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January 7, 2009

Senate Chambers
State Capitol

Senate convened at 1:00 p.m. President Story presiding. Invocation by Pastor Keith Johnson. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call. All members present. Quorum present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Secretary Miller read a letter dated January 6, 2009, from U.S. Senator Jon Tester, requesting an opportunity to address a joint session of the legislature on January 9, 2009.

Secretary Miller read a letter dated January 2, 2009, from U.S. Senator Max Baucus requesting an opportunity to address a joint session of the legislature on February 17, 2009.

Secretary Miller read a letter dated January 5, 2009, from the Honorable Brian Schweitzer, requesting an opportunity to address a joint session of the legislature on January 28, 2009.

FIRST READING AND COMMITMENT OF BILLS

The following Senate bills were introduced, read first time, and referred to committees:

SB 171, introduced by Barkus, referred to Judiciary.

SB 172, introduced by Barkus, referred to Local Government.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

Senator Peterson introduced Steve Eller, Office of Legislative Information Technology, who discussed the new voting system operations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee meetings were announced by the committee chairs.

Senator Gillan announced the Pacific Northwest Energy Resources luncheon to be held on Thursday, January 8, 2009, at 12:00 p.m. in Room 317.

Senator Laible announced a workshop on education to be held on Saturday, January 10, 2009, in the Great Northern Town Center.

Majority Leader Peterson moved that the Senate adjourn until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 8, 2009. Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

MARILYN MILLER
Secretary of the Senate

ROBERT STORY
President of the Senate