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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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 Reverend Jeff Chitwood, South Side Christian Church, Springfield, Illinois.

THE REVEREND JEFF CHITWOOD:

(Prayer by the Reverend Jeff Chitwood)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Communications from the Secretary of State.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

I have a letter dated July 8th, 2007.

Dear Secretary Shipley - Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation No. 2007-235, filed in my office on July 8th, 2007, by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, calling for a Special Session of the 95th General Assembly, to begin at 1 p.m. on July 9th, 2007. A notice and accompanying Proclamation have been delivered today to each Member's Springfield office.

Sincerely, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

(Secretary reads Proclamation No. 2007-235)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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

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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 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, Sixth Special Session, offered by Senator Terry Link.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Link moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution 1. All those in favor, say 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 the resolution is adopted. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

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

(Secretary reads SR No. 2)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Link moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution 2. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. And the -- the rules are suspended. Senator Link now moves the adoption of Senate

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Resolution 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, Sixth Special Session, offered by Senator Terry Link.

(Secretary reads SR No. 3)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Link moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution 3. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Link now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 3. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Link, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Madam President. Just to announce, Senator Koehler is in his district with district business.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Raoul, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RAOUL:

For purpose of announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR RAOUL:

The Committee on Pensions and Investment will meet today in Room 212 at 2 p.m. for a subject matter hearing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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Thank you, Senator. Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

...afternoon, Madam President. How are you?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

I'm great. Thanks. How are you?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

I'm good. Thank you. First, for purposes of announcement, Senator Althoff is back in her legislative district on district business. Second, I would request a Senate Republican Caucus immediately upon adjournment in Senator Watson's Office, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

That's always in order. So -- for thirty minutes? Senator Righter, thirty minutes? 'Cause that will put us then on schedule for our 2 o'clock meeting -- hearing.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Well, we want to be on schedule, absolutely, Madam President. So thirty minutes would be great.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

So, thirty-minute caucus, that will put the 2 o'clock hearing on time. Channel 20 seeks leave to record the proceedings. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Sixth Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 10th, 2007. The Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned.