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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

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

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate -- Senate Journal of Wednesday, July 18th, 2007.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Crotty.

SENATOR CROTTY:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Crotty moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Burzynski - Senator Burzynski? - Senator Burzynski, the Chair has to -- slight delay here, I was wondering if you had any announcements or if you wanted me to sing "Happy Birthday" to anyone today. You got me in trouble last week doing that. I was hoping, perhaps, you could help the Presiding Officer out with getting me in some more trouble today. You or Righter. I -- I'm lost for words. None of you have anything to say during this lull in business? Senator Righter, my good friend, for what purpose do you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Mr. President, how are you this morning?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Fine, sir. And you?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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Great. You know, Mr. President, we did have a little fun last week and I know that you paid a little bit of a price for that, and for all that, we certainly, here on this side of the aisle, apologize. Senate Republicans, as always, are here, ready to work. I've never seen the Senate work more efficiently or faster than we do -- have here on the Floor in the last few weeks. So -- but we look forward to actually doing some work some time, Mr. President, when you and your leadership team can put something before us. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

I do believe shortly there's going to be an announcement that the Education -- Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. For the purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Today, at 11 o'clock, there will be a Senate Education Committee hearing in Room 212. And anyone that would care to come in, we would love to have you. Again, it's in 212, 11 o'clock today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Eleven o'clock, in Room 212, Senate Education hearing. We need everyone there. Senator Risinger, for what purpose do you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR RISINGER:

For a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Go right ahead. State your point, Senator.

SENATOR RISINGER:

I have a -- a five-year-old grandson that's watching these proceedings to see how things run so smoothly in the Senate, and I wanted to say hi to him. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

And can we have the young Risinger's first name, Senator?

SENATOR RISINGER:

His -- his name is Garrett.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Hello, Garrett. Welcome -- watching at home. Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Thank you, Senator. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Eighth Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned until July 20th, 2007, at 10:08 a.m. The Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned.