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The Senate met at 12 and 17 seconds p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MITCH MCCONNELL, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President protempore (Mr. HATCH).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 16, 2018.
To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MITCH MCCONNELL, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH, President pro tempore.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018, AT 5 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at 5 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12 and 50 seconds p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at 5 p.m.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

