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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The Fifth Special Session of the Senate of the 95th General Assembly will please come to order. Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, July 11th, 2007.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Jacobs moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Inquiry of the Chair, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your inquiry.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Madam President, can -- can you inform us on this side of the aisle whether or not there's a method of selection that the Presiding Officer goes through in deciding who will report on the Journal?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator, do you mean who will report from the Floor? Who's...? Like today, it's Senator Jacobs. Senator Righter, for a little clarification.

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SENATOR RIGHTER:

Sure. Madam President, the reason I ask is because those of us on this side of the aisle enjoy listening to Senator Hunter report from the Floor with regards to the Journal. You know, we think Senator Jacobs is an okay guy; he's just a little different to listen to. Do you know when Senator Hunter will be able to return to her duties?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Well, Senator Righter, I'm glad you asked. We were hoping she would have returned by now, but she is in a meeting and hasn't. So hopefully tomorrow it will be her day. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

One last inquiry, Madam President. I notice, also, that you have a different gentleman standing to your left than is usual. Has the Parliamentarian finally decided that the Special Sessions are unproductive and gone home? Or have you given him a vacation, or what...? Can you tell us what's going on there?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Righter, we have several people who stand in and do the same job. And today it just happens to be Giovanni's day. There being no further business to come before, the Fifth Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned until Friday, July 13th, at 1:25 p.m. The Special Senate -- Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned.