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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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 Jeff Smith from Modesto Christian Church in Modesto, Illinois. Pastor.

PASTOR JEFF SMITH:

(Prayer by Pastor Jeff Smith)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Maloney, to lead, sir.

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary -- good afternoon. Madam Secretary, Communications from the Secretary of State, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Yes. I have a letter dated September 18th, 2008.

Dear Secretary Shipley - Enclosed please find a -- copies of Proclamation 2008-366, filed in my office on September 18th, 2008, by Governor Rod R. -- R. Blagojevich, calling for a Special Session of the 95th General Assembly, to begin at 1 p.m. on September 22nd, 2008. A notice and accompanying Proclamation has been mailed today to each Member's office.

Sincerely, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay...

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

(Secretary reads Proclamation No. 2008-366)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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Thank you, Madam Secretary. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, the Senate of the 95th General Assembly is convened in its Twenty-fifth Special Session. As you know, 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 continuous period of the 95th General Assembly, including any Special Session. There are three organizational resolutions that will be adopted today. The resolutions inform the House that the Senate is ready to conduct business, create Senate Committees {sic} of five to wait upon the Governor, and create a Senate Committee of three people to approve the Journals for the Senate on all days of Special Session. So, Madam Secretary, Resolution No. 1, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 1, Twenty-fifth Special Session, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, Senator Clayborne moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution No. 1. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. It's opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Clayborne now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 1. Those in favor will say Aye. Those opposed will say Nay. Once again, it's the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Madam Secretary, Resolution No. 2, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 2, Twenty-fifth Special Session, offered

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by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads SR No. 2)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Once again, Ladies and Gentlemen, Senator Clayborne moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution No. 2. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. And it's the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Clayborne now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 2. Those in favor will say Aye. Those opposed will say Nay. And the Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Madam Secretary, if you'd be so kind, Resolution No. 3, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 3, Twenty-fifth Special Session, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads SR No. 3)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Ladies and Gentlemen, once again, Senator Clayborne moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution No. 3. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. It's the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Now Senator Clayborne moves the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 3. Those in favor will say Aye. Those opposed will say Nay. And it's the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it, and Resolution No. 3 is adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, we have numerous media seeking leave of the Body to videotape -- request permission to videotape the proceedings.

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We have WICS, here in Springfield. Leave is granted. Illinois Channel leave -- seeking leave to videotape the proceedings. Leave is granted. And ABC News in Chicago seeking permission to videotape the proceedings today. Seeing no objection, leave is granted to the following news outlets. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, for the purpose of an announcement. The Twenty-fifth Special Session -- Special Session of the 95th General Assembly will stand in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

The -- the Twenty-fifth Special Session will please come to order. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Twenty-fifth Special Session stands adjourned until the hour of 10:01, Tuesday, September 23rd, the year 2008.