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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

The 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 the Reverend Debra Avery of the Hope Presbyterian Church in Springfield.

THE REVEREND DEBRA AVERY:

(Prayer by the Reverend Debra Avery)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Please remain standing for the Pledge of -- Allegiance. Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Link)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Madam Secretary, Communications from the Secretary of State.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

July 16, 2004.

Dear Secretary Hawker - Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation No. 2004-213, filed in my office on July 16, 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 Monday, July 19, 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. 04-213)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

The Senate is convened in the Sixteenth Special Session of the 93rd General Assembly. Before we proceed, we have a request to record, videotape or take photographs: Charles Osgood, Chicago Tribune; Melissa Hahn, WICS-TV; Ron Burgundy, Channel 4 News. 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

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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 Sixteenth 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 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.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 2 from the Sixteenth 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 Sixteenth 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. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Sixteenth Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned to Perfunctory

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Session until Wednesday, July 21, 2004. The Sixteenth Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned.