRAYER

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

God of might, You are our defender. Without Your protection, we are powerless. Hear our prayers as we lift our hearts toward Your throne. Lord, forgive us for our failures and defend us with Your mercy.

Today, bless our lawmakers. Guide and lead them as You have promised. Keep them safe from the traps that

bring national ruin and shelter them from danger. Help them to find the common ground that will bring blessings to our Nation and world. Frustrate the purposes of all enemies of freedom.

We pray in Your faithful Name. Amen.

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CHARLES E. SCHUMER, *Chairman*.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic 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. INOUE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 13, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, Paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

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