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**1:23 O'CLOCK P.M.**

**SENATE**  
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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.  
Senator Terry Link, Waukegan, Illinois, presiding.  
Prayer by Reverend Jeff Chitwood, South Side Christian Church, Springfield, Illinois.  
Senator Maloney led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

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

November 19, 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. 2007-394, filed in my office on November 19, 2007, by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, calling for a Special Session of the 95th General Assembly, to begin at 1:00 p.m. on November 28, 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 Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is the financial oversight and regional planning body for the three public transit operators in northeastern Illinois: the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra commuter rail, and Pace suburban bus; and

WHEREAS, the RTA is an important public asset that, according to the RTA, generates an annual economic impact of more than \$12 billion to the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, approximately two million riders per day use the CTA, Metra commuter rail, or Pace suburban bus; and

WHEREAS, strengthening Illinois' transit system will enhance residents' quality of life by reducing pollution as well as traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, according to the CTA, revenues to support transit are not keeping up with increased maintenance, repair and transit costs potentially necessitating additional state funding; and

WHEREAS, the CTA asserts that without additional funding by January 20, 2008, it is prepared to raise cash fares as high as \$3.25 for rail passengers who pay cash, cut 81 bus routes, and layoff 2,400 employees; and

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WHEREAS, Metra officials have warned riders to expect fares to increase up to 30 % if additional funding is not received by the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, according to the RTA, without additional funding, Metra will face a \$40 million deficit in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has been unable to reach a funding solution that is acceptable to its membership;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, in duly constituted quorums capable of conducting business, in a special session to commence on November 28, 2007, at 1:00 p.m., to consider any and all funding options for the RTA, the CTA, Metra, and Pace.

s/Rod Blagojevich  
Governor

Dated: November 19, 2007

### **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Senator Clayborne offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1**

**RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE SEVENTEENTH 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 Seventeenth Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business.

The motion prevailed.  
And the resolution was adopted.

Senator Clayborne offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2**

**RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE SEVENTEENTH SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF**, that the President appoint a committee of five to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the Seventeenth Special Session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly is now duly in session in pursuance of his proclamation, and is ready to receive any message he may desire to submit.

The motion prevailed.  
And the resolution was adopted.

Senator Clayborne offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3**

**RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE SEVENTEENTH SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF**, that a

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Committee of three (3) members of the Senate be appointed, two (2) members to be appointed by the President and one (1) member to be appointed by the Minority Leader, to approve any and all Journals of the Senate for all days of the Seventeenth Special Session of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly where such Journals, prior to adjournment SINE DIE, have not been approved by the body as a whole.

The motion prevailed.  
And the resolution was adopted.

**EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE**

On motion of Senator Trotter, Senator Silverstein was excused from attendance due to business in his district, and Senator Martinez was excused from attendance due to illness.

At the hour of 1:32 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand at recess subject to the call of the Chair.

**AFTER RECESS**

At the hour of 4:38 o'clock p.m., the Senate resumed consideration of business.  
Senator Link, presiding.

At the hour of 4:39 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand adjourned until Thursday, November 29, 2007, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.