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PRESIDENT JONES:

The Senate will please come to order. Will the Members be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The -- the invocation today will be given by Reverend Florene Scott, Grace United Methodist -- Methodist Church, Springfield.

THE REVEREND FLORENE SCOTT:

(Prayer by the Reverend Florene Scott)

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.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Yes. I have a letter dated August 2nd -- I'm sorry, August 6, 2008.

Dear Secretary Shipley - Enclosed please find a -- copies of Proclamation No. 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.

(Secretary reads Proclamation No. 2008-315)

PRESIDENT JONES:

The Senate is -- of the 95th General Assembly is convened in its Twenty-fourth Special Session. Under the practice of

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this Body since the 88th General Assembly, the rules adopted by 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 wait 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-fourth Special Session, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Martinez move to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate adoption of Senate Resolution 1. 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 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, Twenty-fourth Special Session, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads SR No. 2)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Martinez move to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate adoption of Senate Resolution 2. All those in

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favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Martinez now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 2. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

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

(Secretary reads SR No. 3)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Martinez move to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate adoption of Senate Rule {sic} No. 3. 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 3. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. There being no further... Senator Watson, what purpose you rise?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you very much, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. I'd like to recognize one of our Members today who's having a birthday and I -- I'm sure no one recognizes who that might be since she's hiding behind all those flowers over there. But Senator Carole Pankau is having a birthday today and we want to all -- all wish her happy birthday and many more in return.

PRESIDENT JONES:

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Senator, did you forget to state the age of the person having the birthday? Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Thirty-four.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Demuzio, what purpose you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. A -- a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. I have with me a Mr. William Crouse, who is serving as my summer and fall intern this year. This is his first time to the Illinois Senate and he is a student at SIU under the Vince Demuzio Scholarship Internship Program.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will our guest rise and be welcomed by the Senate? Senator Patrick Welch, there's no need for you to be in the gallery. Senator Welch, stand and be recognized. WFL-TV {sic} seek leave to record the proceeding. And WICS also seek leave. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Senator Harmon, what purpose you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

For purposes of an introduction, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Proceed.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you. I'm happy to be joined on the Floor here by a

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special guest, my son, Don. Our eight-year-old is here. His sisters are still over at the fair. But he decided it would be better to come over here. He's gotten so much practice in being in the Senate with all of our overtime Sessions, he's feeling right at home. But, please, I wanted to welcome him and -- and thank you for letting me have him on the Floor with us tonight.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Let's welcome a future Senator. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Twenty-fourth Special Session of the -- the Senate stands adjourned until Friday, August 15th, in perfunctory Session. The Special Senate -- Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned.