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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Senator Debbie DeFrancesco Halvorson, Crete, Illinois, presiding.
Prayer by Senator Maloney.
Senator Raoul led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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

July 6, 2007

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

Dear Secretary Shipley:

Enclosed please find copies of Proclamation No. 2007-230 and 2007-231, filed in my office on July 6, 2007, by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, calling for a Special Session of the 95th General Assembly, to begin at 2:00 p.m. on July 7, 2007 and 2:00 p.m. on July 8, 2007, respectively.

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, Article XIII, Section 5 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 requires the State to provide pension benefits to members of State-sponsored retirement systems; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois sponsors a retirement plan on behalf of State teachers; and

WHEREAS, State teachers, retired teachers and their families rely on the security provided by pension benefits to meet their needs, including food, housing and healthcare after retirement; and

WHEREAS, it is the Teachers' Retirement System's (TRS) mission to provide its members with retirement, disability and survivor benefits; and

WHEREAS, pensions managed and administered by TRS are under-funded, and the General Assembly has yet to pass a Fiscal Year 2008 budget or any measures addressing such under-funding;

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 8, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., to consider any legislation, new or pending, which will address the funding of the Teachers' Retirement System of Illinois.

s/Rod R. Blagojevich

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Governor

Dated: July 6, 2007

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. 2007-233, filed in my office on July 7, 2007, by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, to revoke, rescind and annul the calling of a Special Session of the 95th General Assembly, that was to begin at 2:00 p.m. on July 8, 2007 and also a copy of Proclamation No. 2007-234 calling for a special session to begin at 4:00 p.m. on July 8, 2007.

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

Sincerely,
s/Jesse White
Secretary of State

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2007, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I called and convened the 95th General Assembly in a special session to commence on July 8, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., to consider any legislation, new or pending, which would address the funding of the Teachers' Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, circumstances have arisen creating the need to rescind my proclamation convening the General Assembly in special session on July 8, 2007, at 2:00 p.m.;

THEREFORE, I do hereby revoke, rescind and annul my proclamation requiring the members of the General Assembly to convene at 2:00 p.m. on July 8, 2007, in pursuance of said call.

s/Rod R. Blagojevich
Governor

Dated: July 7, 2007

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 5 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 requires the State to provide pension benefits to members of State-sponsored retirement systems; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois supports retirement plans on behalf of State teachers and judges; and

WHEREAS, State teachers and judges, retired teachers and judges and their families rely on the security provided by pension benefits to meet their needs, including food, housing and healthcare after retirement; and

WHEREAS, it is the Teachers' Retirement System's (TRS) mission to provide its members with retirement, disability and survivor benefits; and

WHEREAS, it is the Judges' Retirement System's (JRS) mission establish an efficient method of permitting retirement, without hardship or prejudice, of judges who are aged or otherwise incapacitated, by enabling them to accumulate reserves for themselves and their dependents for old age, disability, death and termination of employment; and

WHEREAS, pensions managed and administered by TRS and JRS are under-funded, and the General Assembly has yet to pass a Fiscal Year 2008 budget or any measures addressing such under-funding;

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 8, 2007, at 4:00 p.m., to consider any legislation, new or pending, which will address the funding of the Teachers' Retirement System and the Judges' Retirement System.

s/ Rod R. Blagojevich
Governor

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 FIFTH 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 Fifth 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 FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that the President

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appoint a committee of five to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the Fifth 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 FIFTH 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 Fifth 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.

At the hour of 4:18 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand adjourned until Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at 12:25 o'clock p.m.