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The Senate met pursuant to proclamation of the Governor.
Senator Terry Link, Waukegan, Illinois, presiding.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State

June 15, 2017

Honorable Tim Anderson
Secretary of the Senate
Room 401
Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Secretary Anderson:

Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation No. 2017-131, filed in my office on June 15, 2017, by Governor Bruce Rauner, calling for a Special Session of the 100th General Assembly, to begin at 10:00 a.m. on June 27, 2017.

A notice and accompanying Proclamations have been mailed today to each Member's office.

Sincerely,
s/Jesse White
JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State

STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
SPRINGFIELD, IL

PROCLAMATION 2017-131

WHEREAS, our State's long-running financial and economic challenges have turned into an unprecedented crisis that we must address; and

WHEREAS, for two years, the majority in the General Assembly has ignored our recommendations for a long-term balanced budget; and

WHEREAS, for the last two weeks, the majority in the General Assembly has ignored our request to stay in Springfield and get the job done; and

WHEREAS, Republicans in the General Assembly have laid out a compromise budget plan that is real and balanced; provides a true path to property tax reduction; reforms the way our state operates to reduce wasteful spending; funds our schools and human services; and spurs economic growth and job creation; and

WHEREAS, this new compromise balanced budget plan is one I would sign into law and one which I hope the majority in the General Assembly will accept; and

WHEREAS, Illinois needs economic reforms to create jobs; and

WHEREAS, Illinois would have 650,000 more jobs if it had simply grown at the national average rates since 2000, but has foregone those opportunities due to economic stagnation and decline; and

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WHEREAS, both individuals and businesses across the state are suffering under the immense weight of the highest average property taxes of any state, and the fourth-highest overall tax burden of any state; and

WHEREAS Illinois has the most units of local government of any state, which contribute to driving up taxes without being accountable to taxpayers for adding value; and

WHEREAS; many Illinoisans are being forced from their homes and communities by an inability to afford the State's ever-increasing demands, leading to the most significant out-migration of any state; and

WHEREAS, the businesses that could be fueling healthy economic growth and opportunity are instead faced with unsustainable costs and red tape; and

WHEREAS a lack of term limits has allowed for an accumulation of power that undermines Illinoisans' trust in their government; and

WHEREAS, reforming these irresponsible practices across state government is critical to protecting taxpayers and preventing our current fiscal emergencies from resurfacing in the future; and

WHEREAS, the difficult decisions required to reform state government must be made with urgency before a lack of action causes further harm; and

WHEREAS, failure to enact the compromise balanced budget plan by June 30, 2017 will have devastating and long-lasting ramifications for our state; and

WHEREAS, we must ease the minds of parents with school-age children, reassure people in need, help our colleges and universities, grow jobs and bring relief to hard-working taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution empowers the Governor to convene a special session of the General Assembly;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (b) of the Illinois Constitution, I, Governor Bruce Rauner, hereby call and convene the 100th General Assembly in a special session to commence at **12:00 p.m. on June 25, 2017**, for the purpose of considering legislation, new or pending, which addresses a balanced budget and structural reforms including but not limited to property tax relief, job creation, worker's compensation reform, government consolidation, education, term limits, pension reform and spending limitations.

The Secretary of State shall take whatever reasonable steps are necessary to notify the members of the General Assembly of the purpose, date, and time set for convening this Special Session pursuant to 25 ICLS 15/3.

ISSUED: June 15, 2017

s/Bruce Rauner
Bruce Rauner
Governor, State of Illinois

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senator Trotter offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a majority of the members of the Senate has assembled,

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pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor, convening a Seventh Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business.

The motion prevailed.
And the resolution was adopted.

Senator Trotter offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that the President appoint a committee of five to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the Seventh Special Session of the One Hundredth General Assembly is now duly in session in pursuance of his proclamation, and is ready to receive any message he may desire to submit.

The motion prevailed.
And the resolution was adopted.

Senator Trotter offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that a Committee of three (3) members of the Senate be appointed, two (2) members to be appointed by the President and one (1) member to be appointed by the Minority Leader, to approve any and all Journals of the Senate for all days of the Seventh Special Session of the One Hundredth General Assembly where such Journals, prior to adjournment SINE DIE, have not been approved by the body as a whole.

The motion prevailed.
And the resolution was adopted.

At the hour of 10:16 o'clock a.m., the Chair announced the Seventh Special Session stand adjourned until Wednesday, June 28, 2017, at 10:07 o'clock a.m., or until the call of the President.