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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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The House met pursuant to a proclamation from the Governor to convene Special Session.

Representative Madigan in the chair.

Prayer by Doorkeeper of the House Lee A. Crawford, who is the Pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield, IL.

Representative Molaro led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

By direction of the Speaker, a roll call was taken to ascertain the attendance of Members, as follows:

97 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Arroyo, Bassi, Burke, Collins, Dunn, Durkin, Feigenholtz, Flider, Ford, Fritchey, Graham, Granberg, Harris, Jakobsson, Jefferson, Lindner, Molaro, Osterman and Pihos were excused from attendance.

REQUEST TO BE SHOWN ON QUORUM

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Granberg, should be recorded as present at the hour of 12:30 o'clock p.m.

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Ford, should be recorded as present at the hour of 1:10 o'clock p.m.

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Dunkin, should be recorded as present at the hour of 1:30 o'clock p.m.

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Mulligan, should be recorded as present at the hour of 1:40 o'clock p.m.

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Osterman, should be recorded as present at the hour of 1:45 o'clock p.m.

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Pihos, should be recorded as present at the hour of 6:10 o'clock p.m.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on July 5, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES APPROVED FOR FLOOR CONSIDERATION:

That the bill be reported "approved for consideration" and be placed on the order of Second Reading: HOUSE BILLS 2055 and 3755.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measures is as follows:

4, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie(D), Chairperson

Y Hannig(D)

Y Turner(D)

Y Black(R), Republican Spokesperson

A Hassert(R)

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on July 5, 2007, (A) reported the same back with the following recommendations:

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES APPROVED FOR FLOOR CONSIDERATION:

That the Floor Amendment be reported "recommends be adopted":
Amendment No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 2055.
Amendment No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 3755.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measures is as follows:
4, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie(D), Chairperson
Y Hannig(D)
A Turner(D)

Y Black(R), Republican Spokesperson
Y Hassert(R)

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by
Ms. Shipley, Secretary:
Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has adopted the following Senate Resolution, to-wit:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives that a majority of the members of the Senate has assembled pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor convening a First Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business.

Adopted by the Senate, July 5, 2007.

Deborah Shipley, Secretary of the Senate

ACTION ON MOTIONS

Representative Currie moved for the immediate consideration and suspension of applicable House Rules for the adoptions of House Resolutions 1 and 2.

A voice vote was taken on the motion.
The motion prevailed.

RESOLUTIONS

Representative Currie offered the following Resolutions:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

RESOLVED, that the Rules of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly be adopted as the Rules of this First Special Session, so far as the same may be applicable, and that the Committees of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly, including the House Journal Review Committee and their membership, shall constitute the Committees of the House during this First Special Session.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 2 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

RESOLVED, that the Clerk inform the Senate that a majority of the House of Representatives has assembled, pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor, convening a First Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business.

The motion prevailed and House Resolutions 1 and 2 were adopted.

PROCLAMATION 07-228

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois supports five retirement plans covering State employees, university employees, teachers, judges, and member of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, many retired employees rely on these benefits plans to help pay for daily necessities, including housing and healthcare; and

WHEREAS, during his first term, Governor Blagojevich invested \$13.3 billion in the State's pension systems, which is more than any governor in Illinois' history; and

WHEREAS, the State's \$13.3 billion investment increased funding from 48% up to 60.5% of liability from Fiscal Years 2003 through 2006; and

WHEREAS, despite recent efforts, due to thirty years of underfunding the pension systems, the State of Illinois is faced with a crushing \$41 billion pension debt; and

WHEREAS, this gross underfunding will cause the debt to increase each year at a drastic rate, threatening to consume new revenues at the expense of other needs facing the State, including healthcare and education; and

WHEREAS, to adequately fund and secure pensions, reduce long-term interest cost, and more effectively manage pension obligations, the State must pay down its pension debt; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has proposed to lease the State Lottery to a private operator and to issue \$16 billion in pension obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, the \$16 billion in pension obligation bonds would allow the State to refinance its existing pension debt, which grows at an interest rate of 8.5% annually, with a lower interest rate; and

WHEREAS, the \$16 billion in pension obligation bonds would build upon the State's \$10 billion pension obligation bond issued in 2003, which allowed the State's pension system to increase their funding ratio over the last three years; and

WHEREAS, much work remains to address the pension underfunding in Illinois, and it is critical that the General Assembly convene to address this issue and take action to stabilize the State's pension systems;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 95th General Assembly in a special session to commence on July 5, 2007, at 12:00 p.m., to consider any legislation, new or pending, which will address the pension crisis.

s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

At the hour of 12:33 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moves that the House now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The motion prevailed.

DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR

Supplemental Calendar No. 1 was distributed to the Members at 12:33 o'clock p.m.

At the hour of 6:18 o'clock p.m, Representative Currie moves the Committee of the Whole rise.
The motion prevailed.

At the hour of 6:18 o'clock p.m., the House resumed its session.
Speaker of the House Madigan in the Chair.

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

Having been reproduced, the following bills were taken up, read by title a second time and held on the order of Second Reading: HOUSE BILLS 2055 and 3755.

At the hour of 6:23 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Friday, July 6, 2007, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.
The motion prevailed.
And the First Special Session stood adjourned.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
 NINETY-FIFTH
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 HOUSE ROLL CALL
 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
 QUORUM ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

July 05, 2007

0 YEAS

0 NAYS

103 PRESENT

P Acevedo	P Dugan	P Krause	P Reboletti
E Arroyo	P Dunkin (ADDED)	P Lang	P Reis
E Bassi	E Dunn	P Leitch	P Reitz
P Beaubien	E Durkin	E Lindner	P Riley
P Beiser	P Eddy	P Lyons	P Rita
P Bellock	E Feigenholtz	P Mathias	P Rose
P Berrios	E Flider	P Mautino	P Ryg
P Biggins	P Flowers	P May	P Sacia
P Black	P Ford (ADDED)	P McAuliffe	P Saviano
P Boland	P Fortner	P McCarthy	P Schmitz
P Bost	P Franks	P McGuire	P Schock
P Bradley, John	E Fritchey	P Mendoza	P Scully
P Bradley, Richard	P Froehlich	P Meyer	P Smith
P Brady	P Golar	P Miller	P Sommer
P Brauer	P Gordon	P Mitchell, Bill	P Soto
P Brosnahan	E Graham	P Mitchell, Jerry	P Stephens
E Burke	P Granberg (ADDED)	P Moffitt	P Sullivan
P Chapa LaVia	P Hamos	E Molaro	P Tracy
P Coladipietro	P Hannig	P Mulligan (ADDED)	P Tryon
P Cole	E Harris	P Munson	P Turner
E Collins	P Hassert	P Myers	P Verschoore
P Colvin	P Hernandez	P Nekritz	P Wait
P Coulson	P Hoffman	P Osmond	P Washington
P Crespo	P Holbrook	P Osterman (ADDED)	P Watson
P Cross	P Howard	P Patterson	P Winters
P Cultra	E Jakobsson	P Phelps	P Yarbrough
P Currie	P Jefferies	P Pihos (ADDED)	P Younge
P D'Amico	E Jefferson	P Poe	P Mr. Speaker
P Davis, Monique	P Joyce	P Pritchard	
P Davis, William	P Kosel	P Ramey	

E - Denotes Excused Absence