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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Senator Rickey R. Hendon, Chicago, Illinois, presiding.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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

July 10, 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. 2007-237, filed in my office on July 10, 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 11, 2007.

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

Sincerely,
s/Jesse White
Secretary of State

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 2004 nearly 8 children and teenagers ages 19 and under were killed in the United States with guns every day; and

WHEREAS, the cost of one gun crime can be as high as \$1.79 million, including medical treatment and the prosecution and imprisonment of the offender; and

WHEREAS, medical costs of gun violence put a burden on employers, health service providers and the State of Illinois because at least 80% of the economic costs of treating firearm injuries are paid for with taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 1994, Congress passed the Federal Assault Weapons Ban, requiring domestic gun manufacturers to stop production of semi-automatic assault weapons and large capacity ammunition feeding devices (ammunition clips holding more than 10 rounds), except for military or police use; and

WHEREAS, during the ten-year federal ban, the prevalence of assault weapons traced to crimes declined 66%; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Assault Weapons Ban expired on September 13, 2004, leaving Illinois without any statewide measures to combat the proliferation of assault weapons and large capacity ammunition feeding devices; and

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WHEREAS, in the absence of federal regulation, the State of Illinois must act to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens from the violence caused by the presence and proliferation of assault weapons in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, large capacity ammunition feeding devices enable assault weapons and .50 caliber rifles to fire thirty rounds of ammunition in under five EIGHTHS, reload automatically and carry up to 100 rounds; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1007 would largely prohibit the knowing delivery, sale, purchase or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, passage of Senate Bill 1007 would advance the State's interest in protecting the health, safety and welfare of Illinoisans by abating gun violence and the associated health care and societal costs caused by large capacity ammunition feeding devices;

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 11, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., to consider and discuss Senate Bill 1007 as well as the impact of assault weapon violence on the State's health care expenditures and general fiscal health.

s/Rod R. Blagojevich
Governor

Dated: July 10, 2007

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senator Link 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 EIGHTH 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 Eighth Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business.

The motion prevailed.
And the resolution was adopted.

Senator Link 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 EIGHTH SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that the President appoint a committee of five to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the Eighth 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.

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Senator Link 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 EIGHTH 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 Eighth 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 2:20 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand adjourned until Thursday, July 12, 2007, at 1:40 o'clock p.m.