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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 14, 2004.

Dear Secretary Hawker - Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation 2004-211, filed in my office on July 14, 2004, by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, calling for a Special Session of the 93rd General Assembly, to begin at 4 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, July 15, 2004. A notice and accompanying Proclamation has been mailed today to each Member's Springfield Office.

Sincerely, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

(Secretary reads Proclamation No. 04-211)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

The Senate is convened in the Fourteenth 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 people to approve the Journals for the Senate for all days of the Special Session. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 1 from the Fourteenth Special Session, offered by Senator Halvorson.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Halvorson moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution 1. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are adopted -- are suspended. Senator Halvorson now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 2 from the Fourteenth Special Session, offered by Senator Halvorson.

(Secretary reads SR No. 2)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 3 from the Fourteenth Special Session, offered by Senator Halvorson.

(Secretary reads SR No. 3)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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

SENATOR W. JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Please state your point.

SENATOR W. JONES:

We have some people on their way over here from the House, not knowing exactly what we would be doing in our fourteenth meeting today, but I would like the record to show that Senator Risinger has asked that -- the people who are on their way to the gallery are twelve people from Russia who are visiting the Senate. They came here today from Galesburg, Illinois, where they are living temporarily while they are learning how to establish an insurance agency under a State Department program. They are sponsored in this effort by Miller Dredge Insurance

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Company in Galeburg -- Galesburg, and they are being hosted by Joyce Nardulli. I wanted the official record to state that, and it's one of the finest things I've done in any of the Special Sessions of the General Assembly. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Thank you, Senator. The -- the record will reflect that a Senator, who isn't here, has asked that we recognize twelve people, who aren't here. Senator Wendell Jones.

SENATOR W. JONES:

Thank you. And I hope the record could reflect that it's by a Senator who will not be here much longer. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Fourteenth Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned to Perfunctory Session until Friday, July 16th, 2004. The Special -- the Fourteenth Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned.