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PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

The Special Session of the 100th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members be at their desk? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Reverend Nicole Cox, Springfield First United Methodist Church, Springfield, Illinois.

THE REVEREND NICOLE COX:

(Prayer by the Reverend Nicole Cox)

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Fifty-year-old Senator Cunningham will lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Cunningham)

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

...have requests for recognition to shoot video from Craig Walc {sic} (Wall), ABC7 Chicago; Michael {sic} (Michon) Lindstrom, WAND-TV, to videotape; Michael Locato {sic} (Locashio), WLS-TV Chicago, to videotape; Lisa Yuscus -- Yuscus, Blueroomstream.com, videotape; Andrew Rutherford, WICS, video; Justin Fowler, State Journal-Register, photo; Mark Maxwell, WCIA, to record in audio/video. Requests are granted. Being no objection, leave is granted. Communications from the Secretary of State.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Letter dated July 24th, 2017.

Dear Secretary Anderson - Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamations No. 2017-174 through 2017-177, filed in my office on July 24th, 2017, by Governor Bruce Rauner, calling for a Special Session of the 100th General Assembly, to begin at 12 noon on July

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26th, 2017, July 27th, 2017, July 28th, 2017, and July 31st, 2017. A notice and accompanying Proclamation have been mailed today to each Member's office.

Sincerely, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

(Secretary reads Proclamation No. 2017-174)

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 1 through 3, offered by Senator Hunter. They are substantive.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Communications from the Secretary of State. The Senate of the 100th General Assembly is convened in its Eleventh Special Session. Under the practice of this Body since the 88th General Assembly, the rules adopted in the 100th General Assembly and its officers and committees are in effect for the continuous period of the 100th 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 to approve Journals for the Senate for all days of the Eleventh Special Session. Mr. Secretary, Resolution 1. Senate Resolution 1.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution No. 1, offered by Senator Hunter.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Hunter moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate adoption of Senate Resolution 1. All those in favor will say Aye. All opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules

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are suspended. Senator Hunter now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 1. All those in favor will say Aye. All opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Mr. Secretary, Senate Resolution No. 2.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 2, offered by Senator Hunter.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Hunter moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate adoption of Senate Resolution No. 2. All those in favor, say Aye. All opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Hunter now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 2. All those in favor will say Aye. All opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Mr. Secretary, Senate Resolution No. 3.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 3, offered by Senator Hunter.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Hunter moves the -- to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate adoption of Senate Resolution No. 3. All those in favor, say Aye. All opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution -- and the rules are suspended. Now Senator Hunter now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 3. All those in favor will say Aye. All opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Communications from the Secretary of State.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Letter dated July 26th, 2017.

Dear Mr. Anderson - This office is forwarding herewith a copy of a Notification of Vacancy from the Legislative Committee of the Republican Party of the 41st Legislative District, declaring the

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existence of a vacancy in the Office of State Senator for the 41st Legislative District, as a result of the resignation of Senator Christine Radogno, effective July 1st, 2017. Also enclosed is the copy of the Legislative Committee's Certificate of Appointment to Fill Vacancy in -- in Legislative District Office, John F. Curran, Downers Grove, Illinois, who was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Office of State Senator in the 41st Legislative District.

Yours truly, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

We have a request from Brad Piper, WGN-TV, requests permission to shoot and record the Senate. Hearing no objection, the request is granted. Senator Brady. Senator Brady. Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

State your point.

SENATOR BRADY:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Chamber, if I could have your attention for a minute. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce and welcome the newest Member of the Illinois Senate, Senator John Curran, of Woodridge. John is a distinguished public servant, who will make an excellent addition to our caucus, and I and the Members of our caucus are looking forward to working with him on important issues. As a member of the DuPage County Board, John has been a leader in streamlining and consolidating county services, improving government transparency, and providing residents with property tax relief. But his commitment to public service goes beyond his time with the DuPage County Board. He has also served as Assistant -- Cook County Assistant State's Attorney,

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where he was Chief of Special Litigation Division. In addition to these activities, John is also an athlete -- as a offensive tackle at the University of Illinois, and now the tallest Member of our -- of our Senate Chamber. Today, John is joined by his wife, Sue, and four beautiful daughters, Lauren, Sarah, Jennifer, and Rachel. We thank you for being here to help us celebrate our new addition to the Illinois Senate. I'd ask the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Chamber to please take a moment and welcome our newest Senator.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Curran, if you wish to say a few words today, you're more than welcome to. Senator Curran.

SENATOR CURRAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Leader Brady, for that very kind introduction. It is a -- it is a distinct honor to be -- and humbling, very much so, to be in this Body. It certainly hit me on day one coming in here. I look forward to many days ahead of working in a collaborative manner with everyone in this Chamber for the progress of all of Illinois. So thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Curran, we have former Senator Frerichs' microphone in storage. We'll get that out for you so that you can be heard better next time. Thank you. Senator Silverstein, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Purpose for announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Sure. State your motion -- motion.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

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There will be a Democratic Caucus at 12:45 in your office.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Silverstein's requested a caucus, Democratic Caucus, in my office at 12:45. Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Also for an announcement, please, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

State your point.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

The Senate Republicans would also like to caucus for -- as soon as we adjourn in -- Leader Brady's Office.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

That request is in order. The Republicans will adjourn upon -- will caucus upon adjournment. Senator Raoul, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RAOUL:

A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

State your point.

SENATOR RAOUL:

First off, I -- I -- I'd like to welcome the new Senator to our Senate basketball team. Given Senator Anderson's no-show this year, we now have our rebounder. Secondly, we've had so many Special Sessions, Mr. President, I got tired of driving up and down I-55, so I brought my personal driver with me, my daughter. Mizan Raoul's a senior at the University of Chicago Lab School. I -- I...

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

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Welcome to Springfield. So the Eleventh Special Session of the Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The Senate will please come to order. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution No. 1.

Offered by Senator Harmon.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 1)

Adopted by the House, July 26th, 2017. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution No. 1, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

On the Order of Resolutions is House Resolution {sic} 1. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution. Senator Harmon moves to suspend the rules for the purposes of immediate consideration and adoption of House Resolution {sic} 1. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended.

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Senator Harmon moves for the adoption of House Resolution {sic} 1. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. There being no further business to come before the -- the Eleventh Special Session, pursuant to House Resolution {sic} 1, the Eleventh Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned till the call of the President. The Senate stands adjourned.