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The Senate met at 11:30 and 1 second a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable THOM TILLIS, a Senator from the State of North Carolina.

### 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 senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, December 29, 2017.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable THOM TILLIS, a Senator from the State of North Carolina, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,  
President pro tempore.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 2, 2018, AT 4 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at 4 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11:30 and 26 seconds a.m., adjourned until Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at 4 p.m.

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