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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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 Pastor Jonathan Grubbs, of the First Church of God, in Springfield.

PASTOR JONATHAN GRUBBS:

(Prayer by Pastor Jonathan Grubbs)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

The Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Madam Secretary, Communications.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

July 7, 2004.

Dear Secretary Hawker - Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation 2004-199, filed in my office on July 7, 2004, by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, calling for a Special Session of the 93rd General Assembly, to begin at 12 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, July 8, 2004. A notice and accompanying Proclamation have been mailed today to each Member's Springfield office.

Sincerely, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

(Secretary reads Proclamation 04-199)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

The Senate is convened in the Ninth 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 Senate 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:

Senate Resolution 1 from the Ninth -- Special Session, offered by Senator Halvorson.

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(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Halvorson 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. The Rules are suspended. Senator Halvorson 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 No. 2 from the Ninth Special Session, offered by Senator Halvorson.

(Secretary reads SR No. 2)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Halvorson 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 Halvorson 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 No. 3 from the Ninth Special Session, offered by Senator Halvorson.

(Secretary reads SR No. 3)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Halvorson 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. The -- Rules are suspended. Senator Halvorson 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 Roskam, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ROSKAM:

An inquiry of the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Proceed.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

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You know, Mr. President, there's really nothing good that tends to happen when -- when there's not a whole lot going on. And it seems to me like this is one of those times. Can you just, for the benefit of the Body, tell us what incarnation of the Special Session we're in, and what on the Calendar is positioned to respond to the Governor's Special Session that we're apparently in?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator, we are in Special Session No. 9. Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Well, Special Session No. 9, can you direct my attention to the Calendar on anything that's on the printed Calendar that has the hope of -- of dealing with what the Governor has called us into Special Session No. 9 for, if I can end it with a preposition?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator, we are consider -- community-based services to youth with in the Department of Human Services. Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. That part -- I'm aware of the Proclamation. My question was, is there anything on -- on the Calendar of the Senate that -- that we can even hang a hat on being relevant to that Proclamation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator, on this Calendar there are many, many bills that affect human services. Many. And I -- it's probably being debated right now among the Leaders, I would guess. Senator Sandoval. Senator Sandoval, for what purpose do you seek recognition.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

State -- state your point.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

I am privileged here to -- like to have a warm welcome for a couple of friends from the country of Mexico, the former President of -- the former Mayor - they call them Presidenta. Municipales - Municipal Mayor of the City of Jaral del Progreso, Guanajuato, Dr. Mauricio Franco, along with Mr. Ignacio Campos

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is here. Dr. Franco was the -- the Mayor of the town of -- the City of Jaral del Progreso, home state of President Vicente Fox of Mexico. I'd like to give a warm welcome to them today in Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Welcome to Springfield. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Ninth Special Session stands adjourned until 11:55 a.m., Friday, July 9th, 2004, in Perfunctory Session. Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned.