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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The First Special Session of the 93rd General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? And will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Jerry Doss of Abundant Faith Christian Center in Springfield.

PASTOR JERRY DOSS:

(Prayer by Pastor Jerry Doss)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Please remain standing for the Pledge. Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, July 14, 2004, from the First Special Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Madam President, I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless a Member of the Senate has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Haine moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objections, so ordered. WEIU, WICS and WCIA request leave to videotape the proceedings. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator Shadid, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SHADID:

Point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR SHADID:

Serving as an honorary Page today is a constituent of mine from Peoria. His name is Austin Groves. He is a brother of our Senate Democrat Licensed Activities Committee staff person, Jenny Groves. Would you join me in welcoming him to Springfield?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to Springfield, Austin. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President. Just for a plethora of things today. First of all, I'd like the record to reflect that Senator Geo-Karis is absent today. She's back in her district doing some work. Secondly, I'd like to just point out that we are in our fifty-fourth day after our tentative adjournment date. But, again, just a reminder to my colleagues who have never been in Springfield during the State Fair: It's a wonderful time, but it's very difficult to get hotel rooms. So I would encourage you to look at that. And -- and thirdly, do I need to go home and get winter suits? I -- I just was kind of curious about that, Madam President. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Not yet. Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Madam President and Members of the Senate. I have with me today two Pages. I have Lauren and Casey Swierk. Lauren is -- in seventh grade. Casey is in fourth grade. Their mother, Rosemary, is up in the gallery behind the President and they are moving to Senator Schoenberg's district in August. Can we give them a warm welcome?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to Springfield and will our guest in the gallery please rise? Senator Shadid, did you forget something?

SENATOR SHADID:

If you don't mind, Madam President, yes. On behalf of my colleague Dale Risinger and myself, I'd like to introduce you folks to a good friend of ours, Jim Ardis, who is a city councilman from the great City of Peoria. How about welcoming Jimmy Ardis to -- Springfield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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Welcome to Springfield, Mr. Ardis. Thank you, Senator Shadid. I can proceed. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the First Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned until Friday, July 16th, at 12:05 p.m. The First Special Session of the Senate is adjourned.