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PRESIDENT JONES:

The Senate 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 Pastor Clint Cook, Real Life Church, Springfield.

PASTOR CLINT COOK:

(Prayer by Pastor Clint Cook)

PRESIDENT JONES:

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

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Communications from the Secretary of State. SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Have a letter dated June 29th, 2007.

Dear Secretary Shipley - Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation No. 2007-228, filed in my office on June 29th, 2007, by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, calling for a Special Session of the 95th General Assembly, to begin at 12 p.m. on -- July 5th, 2007. A notice and accompanying Proclamation has been mailed today to each Member's Springfield office.

Sincerely, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

(Secretary reads Proclamation No. 2007-228)

PRESIDENT JONES:

The Senate of the 95th General Assembly is convened in it -its First Special Session. Under the practice of this Body since
the 88th General Assembly, the rules adopted in the 95th General
Assembly and its officers and committees are in effect for -- for

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the continuous period of the 95th General Assembly, including any Special Session. There are three organizational resolutions that will be adopted today. These resolutions inform the House that the Senate is ready to conduct business, create a Senate of -- Committee of five to wait upon the Governor, and create a Senate Committee of three people to approve the Journals for the Senate for all days of the Special Session. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 1, First Special Session. Resolved by the Senate -- I'm sorry, offered by Senator Terry Link.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Link moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate -- immediate adoption of Senate Resolution 1. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Link now moves for the adoption of Senate Resolution 1. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and Senate Resolution No. 1 is adopted. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 2, First Special Session, offered by Senator Terry Link.

(Secretary reads SR No. 2)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Link moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate -- adoption of Senate Resolution 2. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Senator Link now moves for the adoption of Senate Resolution No.

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2. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Madam Secretary, Resolutions. SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 3, First Special Session, offered by Senator Terry Link.

(Secretary reads SR No. 3)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Link moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate adoption of Senate Resolution 3. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Link now moves for the adoption of Senate Resolution 3. Those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Harmon. Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. Rise for an announcement. Just simply to announce that the Revenue Committee will meet in Room 212 at 2 p.m. for the purposes of holding a hearing on the lease of the Illinois State Lottery.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Righter, what purpose you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

For an announcement, please, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Proceed.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to announce, for purposes of the record, that Senators Cronin, Radogno and Dahl are not with us today. They are tending to family matters. As well,

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Senator Dillard is not with us either today. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Koehler, what purpose you rise?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Mr. President, with me today is a young woman who is from Peoria originally, but now resides in Wisconsin. Her name is Bethany Ordaz. She happens to work for Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle. They, too, do not have a budget as of yet, but they gave their staff a week off. So she is enjoying a little bit of Illinois. But if the Senate would please help me in welcoming --welcoming Bethany Ordaz to the Senate.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will our guest please rise, be welcomed by the Senate? With no further business to become -- to come before the Senate, the Senate will stand adjourned till the hour of 10 a.m., Friday morning, July 6th. The Senate stands adjourned.