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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The Senate will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

(Prayer by Senator Geo-Karis)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Communications from the Secretary of State.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

June 25, 2004.

Dear Secretary Hawker - Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation 2004-185, filed in my office on June 25, 2004, by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, calling for a Special Session of the 93rd General Assembly, to begin at 4 o'clock p.m. on Sunday, June 27, 2004. A notice and accompanying Proclamation has been mailed today to each Member's Springfield office.

Sincerely, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

(Secretary reads Proclamation No. 04-185)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The Senate is convened in the Fourth Special Session of the 93rd General Assembly. Under the practice of this Body since the 88th General Assembly, the rules adopted by the 93rd General Assembly and its officers and committees are in effect for the continuous period of the 93rd General Assembly, including any Special Session. There are three organizational resolutions that will be adopted today. These resolutions inform the House that the Senate is ready to conduct business, create a Committee of five to wait upon the Governor, and create a Senate Committee of three people to approve the Journals for the Senate for all days of the Special Session. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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Senate Resolution No. 1, Fourth Special Session, offered by Senator DeLeo.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator DeLeo moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution 1. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator DeLeo now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 2, Fourth Special Session, offered by Senator DeLeo.

(Secretary reads SR No. 2)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator DeLeo moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution 2. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator DeLeo now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 2. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 3 from the Fourth Special Session, offered by Senator DeLeo.

(Secretary reads SR No. 3)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator DeLeo moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution 3. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator DeLeo now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 3. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point, please.

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SENATOR RIGHTER:

First, it's delightful to see you today, on a Sunday. I want to deliver a message from one of our constituents. Today, as I was hustling over to Springfield in time for the 4 o'clock Session, I noticed on the side of the road, one of those roadside harvest stands, and so I pulled over because I wanted to get a couple watermelon for the secretaries in our area. They said the watermelon weren't ready yet, but they did have sweet corn. And so, I bought three dozen ears of sweet corn, and of course, because downstaters are very generous, it was three baker's dozen, and they threw one on top of that so it was forty. And I told her who I was and why I was heading over to Springfield, and she said, "Would you please pass along a message -- for me to the Members of the General Assembly?" And that was, "Stop the foolishness and get the work done." And I said, "Rosa, I will do that." Now, she made me promise that I wouldn't tell anyone her last name or the exact location of the roadside stand. She's concerned about taxes and fees and doesn't want to be subject to any increases. So, I promised that, but she did pass that along -- message. I promised I would pass it along to you, Madam President. Thank you for recognizing me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator DeLeo, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DeLEO:

Thank you very much, Madam President. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR DeLEO:

Just to give the Membership a little update. I've just been informed that in the sixth inning in the Crosstown Classic, the White Sox 9, the Cubs 4.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank -- thank you, Madam President. Just an inquiry of the Chair. If you notice, I've got a couple of T-shirts here

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that I brought with me from 1991, believe it or not. And one of them says "I survived budget storm July 1 through July 19th, 1991", and the other one says "Political prisoners, Springfield, Illinois, July 1991". I just wondered if it's time now for me to strike out the 1991 and put 2004 on both of those.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator, it's up to you, if you feel like a prisoner.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Okay. And -- and then the second question I had is, we're coming upon the Fourth of July weekend, and I just was wondering if the Governor's preparing for a barbecue and fireworks on the mansion lawn on Sunday.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

I'm not privy to that answer. You might want to call him. Senator Soden, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SODEN:

A point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR SODEN:

This weekend -- or, this weekend, I should say, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the State of Illinois held their convention here in Springfield, and they honored two of our outstanding colleagues as being Legislators of the Year - Adeline Geo-Karis and my good comrade over there from -- from Alton, Illinois, Bill Haine. I think they deserve a great hand because of this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Congratulation, Senators. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Fourth Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 12:05, Monday, June 28th, 2004. The Fourth Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned.