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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The Second Special Session of the 96th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Shaun Lewis from Capitol Ministries, in Springfield, Illinois. Pastor.

PASTOR SHAUN LEWIS:

(Prayer by Pastor Shaun Lewis)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Jacobs, to lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR JACOBS:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Jacobs)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, July 14th, 2009.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. 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 HARMON)

Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. The Senate stands in recess until the call of the Chair.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The Senate will come to order. Senator Wilhelmi, are you seeking recognition?

SENATOR WILHELMI:

Yes, Mr. President, for purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please state your announcement, Senator.

SENATOR WILHELMI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Like to call an immediate caucus of the Democratic Caucus in the Senate President's Chambers. Immediate caucus.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank -- thank you, Senator. Senator Wilhelmi has requested a Democratic Caucus in the Senate President's Office immediately. WLS-TV Chicago seeks leave to videotape the proceeding. FOX News Chicago seeks leave to videotape the proceeding. And WICS-TV 20 in Springfield seeks leave to videotape the proceedings of the Senate. There being no objection, leave is granted. Senator Burzynski, are you seeking recognition?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Senate Republicans would request a caucus.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

That request is in order, Senator. The Senate Republicans are caucusing in Leader Radogno's Office. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The Second Special Session of the 96th General Assembly is called to order. Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY ROCK:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 1216, together with the following amendment which is attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendment 1.

Passed the House, as amended, July 15th, 2009.

We have received a like Message on Senate Bill 1292, with House Amendment 5.

Also passed the House, as amended, July 15th, 2009. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Risinger, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RISINGER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Could I have order in the Chamber, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Ladies and Gentlemen, please give Senator Risinger your attention.

SENATOR RISINGER:

Mr. President, last week a young man from Ottawa,

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Specialist Chester Hosford, thirty-five, while -- was in Afghanistan, hit an explosive device and was killed. Also at that same time -- this one is a constituent of Senator Dahl's. Also at that same time, a young man from Galesburg, Specialist Christopher Talbert, twenty-four, was also killed by hitting a roadside bomb. And I was wondering if we couldn't have a moment of silence for these fallen soldiers, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Ladies and Gentlemen, please join Senator Risinger in a moment of silence for our fallen soldiers. (Moment of silence observed) Senator Hendon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Inquiry of the Chair. We -- are we at ease right now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. We're standing at ease as we wait for one last Message from the House. We're expecting it shortly and are eager to move to substantive action. Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Well, with that being the case, I wanted to recognize my State Representative and her daughter, Taylor, is up in the President's Gallery. We welcome Taylor to the Illinois Senate, and her -- her mother, State Representative Annazette Collins. And I'm certain that Representative Collins just voted for all the bills that just came out from the House. So, I hope we can follow that lead and I did want to follow up real briefly on Senator Risinger. I just feel compelled to say that this week we've talked about four or five of our brave young men and women who've lost their lives in Afghanistan, and

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I hope at some point, even though we did pass one resolution out of here about that conflict, that we get very serious about ending this war that's -- that's taking our most precious commodity, our children and our citizens, from us and we're really not getting anything out of it from the nation of Afghanistan, but cheap heroin that's also destroying American communities. And if we end those wars, we could turn this economy around. So, since we had the time, I thought I -- I wanted to just -- felt compelled to put that into the public view.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator Hendon. Madam Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ROCK:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 1912, together with the following amendment which is attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendment 1 and House Amendment 2.

Passed the House, as amended, July 15th, 2009. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we have the last of the Messages from the House. The Committee on Assignments will meet in the President's Anteroom immediately. If all members on the Committee on Assignments could report to the President's

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Anteroom.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Hendon in the Chair. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, let's get ready. We're going to be taking substantial Senate business. If you're in your office, you need to come to the Senate Floor immediately. Administrative assistants, please send your Senator to the Senate Floor. We're going directly to substantial Senate action and we will have a -- a -- a picked-up pace. It is my intention as Presiding Officer of the moment to get you out of here in thirty minutes minimum -- maximum, I mean. Thirty minutes. Madam Secretary -- Committee Reports, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1216, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 5 to Senate Bill 1292, and Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 and House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1912.

Signed by Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I demand your attention, because all of this conversation is just going to drag it out. And we have some House Members on the Floor. We need to show the House Members how we do it in the Senate. Supplemental Calendar No. 2 has been distributed. Supplemental Calendar No. 2 has been distributed. It's on your desk. We're going to go to Supplemental Calendar No. 2. Right now, Bill

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1292. Senate Bill 1292. Senator Trotter. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 5 to Senate Bill 1292.

Signed by Senator Trotter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

The Chair would appreciate distinct {sic} descriptions of your bills, succinct questions and answers. Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. 1292 is the pension obligation note and asset smoothing Act. It authorizes 3.47 billion bond issuance to cover the State's FY'10 contribution to the State retirement systems. It also adjusts the methodology for calculating certified pension contributions to allow for the smoothing of assets over a five-year period. It provides, in addition, 2.3 billion dollars of funds freed up by the bond issuance to be used in the community-based human services programs, which comes in another bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Brady. Senator Brady, do you want -- Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen, I stand in opposition to this legislation. There's no question that we're under a great deal of difficult economic times. But this isn't the answer to our solutions {sic}. Lot of people say this is business as usual. Yes, we've lost a Governor. But have we gained any new leadership? Frankly, I don't think so. In fact,

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I would argue that this borrowing plan is worse than the one Governor Blagojevich brought to us six years ago, which doubled the State's bonded indebtedness and spent those proceeds in operating budgets. You know, businesses around this State are looking at every state in this nation and they're trying to determine where they're going to make an investment. And over the last six years..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Excuse me, Senator Brady. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Senator Brady has been kind enough to go straight to the bill and I expect you to give him your undivided attention. He went straight to the bill. Sorry, Senator Brady. Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

It's just late in the day. Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

I'm sorry, Mr. President. This is just acting a lot like the House lately. But anyway, businesses around this nation have chosen to make investments outside of this State. They've got other states to choose to invest in. Economists will tell you that businesses are looking at states that are rectifying their budgetary crisis, not putting their problems off to the next generation. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you look at other states, there's no state in the nation that's doing what we're doing to their children and grandchildren like we are here today. This may get us home. This may get us our paychecks tomorrow. This may keep government operating. But don't kid

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yourself, this doesn't solve our problems. This isn't even a Band-Aid. This is something we should defeat today and come back tomorrow and pass and work hard to provide the people of Illinois a reasonable budget that doesn't bankrupt our children and grandchildren. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Is there further discussion? Senator Duffy.

SENATOR DUFFY:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

To the bill, sir. Senator Duffy.

SENATOR DUFFY:

You know, I -- I also understand that we are in terrible times here in Illinois, but we cannot borrow our way out of debt. This bill is very fiscally irresponsible and this bill does put the debt on our kids and on our grandkids. We should not be talking about borrowing money and then thinking about making cuts. We should make serious cuts now and then, if need be, discuss borrowing money at a later date. So I also encourage a No vote on this. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Further discussion? Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President. Very quickly, it's time for Illinois to cut up its credit card. We've tripled the State's debt. This just puts things off -- the D-day off until another day. And again, it's time for Illinois to cut up the credit card. I'd urge a No vote.

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Senator -- this is the final speaker before Senator Trotter closes, unless -- Senator -- Leader Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. As we all know, the next three bills, this one and the two that are coming up, which is the bonding bill we're currently considering, as well as the appropriation and the BIMP bill, constitute our financial plan for the next twelve months. I think we all know this is far from an ideal solution. The fact of the matter is, with the predicament that we're in, with the overspending of the last seven years, it's difficult to come up with an ideal solution, especially on July 15th, two weeks into the fiscal year. Now, having said that, the plan that's in front of us does have some virtues. It does keep State government functioning. Our very valuable employees will be paid. Human services will be funded at a level that hopefully will not damage the infrastructure -- the human service infrastructure of this State. So, essentially, it does avoid meltdown. Secondly, and very importantly, it avoids a tax increase. And I don't say that because we just don't want to pay more taxes. I say that in the context of the current fiscal situation around the nation and, in fact, in the world. People can't afford to keep paying more and more and more money to government. People are afraid of losing their jobs, if they haven't already lost them. They're looking at potential foreclosures on their own homes. I know we all hear from people that say, "I know government has an important function, but we simply can't afford to keep sending more money." The other thing this bill will do, because frankly it's not a completely adequate situation, is it will continue to

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force us to focus on reforms - real reforms in this State - both on the fiscal side, on how we do businesses in -- in this State, and let's not forget that we still have a lot left to do on the ethical sides of things. And before we ask our constituents to send more money to Springfield, we better prove to them that we're doing a good job. So I know I'll probably hear the challenge that Republicans need to think about a tax increase, but the challenge that we issue to you Democrats is let's work together to get some real reform both on the fiscal and the ethical side. So I would urge a Yes vote. This is the best of a number of bad solutions that's before us. But I think that for the sake of the people of this State, we need to come together and get this passed and get a financial plan in place for the State. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Trotter, to close.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I want to thank Leader Radogno. She certainly hit the nail on the head. This -- this is not the best bill for our State, but what -- just to contradict just one thing that she said, we do need a income tax. We need to have a -- a real revenue stream which will get us out of the past and - - and put us solid into the future, something that gives property tax relief, something that addresses our education and our infrastructure repairs and -- and needs here in the State of Illinois. We had a bill like that. This is not it. It is short-term borrowing. So this is not something -- some debt that we're putting on our kids way into the future. Again, it's the -- better than what we passed in May. And I ask all for an

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Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 5 to Senate Bill 1292. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 43 voting Aye, 12 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. The Senate concurs in House Amendment No. 5 to Senate Bill 1292. And the bill, having required constitutional majority, is declared passed. The Chair would like to recognize the Governor of the State of Illinois, Governor Pat Quinn. We are now going to 1912. Senate Bill -- I'm sorry. 1216? Senate Bill 1216. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1216.

Signed by Senator Trotter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Diana Zoga from KMOV and a lot of other media request leave to videotape. Leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much. This is the operations bill for FY'10. This motion, one, makes appropriations to State agencies totaling 12.9 billion dollars General Revenue Fund for personnel and Social Security, operations, awards and grants. Additionally, the appropriations are -- will be made in a lump sum for each of these categories to provide the Executive Branch

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and its agencies with maximum flexibility in -- in managing these allocations. Additionally, in this bill, we'll be utilizing the -- the 3.4 billion dollars that is to be freed up from the previous bill that we -- we just passed on the pension notes. 2.23 billion of those will be used at the Governor's discretion to help the human and health services programs here in the State of Illinois. And the second lump sum will be for 1.2 billion, which will be designated to support operational expenses of State government, also with the Governor's discretion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Thank you, Senator Trotter. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, this is final action. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1216. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 45 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. The Senate concurs in House Amendments {sic} No. 1 to Senate Bill -- 10 voting -- 45 voting Yea, 10 voting Nay, none voting Present. The House -- the Senate concurs in House Amendments {sic} No. 1 to Senate Bill 1216. And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1912. 1912. Senator Trotter. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1912.

Signed by Senator Trotter.

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Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is the implementation language for the two previous bills that we just passed. There have been four changes in this BIMP bill from when we passed it in May of this year. If I can, one that -- gives a designation of 1.8 billion dollars in contingency reserves, giving the authority to the Governor. It gives him the -- also the authority to make reductions. It also lists that we in the General Assembly will be taking twelve furlough days. And the final provision that is new, it decouples us from the language of Senate Bill 2090, which essentially said that we were having four furlough days, so this four days would not be added on top of the twelve days for the year.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

There any discussion? Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

He will yield. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Senator Trotter, you and I talked a little bit during Executive Committee about the provisions in this motion and specifically with regards to what the General Assembly was proposing to do for the Governor with regards to his rulemaking

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authority. The question, I believe that I asked you earlier, was whether or not the provisions of this motion would allow the Governor, in certain instances, to promulgate emergency rules which would actually supersede statute in particular areas. I - - I think, at the time, you weren't sure or you didn't believe that that was in the -- in -- in the motion. I think since then we've been able to have some discussions. Can you tell me what the answer to that question is now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Yes, it is in statute. The intent of the language that is in the bill in -- in the Section 1-20 gives him that authority. The -- those intents are to place and provide the Governor and his executive agencies with the ability to develop emergency rules that will allow them to address either existing statute or existing regulations that would otherwise impede his ability to manage the budget. These emergency rules are subject to JCAR review. And as all emergency rules, they would be filed. And this Section will be effective only -- for the FY'10 only.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Trotter, it's my understanding that the..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

If we can hear, we can get out of here. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Trotter, it's my understanding that the powers that the Governor would be granted

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under this provision are limited to those that would directly relate to his ability to manage the budget that's being passed to his desk. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

That is absolutely correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Last question, Mr. President. Thank you for your indulgence. Now, despite the language that's in the legislation that's before us, Senator Trotter, I want to make sure that I'm clear for purposes of legislative intent. It is your intent, and it's the intent of this General Assembly, that the Administrative Procedures Act would be -- would apply and would be strictly followed regardless of what emergency rules the Governor may be seeking. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

That is the intent of myself and of the other legislators who drafted this language.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Rutherford.

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

...President, thank you. Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

He indicates he will yield for a few questions. Senator

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Rutherford.

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate it. Senator Trotter, I'm going to -- I just want to one more time just address the issue with regards to the rulemaking process, 'cause it's something that a few of us have been involved in and you and I have served on the JCAR for a number of years. What we're about ready to do is something of a very unique nature. Please clarify for me that what we're talking about, the ability to circumvent and put into -- the opportunity for the Governor for emergency rule, as we're talking about, strictly and only deals with the -- the -- the ability to manage the fiscal part of this budget. It doesn't go into other areas of Administrative Code in -- make -- make it a -- a hunting season, perch fishing, all of these other areas that the Administrative Code has to deal with through rulemaking. Are we very clear that we are specific with regards to the Governor's ability on emergency rule to deal just with regards to the budget and financing?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

I'm crystal clear that's -- I know that's the will of the General Assembly. But as mentioned, we'd -- what -- his emergency rules will have to go through JCAR, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. So we do have the check and balance in place that he does not exceed...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Rutherford. Senator Rutherford.

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

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Mr. President, thank you. And this is a sunset of this extraordinary ability that we are providing the -- the Governor's Office that will sunset at the end of Fiscal Year 2010.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

That's correct, sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Duffy.

SENATOR DUFFY:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

To the bill, sir. Senator Duffy.

SENATOR DUFFY:

While there's parts of this bill that I -- that I do not like, what I do like about this bill is the idea of furlough days. Since working families are forced to make cuts, I believe that it's a great idea that legislators also are making cuts. So I also encourage an Aye vote on this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

...you -- thank you, Mr. President. Like Senator Duffy, there's parts of this I like and parts of it I don't like. I certainly think it is wrong for us to turn over our - and I may think differently someday in the future - our obligations to the Governor to do all of the heavy lifting here. As I said on the previous bill, it's time for Illinois to cut up its credit card.

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We're spending five billion dollars more in this budget than we did five or six years ago, and the State of Illinois has spent four hundred percent more than the Consumer Price Index the last two decades. We have got to live in -- within our means. We have got to learn how to live within our means and all this is doing is delaying the ultimate D-day for another few months. And it's wrong and I'm going to vote No. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senate President John Cullerton. President Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. -- thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. If I can comment on this bill and the other two bills that we have passed. This is not the budget plan that we had hoped for. And it's not the budget plan that, at least the Senate Democrats, voted for in May. At the time, we voted for an income tax increase. We were questioned and we were -- we were questioned by saying, "Well, where are your cuts? You don't have any cuts." So this budget has cuts. If there's any confusion about it, we have authorized the Governor to cut over 1.1 billion dollars from this budget, in addition to the fact that we are not funding at the same level our grants to third parties that provide vital services for the State by another one and a half billion dollars. So the difference now is, when we vote on this budget, we have identified the cuts and we don't have a tax increase. How did we do that? How were we able to cut and still have a balanced budget without a tax increase? Well, here's how we did it. We borrowed 3.5 billion for our pension funds and we're borrowing another 3.2 billion from the people that we do business. So we will have, for many people

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who do business with the State, long, long time before you're going to get paid. That's embedded in this budget. Over six -- close to seven billion dollars of borrowing. Now, I think it's conservative and responsible to raise revenues to pay your bills. We're not doing that with this budget. So, why are we doing it? Because I've been here when we shut down State government. I was in the House. Nobody wins. And the people who work for the State and the most vulnerable people who we care for with State funds are the ones that lose. That's why we're doing this. We're doing this 'cause we have to do it. But it's wrong to do it. So, I'm just going to announce now, we're going to -- we just passed out our -- our Veto Session schedule. We'll be here in the Veto Session, of course, to deal with the vetoes. But we're going to come back into Session in January. And in January, we'll know how much money we've been bringing in for a half a year; we will know how much money we've been not spending on vital services. And we will come back in and we will ask us to address, in a very conservative way, the desire to raise revenues to pay your fundamental bills, the fundamental bills that you have to pay to make sure that, when you do business with people, you pay your bills on time and you don't borrow. 'Cause, folks, the stimulus money's going to run out. You can't do another pension impact note next year when the ramp up goes up even higher. So we will come to the end of the line. And I say we come here in January and take up that issue. And there won't be any question about where the cuts -- where we will have cut. Now, for those of you who say you want to be, you know, against the pension impact note that we just borrowed, well, that was 3.5 billion. I don't think we can do

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another 3.5 billion in cuts. So the General Assembly will reconvene in January to address our need for additional revenue. But, it's July 15th; people haven't been paid that were supposed to be paid for today and we're forced to take this step. So it's unfortunate and I would hope that we can work in a bipartisan fashion, as we did with so many other bills, next year when we come back to address our revenue needs. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Trotter, to close.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. These are extraordinary times and, in those times, extraordinary action needs to be taken. We can easily sit back and do nothing and become the California of the Midwest. We are better than that. We have a responsibility to those individuals who are dependent on us here in the State of Illinois. And as I say all the time, deal is, is our job is to enhance and enrich the people -- the quality of life for the people of the State of Illinois. This does it in a minor way, but it does something. We will be back to do more. I just ask for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments No. 1 and No. 2 to Senate Bill 1912. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting Nay, 1 voting Present. The Senate concurs in House Amendments No. 1 and No. 2 to Senate

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Bill 1912. And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Syverson, for what purpose do you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I was -- just for the record, I -- I was told that my vote didn't record on Senate Bill 1216. I would like the record to reflect I would have voted No on that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Record will so reflect. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ROCK:

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

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

House Joint Resolution 1.

Offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 1)

Adopted by the House, July 15th, 2009. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

On the Order of Resolutions is House Joint Resolution 1. Madam Secretary -- Senator Clayborne moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration of -- and adoption of House Joint Resolution 1. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, say Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Clayborne moves the adoption of House Joint Resolution 1. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. There being no further

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business to come before the Second Special Session, the Second Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned to the call of the Chair. The Senate stands adjourned.