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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The Senate 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 Commission. Pastor.

PASTOR SHAUN LEWIS:

(Prayer by Pastor Shaun Lewis)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Pastor. Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Clayborne, would you please lead us today?

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Clayborne)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Mr. Secretary, Communications from the Secretary of State.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I have a letter dated July 30th, 2012.

Dear Secretary Anderson - Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation No. 2012-234, filed in my office on June 30th, -- July 30th, 2012, by Governor Pat Quinn, calling for a Special Session of the 97th General Assembly, to begin at 1 p.m. on August 17th, 2012. A notice and accompanying Proclamations have been mailed today to each Member's office.

Sincerely, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

(Secretary reads Proclamation No. 2012-234)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The Senate of the 97th General Assembly is convened in its First Special Session. Under the practice of this Body since the 88th General Assembly, the rules adopted in the 97th General

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Assembly and its officers and committees are in effect for the continuous period of the 97th 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, notify the Governor that the Senate is ready to conduct business, and create a Senate Committee of three to approve Journals for the Senate for all days of the Special Session. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution No. 1, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Clayborne moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate adoption of Senate Resolution No. 1. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Clayborne now moves for the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 1. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution No. 2, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Clayborne moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate adoption of Senate Resolution No. 2. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Clayborne now moves for the adoption of Senate Resolution 2. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution No. 3, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Clayborne moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate adoption of 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 for the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 3. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'd like to make an announcement. The Senate Committee on Executive Appointments will meet in Room 212 upon recess to take up its posted business. That's the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments meeting in Room 212 immediately upon recess to take up its posted business. The Senate will stand in recess to the call of the Chair. After the Executive Appointments Committee, the Senate will reconvene for further Floor action. The Senate stands in recess.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Muñoz, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive Appointments, reports the following: Appointment Message 424 recommended Do Advise and Consent.

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Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills. Mr. Secretary, let's come back to that order of business, please. Senator McCann, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCANN:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR McCANN:

Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a very special lady today. We have here on the Floor - I think with me somewhere close - I have Miss Peg Booker, my legislative assistant. And at this point, I would like to ask -- I would like to yield my time, some of my time, to Senator Cultra, so that he might say a few words.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Cultra, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CULTRA:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR CULTRA:

You know, I've been down here for ten years, and I've had several excellent legislative assistants, or secretaries, but Peg Booker is the best that I've ever had. And -- and coming to the Senate a year ago from the House, she was certainly a great asset in getting me acclimated to what was going on. Besides that, she's a great cook and she has food for me almost every noontime. So, she's retiring at the end of September and I just

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want to let her know how much I appreciate how she has helped many people over here through the years, and especially me. Thank you, Peg.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senate -- Senator McCann, you wish to add a few words before we applaud again?

SENATOR McCANN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Totally to pay tribute again to Miss Booker. Peg Booker is without a -- she's the best LA I've ever had here at the Capitol also, for the record. Peg does every -- she does everything for us. Every time that we look good - which may be on few occasions - but every time that we look good, it's because of her. She is joined here on the Floor today with her niece, Miss Kelly Kraft, who also works here with us at the Capitol. I want to tell Peg how much I appreciate all that she does for me, everything that I know that she does and everything that I'm sure that she does that -- that she goes above and beyond the call of duty without any recognition whatsoever. And at a time when we're having discussions here in Springfield about public employees, Miss Booker joined the State of Illinois over twenty-eight years ago. She's been here at the Senate most of that time, worked at the Department of Agriculture for a short period of time. And so, for twenty-eight plus years of service to the people of the State of Illinois, on behalf of them, I want to say thank you and we respect and honor you here today. Thank you, Peg.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Will the Senate please rise to congratulate Miss Booker on her retirement? Congratulations. Senator Althoff, for what

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purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you. I think this Body is aware that I've been talking for the past eighteen months about the National Conference of State Legislators {sic} (Legislatures), and our conference ran from August 6th through August 9th. And I would just like to take this moment to say thank you to my Host Committee members, who actually helped me a great deal in putting it together, our Leaders, President Cullerton and Christine Radogno, for supporting me in this endeavor. And I also really want to take this moment - thank you - I really want to take this moment, not only to acknowledge our leadership and to acknowledge our Host Committee, but to look forward and really look at Scott Kaiser and Tim Anderson, who ran the volunteers from the State of Illinois, who got more compliments and more shout-outs by visitors to Illinois on their courtesy and on their professionalism. So, thank you, guys, very, very much for doing that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Martinez, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

For a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

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Thank you very much. Members of the Senate, today I have with me two special guests from Puerto Rico. I have Carlos Román. He is from Puerto Rico and he's a police officer in Puerto Rico. And I have Deborah Cruz Mercado, administrative assistant of the Puerto Rican State Police in Ponce area, and she's also a Sergeant in the United States Army National Guard. They happen to be the sister and brother-in-law of my assistant, Rosa Orama. I would like to give a -- give them a nice welcome to Chicago and to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Will our guests remain standing and be welcomed to the Illinois State Senate? Welcome. Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1, offered by Senator Harmon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of this Senate bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Senate Supplemental Calendar No. 1 from the First Special Session has been distributed to the Members' desks. Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution grants the Senate authority to confirm appointees during a Special Session called by the Governor. To fulfill our responsibilities under Article V, Section 9 of the Constitution, we will now proceed to the Order of Advise and Consent. Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on

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appointments set forth in Appointment Message 424.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Muñoz moves that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on the Appointment Message just read. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. The Senate is resolved into Executive Session. On Supplemental Calendar No. 1 is the Order of Executive Appointments - Appointment Messages. Mr. Secretary, Executive Appointments - Appointment Message 424.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Appointment Message 424

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Seventh General Assembly:

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be Director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity:

David Vaught

Annual Compensation: \$142,339

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the

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appointment from the Appointment Message just read. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, 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 49 voting Aye, none voting No, and 2 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read. Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Senate arise from Executive Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Muñoz moves that the Senate arise from Executive Session. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. The Senate has arisen from Executive Session. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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

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

House Joint Resolution No. 1.

Resolved by the House -- sponsored by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 1)

Adopted by the House, August 17th, 2012. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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On the Order of Resolutions is House Joint Resolution No. 1. Mr. Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 1, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Clayborne moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 1. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Clayborne moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution No. 1. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Duffy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUFFY:

Inquiry of the Chair, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please state your inquiry, Senator.

SENATOR DUFFY:

Mr. President, knowing that the State of Illinois has the largest pension debt in the United States of America, knowing that our debt burdens increase by 12.6 million dollars every day, which is five hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars every hour, I'm wondering if you can tell me what the planned order of business is for today. Are we going to do anything else today? I know that the taxpayer {sic} are -- are paying forty thousand dollars for us all to be down here, so I certainly hope that there's a planned agenda for why we have been all brought down here from our districts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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Thank you, Senator. You have the printed Calendar of the day and the Supplemental Calendar. We are awaiting action of the House. We are taking introduction of Senate bills. Senator Duffy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUFFY:

Another inquiry of the Chair, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please state your inquiry, Senator.

SENATOR DUFFY:

Mr. President, I was under the impression that what we were coming down here to do is to work on pension bills, or a pension reform bill. I guess my question is, will we be working on a pension reform bill today?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

I -- I think I've given you an answer to your question. I'm not sure that that's a parliamentary inquiry. If you'd like to re-form it as a parliamentary inquiry, I'd be happy to try to answer it. Senator Duffy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUFFY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Inquiry of the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please state your inquiry.

SENATOR DUFFY:

I'll try this again. Mr. President, is there any work that we're going to do today that pertains to the Governor's Proclamation that called for this Special Session?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. In response to your inquiry, the -- the Governor and the Legislative Leaders did meet this morning.

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It's our understanding that there is potential action in the House on the topic of -- of the Special Session. The Senate is going to stand in recess to await any legislative measures that come over from the House. Senate will stand in recess to the call of the Chair to receive Messages from the House. The Senate stands in recess.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The Senate will come to order. There being no further business to come before the First Special Session of the 97th General Assembly, the First Special Session stands adjourned to the call of the President.