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The Senate met pursuant to a proclamation from the Governor to convene Special Session. Senator Don Harmon, Oak Park, Illinois, presiding. Prayer by Reverend Mark Gifford, Parkway Christian Church, Springfield, Illinois. Senator Maloney 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

June 18, 2009

Honorable Jillayne Rock
Secretary of the Senate
Room 401
State Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Secretary Rock:

Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation No. 2009-203, filed in my office on June 18, 2009, by Governor Pat Quinn, calling for a Special Session of the 96th General Assembly, to begin at 2:00 p.m. on June 23, 2009.

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

Sincerely,
s/Jesse White
Secretary of State

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2009, I took the Constitutional oath of office to become Governor of the State of Illinois, solemnly swearing that I would "support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois," and that I would "faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Governor to the best of my abilities"; and

WHEREAS, my oath of office requires that I serve the people of the State of Illinois by ensuring that government operates responsibly; and

WHEREAS, the same oath imposes on me the equally important duty to protect our state's most vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 2(a) of the Illinois Constitution requires the Governor to prepare and submit a state budget for the ensuing fiscal year that sets forth the estimated balance of funds available for appropriation at the beginning of the fiscal year, the estimated receipts, and a plan for expenditures and obligations during the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 2(a) of the Illinois Constitution further provides that proposed expenditures shall not exceed funds estimated to be available for the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2009, I presented to the General Assembly and the people of the State of Illinois a fiscally prudent and socially responsible budget solution; and

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WHEREAS, my budget proposal reforms, streamlines, and funds government adequately with shared sacrifice in furtherance of the common good; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly enacted wide-ranging ethics reforms and structural reforms to the operations of state government; and

WHEREAS, as one component of my administration's ongoing commitment to reform, I remain strongly supportive of legislation that would have dramatically reduced the state's unfunded pension liability while meeting our commitments to existing and future retirees; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly enacted a budget which will require severe reductions in programs, grants, and services that the people of our state depend upon, due to insufficient financial resources; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2009, the Illinois Senate approved House Bill 174, an important step towards fiscal solvency and social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, other measures currently pending in the General Assembly may help the State avoid a grave fiscal crisis; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution empowers the Governor, as Chief Executive, to convene special sessions of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Special Session Act, 25 ILCS 15/3, directs the Secretary of State, upon receipt of a Gubernatorial proclamation convening a special session, to take "whatever reasonable steps necessary to notify the members of the General Assembly of the date and time of the special session."

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 96th General Assembly in a special session to commence on June 23, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., for the purpose of considering any legislation, new or pending, which will address the fiscal crisis confronting our State, and additional ethics reform, including, but not limited to legislation that:

1. Continues to reform the operations of state government to ensure ethical conduct, transparency, and accountability; and
2. Reforms and restructures the State's pension systems to ensure sustainability, affordability, and solvency; and
3. Empowers the electors to adopt an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Illinois in the November, 2010 general election that would establish a crucial structural reform: recall; and
4. Invests in projects that revitalize and expand our state's infrastructure, creating employment opportunities; and
5. Enables the state to have sufficient resources to meet its financial obligations and to have a responsible Fiscal Year 2010 budget.

s/Pat Quinn
Governor

Dated: June 18, 2009

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

[June 23, 2009]

Senator Lightford 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-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FIRST 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 First Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business.

The motion prevailed.
And the resolution was adopted.

Senator Lightford 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-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that the President appoint a committee of five to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the First Special Session of the Ninety-Sixth 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 Lightford 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-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FIRST 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 First Special Session of the Ninety-Sixth 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.

Senator Clayborne announced a Democrat caucus to begin at 4:00 o'clock p.m.

Senator Syverson announced a Republican caucus to begin immediately upon recess.

At the hour of 2:32 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand at recess subject to the call of the Chair.

AFTER RECESS

At the hour of 5:08 o'clock p.m., the Senate resumed consideration of business.
Senator Harmon, presiding.

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COMMUNICATION FROM MINORITY LEADER

ILLINOIS STATE SENATE
CHRISTINE RADOGNO
STATE REPUBLICAN LEADER
41st DISTRICT

June 23, 2009

Ms. Jillyayne Rock
Secretary of the Senate
403 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Resolution 3 of the 1st Special Session of the 96th General Assembly, I hereby appoint Senator Larry Bomke to the Committee created under that Resolution.

Sincerely,
s/Christine Radogno
Senate Republican Leader

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

A message from the House by
Mr. Mahoney, Clerk:

Mr. President -- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following resolution, to-wit:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 2

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 the First Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business.

Adopted by the House, June 23, 2009.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

At the hour of 5:09 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand adjourned until Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at 10:01 o'clock a.m.

[June 23, 2009]