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The House met pursuant to a proclamation from the Governor to convene Special Session.
 Representative Turner in the chair.
 Representative Turner asks leave to use the Quorum Roll Call from the First Special Session to convene the Eighth Special Session.
 Leave was granted.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by
 Ms. Shipley, Secretary:
 Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has adopted the following Senate Resolution, to-wit:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE EIGHTH SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives that a majority of the members of the Senate has assembled pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor convening an Eighth Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business.

Adopted by the Senate, July 11, 2007.

Deborah Shipley, Secretary of the Senate

ACTION ON MOTIONS

Representative Currie moved for the immediate consideration and suspension of applicable House Rules for the adoptions of House Resolutions 1 and 2.

A voice vote was taken on the motion.

The motion prevailed.

RESOLUTIONS

Representative Currie offered the following Resolutions:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1 EIGHTH SPECIAL SESSION

RESOLVED, that the Rules of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly be adopted as the Rules of this Eighth Special Session, so far as the same may be applicable, and that the Committees of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly, including the House Journal Review Committee and their membership, shall constitute the Committees of the House during this Eighth Special Session.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 2 EIGHTH SPECIAL SESSION

RESOLVED, that the Clerk inform the Senate that a majority of the House of Representatives has assembled, pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor, convening an Eighth Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business.

The motion prevailed and House Resolutions 1 and 2 were adopted.

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, in 2004 nearly 8 children and teenagers ages 19 and under were killed in the United States with guns every day; and

WHEREAS, the cost of one gun crime can be as high as \$1.79 million, including medical treatment and the prosecution and imprisonment of the offender; and

WHEREAS, medical costs of gun violence put a burden on employers, health service providers and the State of Illinois because at least 80% of the economic costs of treating firearm injuries are paid for with taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 1994, Congress passed the Federal Assault Weapons Ban, requiring domestic gun manufacturers to stop production of semi-automatic assault weapons and large capacity ammunition feeding devices (ammunition clips holding more than 10 rounds), except for military or police use; and

WHEREAS, during the ten-year federal ban, the prevalence of assault weapons traced to crimes declined 66%; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Assault Weapons Ban expired on September 13, 2004, leaving Illinois without any statewide measures to combat the proliferation of assault weapons and large capacity ammunition feeding devices; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of federal regulation, the State of Illinois must act to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens from the violence caused by the presence and proliferation of assault weapons in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, large capacity ammunition feeding devices enable assault weapons and .50 caliber rifles to fire thirty rounds of ammunition in under five seconds, reload automatically and carry up to 100 rounds; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1007 would largely prohibit the knowing delivery, sale, purchase or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, passage of Senate Bill 1007 would advance the State's interest in protecting the health, safety and welfare of Illinoisans by abating gun violence and the associated health care and societal costs caused by large capacity ammunition feeding devices;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 95th General Assembly in a special session to commence on July 11, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., to consider and discuss Senate Bill 1007 as well as the impact of assault weapon violence on the State's health care expenditures and general fiscal health.

s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

At the hour of 4:00 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Thursday, July 12, 2007, at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

The motion prevailed.

And the Eighth Special Session stood adjourned.