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10:14 O'CLOCK A.M.

NO. 1

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

Representative Hannig 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 Patterson 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:

112 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Coladipietro, Durkin, Schock, Scully and Watson were excused from attendance.

PROCLAMATION

07-402

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is the financial oversight and regional planning body for the three public transit operators in northeastern Illinois: the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra commuter rail, and Pace suburban bus; and

WHEREAS, the RTA is an important public asset that, according to the RTA, generates an annual economic impact of more than \$12 billion to the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, approximately two million riders per day use the CTA, Metra commuter rail, or Pace suburban bus; and

WHEREAS, strengthening Illinois' transit system will enhance residents' quality of life by reducing pollution as well as traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, according to the CTA, revenues to support transit are not keeping up with increased maintenance, repair, and transit costs potentially necessitating additional state funding; and

WHEREAS, the CTA asserts that without additional funding by January 20, 2008, it is prepared to raise cash fares as high as \$3.25 for rail passengers who pay cash, cut 81 bus routes, and layoff 2,400 employees; and

WHEREAS, Metra officials have warned riders to expect fares to increase up to 30 % if additional funding is not received by the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, according to the RTA, without additional funding, Metra will face a \$40 million deficit in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has been unable to reach a funding solution that is acceptable to its membership; and

WHEREAS, a capital plan will focus resources in core areas including roads, schools, bridges, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, a proposed capital plan would leverage additional federal and local funds for infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, a proposed capital plan would support many jobs statewide;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 95th General Assembly, in duly constituted quorums capable of conducting business, in a special session to commence on November 29, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., to consider a bill that provides for long-term funding for the RTA, the CTA, Metra, and Pace as well as to consider a capital plan and a funding

source for a capital plan.

s/ROD BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

ACTION ON MOTIONS

Representative Currie moved for the immediate consideration and suspension of applicable House Rules for the adoption 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 EIGHTEENTH SPECIAL SESSION

RESOLVED, that the Rules of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly be adopted as the Rules of this Eighteenth 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 Eighteenth Special Session.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 2 EIGHTEENTH 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 Eighteenth Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business.

Representative Currie then moved the adoption of the resolutions.

The motion prevailed and the Resolutions were adopted.

RECESS

At the hour of 10:25 o'clock a.m., Representative Hannig moved that the House stand at ease until the call of the Chair.

The motion prevailed.

At the hour of 10:25 o'clock a.m., the House resumed its session.

Speaker of the House Madigan in the Chair.

At the hour of 10:31 o'clock a.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Friday, November 30, 2007, in Perfunctory Session.

The motion prevailed.

And the Eighteenth Special Session stood adjourned.

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

November 29, 2007

0 YEAS

0 NAYS

112 PRESENT

P Acevedo	P Dugan	P Krause	P Reboletti
P Arroyo	P Dunkin	P Lang	P Reis
P Bassi	P Dunn	P Leitch	P Reitz
P Beaubien	E Durkin	P Lindner	P Riley
P Beiser	P Eddy	P Lyons	P Rita
P Bellock	P Feigenholtz	P Mathias	P Rose
P Berrios	P Flider	P Mautino	P Ryg
P Biggins	P Flowers	P May	P Sacia
P Black	P Ford	P McAuliffe	P Saviano
P Boland	P Fortner	P McCarthy	P Schmitz
P Bost	P Franks	P McGuire	E Schock
P Bradley, John	P Fritchey	P Mendoza	E 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	P Graham	P Mitchell, Jerry	P Stephens
P Burke	A Granberg	P Moffitt	P Sullivan
P Chapa LaVia	P Hamos	P Molaro	P Tracy
E Coladipietro	P Hannig	P Mulligan	P Tryon
P Cole	P Harris	P Munson	P Turner
P 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	E Watson
P Cross	P Howard	P Patterson	P Winters
P Cultra	P Jakobsson	P Phelps	P Yarbrough
P Currie	P Jefferies	P Pihos	P Younge
P D'Amico	P Jefferson	P Poe	P Mr. Speaker
P Davis, Monique	P Joyce	P Pritchard	
P Davis, William	P Kosel	P Ramey	

E - Denotes Excused Absence