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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Senator Debbie DeFrancesco Halvorson, Crete, Illinois, presiding.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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

July 7, 2007

Honorable Deborah Shipley
Secretary of the Senate
Room 401
Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Secretary Shipley:

Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation No. 2007-232, filed in my office on July 7, 2007, by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, calling for a Special Session of the 95th General Assembly, to begin at 2:30 p.m. on July 7, 2007.

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

Sincerely,
s/Jesse White
Secretary of State

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Illinois Constitution requires the General Assembly to make appropriations for the expenditure of public funds for the fiscal year for State departments, authorities, and public agencies; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has not made appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for the expenditure of public funds for the Child Support Administrative Fund within the Department of Healthcare and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services is charged with the collection and disbursement of child support payments; and

WHEREAS, child support is the second largest income source for low-income families who qualify for the program;

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 7, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., to consider any legislation, new or pending, which will address the budget of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services for the Child Support Administrative Fund for fiscal year 2008.

s/Rod R. Blagojevich
Governor

[July 7, 2007]

Dated: July 7, 2007

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senator Clayborne 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 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that the Secretary 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 Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business.

The motion prevailed.
And the resolution was adopted.

Senator Clayborne 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 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that the President appoint a committee of five to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the Fourth Special Session of the Ninety-Fifth 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 Clayborne 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 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FOURTH 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 Fourth Special Session of the Ninety-fifth 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.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

On motion of Senator Clayborne, Senator Silverstein was excused from attendance July 6, 2007 due to medical reasons and today due to religious reasons.

On motion of Senator Righter, Senators Althoff, Dillard, Luechtefeld and Radogno were excused from attendance.

[July 7, 2007]

INQUIRY OF THE CHAIR

Senator Righter had an inquiry of the Chair as to whether a proclamation issued from the Governor's office with regard to a special session is erroneous on its face, if it makes a blatantly incorrect statement, would that vitiate the effectiveness of the proclamation - in other words, can the presiding officer declare the proclamation in error and not call the special session.

The Chair stated that it was not prepared to make a ruling on a fact pattern that was unclear and speculative.

At the hour of 2:40 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand adjourned until Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at 12:20 o'clock p.m.