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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

The Senate will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Madam Secretary, Communications from the Secretary of State.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

July 12, 2004.

Dear Secretary Hawker - Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation 2004-205, filed in my office on July 12, 2004, by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, calling for a Special Session of the 93rd General Assembly, to begin at 12 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2004.

Sincerely, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

(Secretary reads Proclamation 04-205)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

The Senate is convened in the Twelfth Special Session of the 93rd General Assembly. Under the practice of this Body since the 88th General Assembly, the rules adopted by the 93rd General Assembly and its officers and committees are in effect for the continuous period of the 93rd General Assembly, including any Special Sessions. 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 the Journals for the Senate for all days of the Special Session. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 1 of the Twelfth Special Session, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Haine moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution No. 1. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Haine now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1. Those in favor, say Aye. Those opposed, say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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Senate Resolution 2 from the Twelfth Special Session, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads SR No. 2)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Haine moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution 2. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the rules are suspended. Senator Haine now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 2. Those in favor, say Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 3 from the Twelfth Special Session, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads SR No. 3)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Haine moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution 3. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolutions are -- and the rules are suspended. Senator Haine now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 3. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Senator Syverson, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. For the four Members that are on the Floor in this Special Session, we're going to announce it now. We'll also announce it at the 4 o'clock, but Senator Burzynski is celebrating a birthday today and he doesn't get the chance to have too many birthdays here in Springfield, since we're in the middle of July, and -- and he is one year short of the half century mark today. So, happy forty-ninth. There is a cake here for all four of you to divide up and -- and take, and if there's any leftovers, we'll have it in the -- at the 4 o'clock Session. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Syverson, we had a cake here yesterday. We had a cake here yesterday that disappeared, and we've been wondering what happened to that cake. Senator Wojcik, can you clarify what happened?

SENATOR WOJCIK:

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I can speak to that cake, Senator. It happened to have been three days early. The big birthday is Thursday. So -- and since 1991 I haven't had a chance to celebrate it, so we really want to do it big time. Right. And it's a carrot cake. So remember it's a wonderful carrot cake.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

So, in three days, we're going to have a cake that's four days old. Well that's -- we're going to look -- we're going to look forward to that. Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I'd just like to say, this is the second time I've celebrated a birthday in Springfield - once in '91 and, of course, now. But I also wanted to let Senator Syverson know that when I was a little kid, my parents used to -- used to invite fifty-nine people to come to my birthday as well and only four showed up. So, this is nothing out of the norm.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Haine, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HAINE:

A point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

State your point.

SENATOR HAINE:

I would appreciate and I would like to -- I appreciate and I thank very much the Senators, Senator Syverson, Senator Wojcik, Senator Burzynski on his birthday, for adding to the Journal that we -- will approve tomorrow. It's made my day, to quote Clint Eastwood. Thank you, Mr. President. I suggest we go to C-SPAN to cover the rest of the proceedings.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

State your point.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Well, first of all, I want to congratulate Senator Burzynski on his birthday, and tell him it's nothing new to have

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your birthday here. I've had it here too. But then I want to say that C-SPAN has nothing on us. We're here at the call of the -- of the Governor, and I pray that Governor Rod Blagojevich - and I can pronounce it - please, Governor, please, please, please, meet with the Leaders and finish your task here so that we can all go home. 'Cause I'll tell you right now, some of us have to go because of certain matters. Sometimes some of us are ill. But I don't want to miss anything thus far. But, anyway, I want to pray that all these Senators and their staff have good health, happiness and success in whatever we do, because God knows we need it. And God thank us -- thank you for being so good to us and staying with us in spite of us.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

There being no further business to come before the Twelfth Special Session of the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned to Perfunctory Session until Wednesday, July 14th. The Twelfth Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned. There's cake up here on the Floor of the Senate if anybody wants any.