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**NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**1ST LEGISLATIVE DAY**

**NINETEENTH SPECIAL SESSION**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2008**

**5:04 O'CLOCK P.M.**

NO. 1

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The House met pursuant to a proclamation from the Governor to convene Special Session.  
 Representative Turner in the chair.  
 Prayer by Assistant Doorkeeper of the House Wayne Padget.  
 Representative Tryon 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:  
 70 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Acevedo, Berrios, Biggins, Black, John Bradley, Brauer, Cole, Coulson, Cross, William Davis, Dunn, Durkin, Ford, Franks, Hannig, Howard, Jakobsson, Krause, Mathias, McAuliffe, Mendoza, Molaro, Mulligan, Osterman, Patterson, Pihos, Poe, Pritchard, Ramey, Rose, Schmitz, Soto, Sullivan, Wait and Yarbrough 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 Rita, should be recorded as present at the hour of 5:50 o'clock p.m.

PROCLAMATION

07-427

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;

WHEREAS, although the Senate passed a bill that provides for approximately \$200 million in interim relief for mass transit; that bill has yet to be considered by the House; and, the Legislature has been unable to reach a funding solution that is acceptable to its membership; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives cancelled a previously scheduled session to address the asserted mass transit shortfall;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, in duly constituted quorums capable of conducting business, in a special session to commence on January 2, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., to consider any and all funding options for the RTA, CTA, Metra, and Pace including but not limited to HB 4161 and/or SB 307 as amended.

ROD BLAGOJEVICH  
Governor

#### **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 NINETEENTH SPECIAL SESSION**

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

##### **HOUSE RESOLUTION 2 NINETEENTH 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 Nineteenth 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.

At the hour of 5:14 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Thursday, January 3, 2008.

The motion prevailed.

And the Nineteenth Special Session stood adjourned.

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

January 02, 2008

0 YEAS

0 NAYS

71 PRESENT

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

E - Denotes Excused Absence