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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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 Monsignor Vann of Blessed Sacrament Church in Springfield.

THE REVEREND MONSIGNOR VANN:

(Prayer by the Reverend Monsignor Vann)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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

SENATOR LINK:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Link)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Communications from the Secretary of State.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

July 19, 2004.

Dear Secretary Hawker - Enclosed please find a -- Proclamation 2004-214, filed in my office on July 19, 2004, by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, calling for a Special Session of the 93rd General Assembly, to begin at 11 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, July 20, 2004. A notice and accompanying Proclamation has been mailed today to each Member's Springfield office.

Sincerely, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The Senate is...

SECRETARY HAWKER:

(Secretary reads Proclamation 04-214)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The Senate is convened in the Seventeenth 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 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

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Senate for all days of the Special Session. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 1 of the Seventeenth Special Session, offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Welch moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution 1. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Welch 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 Seventeenth Special Session, offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads SR No. 2)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Welch moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution 2. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Welch 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 Seventeenth Special Session, offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads SR No. 3)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Welch 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 Welch now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 3. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. WICS-TV has requested permission to videotape. Is there leave? Leave is granted. There being no further business to come before the Seventeenth

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Special Session of the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned to Perfunctory Session until Wednesday, July 21st, 2004. The Seventeenth Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned.