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PRESIDENT JONES:

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 today will be given by Pastor Michael Keppler, Springfield Southern Baptist Church, Springfield.

PASTOR MICHAEL KEPPLER:

(Prayer by Pastor Michael Keppler)

PRESIDENT JONES:

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

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Communications from the Secretary of State.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Yes. I have a letter dated August 6, 2008.

Dear Secretary Shipley - Enclosed please find copies of Proclamations No. 208-314 {sic} (2008-314) and -- 2008-315, filed in my office on August 5th, 2008, by -- Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, calling for a Special Session of the 95th General Assembly, to begin at 3 p.m. on August 12th, 2008, and 5 p.m. on August 13th, 2008. A notice and accompanying Proclamations have been mailed today to each Member's office.

Sincerely, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

Proclamation 2008-314.

(Secretary reads Proclamation No. 2008-314)

PRESIDENT JONES:

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The Senate of the 95h General Assembly is convened in its Twenty-third Special Session. Under the practice of this Body since the 88th General Assembly, the rules adopted in the 95th General Assembly and its officers and committees are in effect for the continuous period of the 95th 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 await upon the Governor, and create a Senate Committee of three people to approve Journals for the Senate for all days of the Special Session. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 1, Twenty-third Special Session, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Martinez moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate adoption of Senate Resolution 1. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are -- are -- the rules are suspended. Senator Martinez now moves to -- moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1. Those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 2, Twenty-third Special Session, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads SR No. 2)

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PRESIDENT JONES:

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

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 3, Twenty-third Special Session, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads SR No. 3)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Martinez moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate adoption of Senate Resolution 3. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Martinez now moves for the adoption of Senate Resolution 3. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Chicago Tribune seeks leave to record the proceedings. All in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. WLS-TV, Illinois Channel, WAND-TV, WICS-TV, WICS-TV again, CBS Channel 3, WFLD, all seek leave to record the proceedings. Leave is so granted. The Twenty-third Special Session will stand in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARTINEZ)

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The Senate will come to order. The Twenty-third Special Session. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Twenty-third Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned until Wednesday, August 13, -- 2008, at 5:01 p.m. The Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned.