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PRESIDENT JONES:

The regular Session of the 95th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Nancy Flood, of the Baha'i Community Church -- Baha'i Community Church, Springfield, Illinois.

NANCY FLOOD:

(Prayer by Nancy Flood)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Reading and Approval of the Journals, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Journal of Friday, July 27th, 2007.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President, I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senators has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journal just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 310, offered -- by Senator Martinez.

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It's substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Fox News Chicago wishes to record the proceedings. Seeing no objections, so ordered. Also, the Journal-Register seeks to record the proceedings. Seeing no objections, so ordered. Senator Frerichs, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FRERICHS:

For a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

We have some very special guests joining us today in the gallery here from southern California. I want to recognize my godfather, Greg Palmer, and his son, Nolan; my godmother, Kathy Anderson, her husband, Jack, and their son, Tommy. I would ask my fellow Senators' help in welcoming them to Springfield.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Our guests in the gallery please rise and be welcomed by the Illinois Senate. Madam Secretary, do you have any resolutions on file?

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 309, offered by Senators Forby and Burzynski and all Members.

It's a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

According, I now move to suspend the rules for the proposal of immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 309.

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PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Forby moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 409 -- 309. Those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Forby now moves for the adoption of Senate Resolution 309. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 309 be adopted. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. The Senate will stand in recess of regular Session till the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDENT JONES:

The regular Session of the Senate will please come to order. With leave of the Body, we will be going to House Bills 3rd Reading, at top of page 32 on your Calendar. At the top of the Calendar on page 32 is House Bill 1664. Senator Bill Haine. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

House Bill 1664.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Haine, to explain.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you very much, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This bill, the amendment, Committee Amendment No.

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1, it becomes the bill and it has two -- two parts to it. One is it allows my hometown, the City of Alton, to annex a hundred-and-twenty-acre parcel of land that is not contiguous to the City and it's located in Madison County. They're allowed one year in order to effect this. There's an intervening parcel which is tied up in an estate, according to what the City Attorney has written to me. It would allow the City to provide sewer and water services and allow the development of this area, which is a quadrant of 255 and Fosterburg Road. And it would enhance the tax base of the school district, I -- and I think the library district, but I'm not certain about that. I think the library goes out there too, as well as the City. The second part of it is -- and the county board chairman signed off on it; there's no opposition from the -- the county. They would also benefit from it. The Village of Milan is requesting a TIF extension of seven years, and that's Senator Jacobs' portion of the bill. And that's it in -- in a nutshell. My portion actually went through the Executive Committee, but it was -- it was not germane to the bill that -- that it was attached to, so we went through the Local Government Committee, once again, on the same topic.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Is there any discussion? Any -- any discussion? Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I -- I rise in support of this bill. I think Senator Haine's done a -- a lot of his homework on this bill and I hope we can get some support on this side of the aisle. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES:

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Further -- any further discussion? The question is, shall House Bill 1664 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 40 voting Aye, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 1664, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would ask for a Democratic Caucus in the President's Office immediately upon adjournment.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Senate Republicans would request a caucus in Senator Watson's Office immediately upon adjournment, please.

PRESIDENT JONES:

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned to the hour of 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 31st. 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 31st. The Senate stands adjourned.