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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The Senate will come to order. Madam Secretary, Communications from the Secretary of State.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

I have a letter dated July 9th, 2007.

Dear Secretary Shipley - Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation No. 2007-236, filed in my office on July 9th, 2007, by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, calling for a Special Session of the 95th General Assembly, to begin at 1 p.m. on July 10th, 2007. A notice and accompanying Proclamation have been delivered today to each Member's Springfield office.

Sincerely, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

(Secretary reads Proclamation No. 2007-236)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The Senate is assembled for the Seventh Special Session of the 95th General Assembly. Under the practice of the Body of the 88th General Assembly, the rules are -- adopted by the 95th General Assembly and its officers and its committee {sic} are in effect for the continuous period of the 95th General Assembly, including the 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, and create a Senate Committee of five to await upon the Governor, and create a Senate Committee that three people will approve the Journals of the -- for the Senate for all days of the Special Session. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 1, Seventh Special Session, offered by Senator Halvorson.

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(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Halvorson moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution 1. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Halvorson now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Watson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you very much, Mr. President. The Governor has called and had a Leaders' meeting announcement for 3:30 at the Mansion. I just want to make sure that Republican Members know that they are all invited. And I would assume, if committee hearings go past 3:30 and -- they are certainly welcome to arrive at any time. It -- if you want to be late for the meeting over at the Mansion, that's fine. You can come in at any time. Probably nothing will be done anyway. But if you want to be there, we're glad to have you. I don't know about the Democrats, if they were invited or not, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

You beat me to punch because I'm going to echo. President Jones wanted me to make the announcement that all Members are invited at 3:30 at the Governor's Mansion for a Leaders' meeting, and it's all Members of the Senate. And we would encourage you to be over there at 3:30. Senator Hendon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HENDON:

Well, Mr. President, I hope that the Members who attend and

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listen to Senator Watson, Leader Watson -- the reports that I've gotten while I was back in Chicago, that there were people constantly disrespecting the Governor in my absence, and -- and in fact, trying to disrespect President Jones. So I'm going to let you know ahead of time, I will be at that 3:30 meeting and those insults to the Governor will not be tolerated today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. I just want to make clear to the previous speaker, we're happy to air our legitimate criticisms about the Governor whether Senator Hendon is in town or not. Though, we're glad he's here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

I think we'll get back to business of the Senate. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 2, Seventh Special Session, offered by Senator Halvorson.

(Secretary reads SR No. 2)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

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Senate Resolution 3, Seventh Special Session, offered by Senator Halvorson.

(Secretary reads SR No. 3)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

I would have made this introduction during the regular Session, except my guest is not regular; he's very special. So I'm doing it during the Special Session. I'm joined here today by my son, Nadav, who's taking off from Good Sports Camp to join us today at the Illinois Senate. I'd like you to -- all to give him a big Senate welcome. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

He looks like he's ready to replace you real soon, Senator Schoenberg. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Seventh Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned until Wednesday, July 11th, 2007, at 1:35 p.m. The Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned.