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The House met pursuant to a proclamation from the Governor to convene Special Session.
 Representative Hannig in the chair.
 Prayer by Assistant Doorkeeper of the House Wayne Padget.
 Representative Hoffman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.
 By direction of the Speaker, a roll call was taken to ascertain the attendance of Members, as follows:
 83 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Acevedo, Bassi, Beiser, Black, Bost, Brosnahan, Burke, Coladipietro, Collins, Crespo, Dunn, Durkin, Feigenholtz, Graham, Hernandez, Jakobsson, Jefferson, Krause, Lindner, Lyons, Munson, Patterson, Rita, Rose, Schmitz, Scully, Soto, Sullivan, Tryon, Wait and Watson were excused from attendance.

REQUEST TO BE SHOWN ON QUORUM

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Wait, should be recorded as present at the hour of 3:07 o'clock p.m.

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Osterman, should be recorded as present at the hour of 3:15 o'clock p.m.

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Turner, should be recorded as present at the hour of 3:15 o'clock p.m.

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Ford, should be recorded as present at the hour of 3:15 o'clock p.m.

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 TWENTY-THIRD SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a majority of the members of the Senate has assembled, pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor, convening a Twenty-Third Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business.

Adopted by the Senate, August 12, 2008.

Deborah Shipley, Secretary of the Senate

ACTION ON MOTIONS

Representative Currie moved for the immediate consideration and suspension of applicable House Rules for the adoption 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

TWENTY-THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

RESOLVED, that the Rules of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly be adopted as the Rules of this Twenty-Third 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 Twenty-Third Special Session.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 2
TWENTY-THIRD 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 a Twenty-Third 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 2008-314

WHEREAS, in the past six years, the State of Illinois has made the largest investment under any administration in Illinois history in elementary and secondary education, investing approximately \$8.4 billion in new money for elementary and secondary schools;

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2009 budget contains an increase of \$360 million in education funding over the last fiscal year, including a \$32.5 million increase to expand early childhood education;

WHEREAS, since 2003, the State has increased the foundation level from \$4,560 to \$5,959 per student;

WHEREAS, despite these measures, there still exists vast inequities among school districts in the amount of per-pupil spending provided, with a disparity of more than \$17,879 in per-pupil operational spending between the highest and lowest spending elementary school districts in Illinois, \$14,005 in per-pupil operational spending between the highest and lowest spending high school districts in Illinois, and \$18,240 in per-pupil operational spending between the highest and lowest spending unit school districts in Illinois;

WHEREAS, these inequities are, in part, due to a reliance on property tax revenues as the primary source of school funding;

WHEREAS, these inequities require that alternatives to the State's reliance on property tax revenues as the primary source of school funding be considered;

WHEREAS, various proposals have been introduced through the years to alter the manner in which school districts receive funding in order to alleviate these inequities and ensure that every child in every school district receives the same high quality education;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all necessary measures are taken to promote equity and equality in the State's education system; and

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 95th General Assembly, in duly constituted quorums capable of conducting business, in a special session to commence on August 12, 2008, at 3:00 p.m., to consider measures aimed at increasing school funding, improving the school funding structure, and eliminating any current inequities.

s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH

Governor
Dated: August 5, 2008

At the hour of 3:31 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Wednesday, August 13, 2008, at 5:00 o'clock p.m.

The motion prevailed.

And the Twenty-Third Special Session stood adjourned.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
 NINETY-FIFTH
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 HOUSE ROLL CALL
 TWENTY-THIRD SPECIAL SESSION
 QUORUM ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

August 12, 2008

0 YEAS

0 NAYS

87 PRESENT

E Acevedo	P Dugan	E Krause	P Reboletti
P Arroyo	P Dunkin	P Lang	P Reis
E Bassi	E Dunn	P Leitch	P Reitz
P Beaubien	E Durkin	E Lindner	P Riley
E Beiser	P Eddy	E Lyons	E Rita
P Bellock	E Feigenholtz	P Mathias	E Rose
P Berrios	P Flider	P Mautino	P Ryg
P Biggins	P Flowers	P May	P Sacia
E Black	P Ford (ADDED)	P McAuliffe	P Saviano
P Boland	P Fortner	P McCarthy	E Schmitz
E Bost	P Franks	P McGuire	P Schock
P Bradley, John	P Fritchey	P Mendoza	E Scully
P Bradley, Richard	P Froehlich	P Meyer	P Smith
P Brady	P Golar	P Miller	P Sommer
P Brauer	P Gordon	P Mitchell, Bill	E Soto
E Brosnahan	E Graham	P Mitchell, Jerry	P Stephens
E Burke	P Granberg	P Moffitt	E Sullivan
P Chapa LaVia	P Hamos	P Molaro	P Tracy
E Coladipietro	P Hannig	P Mulligan	E Tryon
P Cole	P Harris	E Munson	P Turner (ADDED)
E Collins	P Hassert	P Myers	P Verschoore
P Colvin	E Hernandez	P Nekritz	P Wait (ADDED)
P Coulson	P Hoffman	P Osmond	P Washington
E Crespo	P Holbrook	P Osterman (ADDED)	E Watson
P Cross	P Howard	E Patterson	P Winters
P Cultra	E Jakobsson	P Phelps	P Yarbrough
P Currie	P Jefferies	P Pihos	P Younge
P D'Amico	E Jefferson	P Poe	A Mr. Speaker
P Davis, Monique	P Joyce	P Pritchard	
P Davis, William	P Kosel	P Ramey	

E - Denotes Excused Absence