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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The Senate will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desk? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation will be given today by Reverend Jeff Chitwood, South Side Christian Church, Springfield, Illinois.

THE REVEREND JEFF CHITWOOD:

(Prayer by the Reverend Jeff Chitwood)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Madam Secretary, Communications from the Secretary of State.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

I have a letter dated November 19th, 2007.

Dear Secretary Shipley - Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation No. 2007-394, filed in my office on November 19th, 2007, by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, calling for a Special Session of the 95th General Assembly, to begin at 1 p.m. on November 28th, 2007. A notice and accompanying Proclamation has been delivered today to each Member's Springfield office.

Sincerely, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

(Secretary reads Proclamation No. 2007-394)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The Senate is assembled in its Seventeenth Special Session of the 95th General Assembly. Under the practice of this Body since the 88th General Assembly, the rules adopted by the 95th General Assembly, the assembly -- and its officers and committee

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are in effect for the continuance {sic} period of the 95th General Assembly, including any Special Session. They are -- 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 await upon the Governor, and to create the Senate Committee of three people to approve the Journal for the Senate for all -- all days of the Special Session. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution No. 1, Seventeenth Special Session, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Clayborne moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution 1. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Clayborne 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 SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 2, Seventeenth Special Session, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads SR No. 2)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Clayborne 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 are suspended. Senator Clayborne now moves the adoption of Senate

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Resolution 2. Those in favor, say Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Senate Resolution is adopted. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 3, Seventeenth Special Session, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads SR No. 3)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Clayborne 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, and the rules are suspended. Senator Clayborne now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 3. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Sandoval, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

I'd like to welcome to the Illinois Senate a good friend of the 12th Legislative District. I have with me today, who accompanied me on my journey here to Springfield, to the State Capitol, my good friend, Rudy Acosta. He is a -- the Hispanic liaison to the 14th Ward Alderman, the City of Chicago. And he also is the precinct captain to the Alderman of the 14th Ward, my Alderman, Ed Burke. I'd like to give a warm welcome to my guy, Rudy Acosta.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Guest rise and the Senate please welcome him. Senator Trotter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your announcement.

SENATOR TROTTER:

I would like the record to reflect that Senator Silverstein will not be here today. He's back in the district doing legislative business. And also that Senator Iris Martinez will be absent today due to illness.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The record shall reflect. The Senate will now stand at recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The Senate will come to order. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Seventeenth Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned until tomorrow, November 29, 2007, at 10 a.m. The Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned.