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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 19, 2009, at 6 p.m.

Senate

The Senate met at 10 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.

O God, from whom all noble desires and all good counsels do proceed, crown the deliberations of our lawmakers with spacious thinking and with sympathy for all humanity. As they face perplexing questions, quicken in them every noble impulse, transforming their work into a throne of service. Lord, shower them with Your bless-

ings, enabling them to see and experience evidences of Your love. May their consistent communication with You radiate in their faces, be expressed in their character, and be exuded in positive joy. Sanctify this day of labor with the benediction of Your approval. We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

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CHARLES E. SCHUMER, *Chairman*.

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