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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The First Special Session of the 95th 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 Dr. Richard Ahlgrim, Berean Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois.

DR. RICHARD AHLGRIM:

(Prayer by Dr. Richard Ahlgrim)

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, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Journal of Thursday, July 5th, 2007.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Madam President, I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senators has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hunter moves the -- to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered.  
Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

A Message from the House by Mr. Mahoney, Clerk.

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Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint {sic} resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Resolution 2.

(Secretary reads HR No. 2)

Adopted by the House, July 5th, 2007. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Joint Resolution 1, offered by Senator Harmon.

I'm sorry, Madam President. That Senate Joint Resolution 1 is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

WICS-TV NewsChannel 20 wishes permission to tape the proceedings. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Madam Secretary, Communications.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

I have a letter dated July 6, 2007.

Dear Madam Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator Iris Martinez to temporarily replace Senator John Cullerton as a member of the Senate Revenue Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

Sincerely, Emil Jones, Jr., Senate President.

And a like letter dated July 6, 2007.

Dear Madam Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator Debbie Halvorson to temporarily replace Senator Jeffrey Schoenberg as a member of the Senate Revenue

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Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

Sincerely, Emil Jones, Jr., Senate President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The Rules Committee will meet immediately in the President's Antechamber. The Rules Committee will meet immediately. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senator Halvorson, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Revenue Committee - Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Senator Debbie Halvorson, Chairman. July 6, 2007.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I move to waive all posting requirements so that Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 can be heard today in the Senate Committee on Revenue at 1 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Harmon. Oh! Senator Harmon moves to waive all posting requirements so that Senate Joint Resolution 1 can be heard in the Senate Committee on Revenue today. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion is adopted. Senator Harmon, for committee announcement.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to announce that the Senate Revenue Committee will meet today at 1 p.m. in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Koehler, for what purpose do

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you rise?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

I have, today, a friend who is -- hails from Illinois but moved to Florida some years ago. So he wanted to see me and this is where he had to come to see me. But he's formerly, some years ago, student body president of ISU. I'd like to have the Senate welcome my good friend, Mike McConnell.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

...our guest please rise? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise? Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Madam President. Rise for purposes of an announcement, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Madam President. I'd like the record to reflect absences of certain Senate Republicans from today's business. Senator Murphy is back in the district on business. Senator Dillard, Radogno and Cronin are back on family reasons. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Link, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LINK:

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Thank you, Madam President. I would ask for a Democratic Caucus in the President's Office immediately.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Link announces a caucus that will be immediately during recess. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

...thank -- thank you, Madam President. We would like to also have a Senate Republican Caucus at the same time the Majority is caucusing, but I'm not clear when you're caucusing. Can you recast that for me?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Yes. We will be caucusing immediately upon recess.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Madam President. We would request the same in Senator Watson's Office, please. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. Just -- I -- I just wanted to take this chance, this opportunity, to state that I -- I see that Senator Hendon is really setting the trend once again today. And I just wanted to commend him on his new attire and trendsetting. And, Senator, I -- I think we'll all have that on tomorrow. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator Burzynski. The First Special Session of the Senate will stand in recess until the call of the Chair. The Senate stands in recess.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The Senate will come to order. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Joint Resolution 1 Be Adopted.

July 6, 2007.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the First Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned until 1:50 p.m., tomorrow, July 7th, 2007. The Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned.