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NO. 1

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The House met pursuant to a proclamation from the Governor to convene Special Session.
Speaker of the House Madigan in the chair.

Prayer by Assistant Doorkeeper of the House Wayne Padget.

Representative Harris 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:
91 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Acevedo, Bassi, Beaubien, Black, Bost, Brosnahan, Burke, Coladipietro, Collins, Crespo, William Davis, Dunn, Feigenholtz, Graham, Krause, Lyons, Munson, Patterson, Rita, Rose, Schock, Scully, Soto, Sullivan, Tryon 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 Schock, should be recorded as present at the hour of 5:08 o'clock p.m.

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Hernandez, should be recorded as present at the hour of 5:30 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-FOURTH 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 a Twenty-Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business.

Adopted by the Senate, August 13, 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-FOURTH 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-Fourth 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-Fourth Special Session.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 2
TWENTY-FOURTH 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-Fourth 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 2008-315

WHEREAS, it has been nearly nine years since the Illinois General Assembly has passed a comprehensive capital infrastructure plan;

WHEREAS, a capital infrastructure plan will provide much needed resources into repairing and maintaining our State's roads, bridges, and schools, will spur economic development, and create and support thousands of new jobs;

WHEREAS, a capital infrastructure plan would further leverage additional federal and local funds for the State's infrastructure needs;

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2008, the *Illinois Works Coalition* was formed in order to engage a bipartisan working group which could draw expertise from business, labor, and local leaders across the State in order to focus attention and help pass a statewide capital infrastructure plan;

WHEREAS, the *Illinois Works Coalition* convened meetings with legislative leaders and citizens across Illinois to discuss a comprehensive plan that could pass both chambers of the General Assembly;

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2008, the Co-Chairs of the *Illinois Works Coalition*, former Speaker of the United States House of Representatives Dennis Hastert and Southern Illinois University President Glenn Poshard, announced the *Coalition's* recommendations for a \$34 billion comprehensive capital infrastructure plan;

WHEREAS, Illinois Senate President Emil Jones, Illinois Senate Minority Leader Frank Watson, Illinois House Minority Leader Tom Cross, numerous mayors, unions, and associations, and I have endorsed the \$34 billion comprehensive capital infrastructure plan proposed by the *Coalition*;

WHEREAS, the Illinois Senate has passed several bills which could fund the proposed capital infrastructure plan;

WHEREAS, the Illinois House of Representatives has failed to act on legislation necessary to fund the capital infrastructure plan;

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2008, the *Illinois Works Coalition* and I proposed a new \$25 billion capital infrastructure plan, which eliminated the need for expanded gaming as a funding source, in response to concerns raised by certain House representatives;

WHEREAS, the new proposed capital plan is supported by President Jones, Leader Watson, Leader Cross, and Co-Chairs of the *Illinois Works Coalition*, Speaker Hastert and President Poshard;

WHEREAS, the new proposed capital plan contemplates investments of more than \$14.4 billion in road projects, \$4.1 billion in education facilities, \$3.4 billion in public transit and rail, \$800 million in environment and water, \$310 million in State facilities, \$100 million in healthcare facilities, \$425 million

in economic development, and more than \$1.4 billion in other critical infrastructure needs for the State of Illinois;

WHEREAS, according to a study conducted by Southern Illinois University, the new proposed \$25 billion capital plan would create 443,000 new full-time jobs, lead to \$32 billion in economic activity, and generate more than \$2.3 billion in State and local tax revenues; 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 13, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., to consider the new proposed capital infrastructure plan, along with any other measures necessary to provide for the capital infrastructure needs of the State of Illinois.

s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH

Governor

Dated: August 5, 2008

At the hour of 5:12 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Friday, August 15, 2008, in perfunctory session.

The motion prevailed.

And the Twenty-Fourth Special Session stood adjourned.

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

August 13, 2008

0 YEAS

0 NAYS

93 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
E Beaubien	P Durkin	P Lindner	P Riley
P 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	P McAuliffe	P Saviano
P Boland	P Fortner	P McCarthy	P Schmitz
E Bost	P Franks	P McGuire	P Schock (ADDED)
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
E Collins	P Hassert	P Myers	P Verschoore
P Colvin	P Hernandez (ADDED)	P Nekritz	P Wait
P Coulson	P Hoffman	P Osmond	P Washington
E Crespo	P Holbrook	P Osterman	E Watson
P Cross	P Howard	E Patterson	P Winters
P Cultra	P Jakobsson	P Phelps	P Yarbrough
P Currie	P Jefferies	P Pihos	P Younge
P D'Amico	P Jefferson	P Poe	P Mr. Speaker
P Davis, Monique	P Joyce	P Pritchard	
E Davis, William	P Kosel	P Ramey	

E - Denotes Excused Absence