The Senate met at 10 and 11 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable ALEX PADILLA, a Senator from the State of California.

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. LEAHY). The senior assistant Parliamentarian read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ALEX PADILLA, a Senator from the State of California, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021, AT 10:15 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10:15 a.m. on Friday, February 19, 2021.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10 and 50 seconds a.m., adjourned until Friday, February 19, 2021, at 10:15 a.m.
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Chamber Action

The Senate met at 10:00:11 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:00:50 a.m. until 10:15 a.m., on Friday, February 19, 2021.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2021.

Committee Meetings

ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held an oversight hearing on the Election Assistance Commission. Testimony was heard from Benjamin Hovland, Chairman, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

OVERSIGHT OF MILITARY PRIVATIZED HOUSING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Oversight of Military Privatized Housing”. Testimony was heard from Paul Cramer, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment (Installations), Department of Defense; and Elizabeth A. Field. Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Department of Defense.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

Committee Meetings for Thursday, February 18, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

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Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Coronavirus crisis, focusing on paving the way to an equitable recovery, 11 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Update on the Department of Defense’s Evolving Roles and Mission in Response to the COVID–19 Pandemic”, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Connecting America: Broadband Solutions to Pandemic Problems”, 11 a.m., Webex.
