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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at 12:30 p.m.

## Senate

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2010

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal Lord God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, bring the hearts and minds of our lawmakers into harmony with Your will so they can be assured that their lives are fulfilling Your high purposes. Lord, give them the incentives they need, the trust that is essential, and the joy that is possible as they face the duties and opportunities that lie before them. Give our Senators such grace that they will be faithful in their tasks this day and every day. Increase their hunger and thirst for righteousness and feed them with the bread of Heaven.

We pray in Your loving Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MARK R. WARNER 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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, December 6, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. WARNER thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, if any, there will be a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each. There will be no rollcall votes during today's session.

Senators are encouraged to be on the floor at 10 a.m. tomorrow for a mandatory live quorum to commence the impeachment trial for Judge G. Thomas Porteous.

### AMBITIOUS AGENDA

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as far as lameduck sessions of the Senate go, our agenda is rather ambitious, and the session itself is relatively long. It did

not have to be this way. We have tried many times this Congress to tackle each of the priorities on our agenda. Each time we have tried, the minority has tried to shut down the Senate. Republicans ground the Senate to a halt and forced endless hours of inactivity. That is why we were here voting on Sunday—on Saturday; I am sorry. Thank goodness it was not on Sunday. That is why we will still be here another few weeks.

We have a long to-do list. But these priorities are not mere leftovers. They are critical to our economy and our national security, to our families and our country's future, and we will resolve them before we adjourn.

We have to give first responders—our communities' firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical personnel—the same job protections that other workers enjoy.

We need to give seniors and disabled veterans some relief, which will also benefit our economy as a whole. The cost-of-living adjustment for Social Security recipients is a question of both fairness and economics.

We will again fight for the DREAM Act. When it passes, millions of children who grew up as Americans will be able to get the education they need to contribute to our economy. Many who have volunteered to defend our country will no longer have to fear being deported.

We will give the heroes of 9/11 long overdue help. Thousands of first responders who rushed to Ground Zero on 9/11 got terribly sick from the toxins that were present. Everyone should agree they should not have to wait any

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