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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, a Senator from the State of New York.

PRAYER

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

Sovereign God, You see all that happens in our world as You lead us by Your mercies and grace. Continue to shower our land with Your blessings, protecting us from the forces that hinder freedom. Give our lawmakers the wisdom to obey You, striving always to do what is right. May their

words be true and sincere and their actions be characterized by honor and respect. Help them to keep their promises to You and to one another, no matter how great the challenges may be. Lord, enable them to walk securely in the path of Your will. We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

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CHARLES E. SCHUMER, *Chairman*.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND 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 bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 16, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, a Senator from the State of New York, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

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