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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Honorable Emil Jones, Jr., President of the Senate, presiding.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State

August 13, 2007

Honorable Deborah Shipley
Secretary of the Senate
Room 401
Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Secretary Shipley:

Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation No. 2007-267, filed in my office on August 13, 2007, by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, calling for a Special Session of the 95th General Assembly, to begin at 2:15 p.m. on August 13, 2007.

A notice and accompanying Proclamation have been delivered today to each Member's Springfield office.

Sincerely,
s/Jesse White
Secretary of State

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) began operation in 1947 and became the sole operator of Chicago transit in 1952 when it purchased the Chicago Motor Coach System; and

WHEREAS, the CTA is the region's largest transit operator, providing 154 bus routes and 8 rapid transit routes; and

WHEREAS, the CTA operates the nation's second largest transportation system, serving 1.6 million riders each weekday; and

WHEREAS, the CTA expects its ridership levels to increase by a compound annual growth rate of 1.5 % from 2005 through 2009; and

WHEREAS, the CTA spent \$403 million on capital programs in 2005, and the CTA is expected to spend more than \$1.0 billion on capital projects in 2006 and 2007; and

WHEREAS, the CTA has significant outstanding capital needs and reports that reaching a State of Good repair will require \$5.8 billion; and

WHEREAS, the President of the CTA has publicly stated that unless the CTA receives additional funding by September 16, 2007, the CTA will be required to layoff employees and increase fares;

[August 13, 2007]

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 August 13, 2007, at 2:15 p.m., to consider funding for the CTA.

s/Rod Blagojevich
Governor

Dated: August 12, 2007

At the hour of 2:52 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand adjourned until Tuesday, August 14, 2007, at 12:16 o'clock p.m.

[August 13, 2007]