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The Senate met pursuant to proclamation of the Governor.
Senator John M. Sullivan, Rushville, Illinois, presiding.
Prayer by Pastor Shaun Lewis, Civil Servant Ministries, Springfield, Illinois.
Senator Jacobs led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State**

December 18, 2014

Honorable Tim Anderson
Secretary of the Senate
Room 401
Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Secretary Anderson:

Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation No. 2014-475, filed in my office on December 18, 2014, by Governor Pat Quinn, calling for a Special Session of the 98th General Assembly, to begin at 11:00 a.m. on January 8, 2015.

A notice and accompanying Proclamations have been mailed today to each Member's office.

Sincerely,
s/Jesse White
JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, we grieve the unexpected loss of a true public servant, State Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka; and

WHEREAS, under Article V, Section 7 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, there is a vacancy in the office of State Comptroller that must be filled by appointment to maintain the day-to-day functions of State government; and

WHEREAS, the people of Illinois are best served by having elected statewide officers; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no process in Illinois law to replace by special election an appointee to the office of State Comptroller, although such a process is permitted under and contemplated by Article V, Section 7 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the most fitting course of action following this tragedy is to empower the people of the State to elect a new Comptroller in a statewide special election; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Attorney General has urged that a law be passed to allow for a special session at the next General Election in 2016 to fill the office of State Comptroller through the General Election in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution empowers the Governor, as Chief Executive, to convene special sessions of the General Assembly;

[January 8, 2015]

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 98th General Assembly in a special session to commence on January 8, 2015, at 11:00 a.m., for the purpose of considering any legislative measure, new or pending, that would provide for a special election for the office of State Comptroller.

s/Pat Quinn
Pat Quinn, Governor

Dated: December 18, 2014
Filed with Secretary of State: December 18, 2014

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Senator Harmon offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a majority of the members of the Senate has assembled, pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor, convening a Second Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business.

The motion prevailed.
And the resolution was adopted.

Senator Harmon offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that the President appoint a committee of five to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the Second Special Session of the Ninety-Eighth General Assembly is now duly in session in pursuance of his proclamation, and is ready to receive any message he may desire to submit.

The motion prevailed.
And the resolution was adopted.

Senator Harmon offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, that a Committee of three (3) members of the Senate be appointed, two (2) members to be appointed by the President and one (1) member to be appointed by the Minority Leader, to approve any and all Journals of the Senate for all days of the Second Special Session of the Ninety-Eighth General Assembly where such Journals, prior to adjournment SINE DIE, have not been approved by the body as a whole.

[January 8, 2015]

The motion prevailed.
And the resolution was adopted.

At the hour of 11:43 o'clock a.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand at recess subject to the call of the Chair.

AFTER RECESS

At the hour of 1:37 o'clock p.m., the Senate resumed consideration of business.
Senator Sullivan, presiding.

At the hour of 1:38 o'clock p.m., on motion of Senator Clayborne, the Chair announced the Second Special Session stand adjourned SINE DIE.