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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

The Ninth Special Session of the 95th General Assembly will please come to order. Senator Brady, for what purpose do you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR BRADY:

First, a inquiry of the Chair, and then a -- a -- a comment and a question to follow up that inquiry. We adjourned earlier - - earlier the general Session. Is that correct? Till tomorrow.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

That is correct, Senator. Regular Session was adjourned.

SENATOR BRADY:

And the regular Session is the only Session under which we could pass a permanent budget, is that not correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

That is not fully correct. We could or we could do it in another one.

SENATOR BRADY:

Is there...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

Is there a Session in which we could pass a full year's budget remaining today that you have not adjourned?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

As the young attorney will soon learn, that's -- believe that's asked and answered, Senator.

SENATOR BRADY:

Yes or no, sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

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Senator, what are you -- what is your point? I'm -- I'm kind enough...

SENATOR BRADY:

My -- and...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator, let me...

SENATOR BRADY:

And I appreciate that...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator -- Senator -- Senator -- Senator, if I might, I just want to say this and then I'm certainly going to recognize you, because I always do. But I would be -- I would appreciate if you would be succinct and get to the point of what you're trying to get at. You came up here and approached the Chair. We had a brief discussion and I told you I would come to you, as you requested, in the Ninth Special Session, which I -- I did out of the kindness of my heart. And I would appreciate if you would get to the point so the Leaders, Minority Leader Watson and President Jones, can continue their negotiations, sir. Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

Sir, my point is, if you keep adjourning Sessions, as you have, we are going to -- toward a government shutdown. The Governor and his associates have informed the people in my district that if we don't pass a budget today, that they will be informed not to come to work. That means that there will be essential services in my district and the rest of this State that will be lost. Citizens of this State will be without governmental services. People who work hard for this State will

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be without a job. In order to keep this open, as I understand it, we need to pass a budget - a one-month budget, a one-day budget, or a one-year budget - sir. In regards to Senator Jones, I am very sincere about this. I don't take my responsibilities as a State Senator lightly, nor do I think anyone should. Keeping government operating is something we are all sincere about. We need to know. If you are going to continue to adjourn every Session we have today, we will be without an opportunity to keep State government going - which would be a huge mistake, sir. Senator Jones indicated he wanted to pass a budget, but when is he going to do that. If he has instructed you to gavel us to adjournment on every Session today, our hands are then tied and we have let down the people of Illinois and the people who work for the people of Illinois, sir. I ask you to keep a Session open, that we work with our Leaders to pass a budget today that will keep State operations going. Sir, can you respond?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Brady...

SENATOR BRADY:

Do you intend...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Brady -- Senator...

SENATOR BRADY:

Do you intend to adjourn every Session today?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Brady, you are a bright and intelligent person. You know doggone well that the -- the fear that you just cast out there is unfounded. There is no government shutdown. Our Governor is quite capable of keeping this State running. He has

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done it so far, and he will continue to do so, as is his responsibility which was given to him by the voters of the State of Illinois. Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Journal of Monday, July 30th, 2007.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

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.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. There being no further -- Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

A Message from the House by Mr. Mahoney, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following resolutions, to wit:

House Resolution 2.

(Secretary reads HR No. 2)

Adopted by the House, July 30th, 2007. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Ninth Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of Wednesday, August 1st, 2007, at 11:09 a.m. The Ninth

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Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned.