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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.
 Speaker of the House Madigan asked for leave to use the Quorum Roll Call from the Twenty-Fifth Special Session to convene the Twenty-Sixth 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 TWENTY-SIXTH 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-Sixth Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business.

Adopted by the Senate, September 22, 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 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 TWENTY-SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 2 TWENTY-SIXTH 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-Sixth 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 2008-372

WHEREAS, approximately 1 in 150 children born in the United States are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders, making it more common than all types of pediatric cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorders affect children regardless of race, ethnicity, or social status; and

WHEREAS, proper diagnosis and treatment are critical to the development of children with autism spectrum disorders; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder can allow parents to initiate behavioral therapy, a common treatment that is more effective early in life and which, when begun early, has been shown to provide greater gains in language and IQ scores; and

WHEREAS, necessary therapy and treatment for the thousands of Illinois children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders can cost up to \$5,000 a month per child; and

WHEREAS, currently, only people covered by large group insurance policies (with 50 or more beneficiaries) can obtain coverage for children with autism spectrum disorders, and even then, they can only receive inpatient and outpatient mental health services; and

WHEREAS, despite strong support, the General Assembly has failed to pass a bill requiring insurance companies to cover the costs of diagnosing and providing children with autism spectrum disorders needed occupational, physical, and speech therapies, psychiatric and physiological services, and applied behavioral therapies.

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 September 22, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., to consider any measure mandating that insurance companies cover costs associated with diagnosis, therapy, and treatment for children with autism spectrum disorders.

s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor
Dated: September 22, 2008

ACTION ON MOTIONS

pursuant to Rule 18(g), Representative Black for unanimous consent of the House to discharge the Committee on Rules from further consideration of the motion to recede from House Amendment No. 1 to SENATE BILL 1900.

Representative Currie objected the motion.
The motion lost.

At the hour of 2:14 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Tuesday, September 23, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

The motion prevailed.
And the House stood adjourned.