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The House met pursuant to notice from the Speaker.
Speaker of the House Madigan in the chair.
Representative Currie asked for leave to use the Quorum Roll Call from the Twenty-Fifth Special Session to convene the Regular Session.
Leave was granted.

RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT

December 2, 2008

Illinois House of Representatives
Office of the Clerk
Mr. Mark Mahoney
402 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Re: Resignation
Robert S. Molaro – State Representative
21st District

Dear Mr. Clerk:

This document shall serve as my letter of resignation as an Illinois State Representative. I, Robert S. Molaro, do hereby resign the office of Illinois State Representative, 21st District effective Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Very truly yours,
s/Robert S. Molaro
Representative Robert Molaro
21st District

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE **JESSE WHITE – Secretary of State**

December 9, 2008

Clerk of the House of Representatives
Attn: Mark Mahoney
Room 402
Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Mr. Mahoney:

This office is forwarding herewith a copy of the Notice of Vacancy from the Representative Committee of the Democratic Party of the 21st Representative District, declaring the existence of a vacancy in the Office of Representative in the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly in the 21st Representative District, as a result of the resignation of **Robert Molaro**, effective on December 4, 2008.

Also enclosed is the copy of the Democratic Representative Committee's Resolution to Fill Vacancy in the Office of Representative in the General Assembly for **Michael J. Zalewski, 6442 S. Mobile, Unit 1W, Chicago, Illinois 60638**, who was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Office of Representatives for the 21st Representative District.

Yours truly,
s/JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
Jesse White – Secretary of State

NOTICE
Change in the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Appointment

Michael J. Zalewski
6442 S. Mobile, Unit 1W
Chicago, IL 60638
21st Representative District
Appointed: December 5, 2008
Filed: December 9, 2008

Vacancy

Robert Molaro
21st Representative District
Resigned: December 4, 2008
Filed: December 9, 2008

December 5, 2008

Honorable Jesse White
Secretary of State
State of Illinois
111 E. Monroe Street
Springfield, IL 62756

RE: Vacancy in the Office of Representative in the General Assembly
For the 21st Representative District

Dear Secretary White:

Please be advised that the Democratic Representative Committee for the 21st Representative District met on December 6, 2008 and declared the existence of a vacancy in the office of Representative in the General Assembly from the 21st Representative District due to the December 4, 2008 resignation of Robert Molaro.

You are hereby notified that the vacancy in office has been filled, in accordance with Section 25-6 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/25-6), by the appointment of Michael Zalewski, who resides at 6442 South Mobile, Unit 1W, Chicago, Illinois 60638 in the 21st Representative District of the State of Illinois and who is a member of the Democratic Party, as the Representative in the General Assembly from the 21st Representative District of the State of Illinois.

s/Michael J. Looney
Committeeman, Chair

s/Steve Landek
Committeeman, Secretary

**RESOLUTION TO FILL VACANCY IN THE
OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

WHEREAS, a vacancy currently exists in the office of Representative in the General Assembly from the 21st Representative District of the State of Illinois due to the December 4th resignation of Robert S. Molaro; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Representative Committee of the 21st Representative District has declared the existence of a vacancy in the office of Representative in the General Assembly from the 21st Representative District of the State of Illinois, and has voted to fill the vacancy in nomination as required by Section 25-6 of the Election Code 10 ILCS 5/25-6; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Democratic Representative Committee of the 21st Representative District held on December 6, 2008, and that occurred within the 21st Representative District, Michael J. Zalewski, who resides at 6442 South Mobile, Unit 1W, Chicago, Illinois 60638 in the 21st Representative of the State of Illinois, received a total number of votes equal to or greater than the votes required to fill the vacancy in the office of Representative in the General Assembly from the 21st Representative District of the State of Illinois; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, on the 6th day of December, 2008, that the Democratic Representative Committee of the 21st Representative District of the State of Illinois hereby appoints Michael J. Zalewski, who resides at 6442 S. Mobile, Unit 1W, Chicago, Illinois 60638 in the 21st Representative District of the State of Illinois and who is a member of the Democratic Party, as the Representative in the General Assembly from the 21st Representative District of the State of Illinois.

s/Michael J. Looney
Committee Chairperson

s/Steve Landek
Committeeman

s/Michael Madigan
Committeeman

s/Michael R. Zalewski
Committeeman

s/Karen Yarbrough
Committeeman

State of Illinois)
) ss.
County of)

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on this day of 2008.

s/Dougals Simpson
Judge

OATH OF OFFICE

State of Illinois)
)
County of Cook)

I, Michael J. Zalewski, do solemnly swear and affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 21st Representative District of the State of Illinois to the best of my ability.

Signed: Michael J. Zalewski
Date: December 6, 2008

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on this day of 2008.

s/Douglas Simpson
Judge

LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL

December 9, 2008

Mark Mahoney
Chief Clerk of the House
402 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Clerk Mahoney:

Please be advised that I have changed the House Session Calendar by adding Regular Session and 25th Special Session on Monday, December 15, 2008.

If you have questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Tim Mapes, at 782-6360.

With kindest personal regards, I remain.

Sincerely yours,
s/Michael J. Madigan
Speaker of the House

December 15, 2008

Mr. Mark Mahoney
Clerk of the House
House of Representatives
402 Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Clerk Mahoney:

House Resolution 1650 creates a Special Investigative Committee for the purpose of (i) investigating allegations of misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, and other misconduct of Governor Rod R. Blagojevich and (ii) making a recommendation as to whether cause exists for impeachment. My nine member appointments are as follows:

Jim Durkin, Minority Spokesperson
Suzie Bassi
Patti Bellock
Bill Black
Mike Bost
Roder Eddy
Chapin Rose
Jim Sacia
Jil Tracy

These appointments are effective immediately. Please contact Matt O'Shea, my Chief of Staff, at (217)782-5104 if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,
s/Tom Cross
House Republican Leader

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Mark Mahoney
Clerk of the House
House of Representatives
402 Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Clerk Mahoney:

House Resolution 1650 creates a Special Investigative Committee for the purpose of (i) investigating allegations of misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, and other misconduct of Governor Rod R. Blagojevich and (ii) making a recommendation as to whether cause exists for impeachment. My twelve member appointments are as follows:

Barbara Flynn Currie, Chair
Edward Acevedo
Monique Davis
Mary Flowers
Jack Franks
John Fritchey
Julie Hamos
Gary Hannig
Connie Howard
Lou Lang
Frank Mautino
Arthur Turner

In addition, David W. Ellis is appointed General Counsel to the Committee.

These appointments are effective immediately. Please contact Tim Mapes, my Chief of Staff, at 782-6360 for further information.

With kindest personal regards, I remain.

Sincerely yours,
s/Michael J. Madigan
Speaker of the House

December 15, 2008

Mark Mahoney
Chief Clerk of the House
402 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Clerk Mahoney:

Please be advised that I am extending the Final Action Deadline to January 13, 2009, for the following Senate Bills:

Senate Bills: 573, 761, 1985 and 2526.

If you have questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Tim Mapes, at 782-6360.

With kindest personal regards, I remain.

Sincerely yours,
s/Michael J. Madigan
Speaker of the House

**TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
FOR COMMITTEES NOT REPORTING**

Representative Mulligan replaced Representative Myers in the Committee on State Government Administration on December 9, 2008.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on December 15, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES APPROVED FOR FLOOR CONSIDERATION:

That the resolution be reported "recommends be adopted" and be placed on the House Calendar: HOUSE RESOLUTION 1650.

That the bill be reported "approved for consideration" and be placed on the order of Third Reading: SENATE BILLS 573, 1248, 1985 and 2526.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:

Elections & Campaign Reform: SENATE BILL 761.

Environmental Health: SENATE BILL 2757.

Human Services: SENATE BILLS 381 and 2173.

Personnel and Pensions: SENATE BILLS 810, 1383 and 2362.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measures is as follows:

4, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie(D), Chairperson

Y Hannig(D)

A Turner(D)

Y Black(R), Republican Spokesperson

Y Hassert(R)

RE-REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

The following bills were re-referred to the Committee on Rules pursuant to Rule 19(a) HOUSE BILLS 1831, 2746, 4888, 5497, 5918, 6683 and SENATE BILLS 202, 266, 761, 788, 1173, 1985, 2083, 2142, 2207, 2322, 2725 and 2882.

MOTION SUBMITTED

Representative Black submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions in Writing:

MOTION

Pursuant to Rule 18(g), I move to discharge the Committee on Rules from further consideration of HOUSE RESOLUTION 1644 and advance to the order of Second Reading - Standard Debate.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by
Ms. Shipley, Secretary:
Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House in the adoption of their amendment to a bill of the following title, to-wit:

SENATE BILL NO. 2179

A bill for AN ACT concerning government.
House Amendment No. 1 to SENATE BILL NO. 2179.
Action taken by the Senate, December 15, 2008.

Deborah Shipley, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

The following bill was introduced, read by title a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules:

HOUSE BILL 6733. Introduced by Representatives Cross, Bassi, Beaubien, Bellock, Biggins, Black, Bost, Brady, Brauer, Coladipietro, Cole, Coulson, Cultra, Dunn, Durkin, Eddy, Fortner, Hassert, Kosel, Krause, Leitch, Lindner, Mathias, McAuliffe, Meyer, Mitchell, Bill, Mitchell, Jerry, Moffitt, Mulligan, Munson, Myers, Osmond, Pihos, Poe, Pritchard, Ramey, Reboletti, Reis, Rose, Sacia, Saviano, Schmitz, Schock, Sommer, Stephens, Sullivan, Tracy, Tryon, Wait, Watson and Winters, AN ACT concerning elections.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed on the Calendar on the order of Agreed Resolutions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1630

Offered by Representative Mautino:
Congratulates Bill Guerrini on his induction into the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1631

Offered by Representative Monique Davis:
Congratulates Barack Obama for his ascendency to the office of United States President and gives him our best wishes for his bright future.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1632

Offered by Representative John Bradley:
Honors the members of the LifeSavers Training Corporation for their work in helping young adults to become caring listeners in their interactions with their peers.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1633

Offered by Representative Bellock:
Congratulates Wallace H. Brown on the occasion of his retirement from the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1634

Offered by Representative Bellock:

Congratulates the members of the Marching Mustangs of Downers Grove for their outstanding performance in representing the State of Illinois at the Youth in Music Championship in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1635

Offered by Representative Granberg:
Mourns the death of Gene H. Graves of Springfield.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1636

Offered by Representative Ryg:
Recognizes the contributions of Carol Spielman upon the completion of her service as a member of the Lake County Board.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1637

Offered by Representative Tracy:
Congratulates Robert Cook on the occasion of his retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1638

Offered by Representative Crespo:
Congratulates Tim Reiter of Streamwood on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1639

Offered by Representative Brady:
Congratulates Central Catholic High School student Kelly Curran on the occasion of her outstanding season and for becoming the Girls 2008 Illinois High School Class A Cross Country Champion.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1640

Offered by Representative Brady:
Congratulates the Lady Saints Cross Country Team of 2008 on the occasion of their outstanding season.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1641

Offered by Representative Brady:
Congratulates the Central Catholic Saints Cross Country Team of 2008 on the occasion of their outstanding season.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1642

Offered by Representative Watson:
Congratulates the Triopia-Meredosia Trojans on winning the Class 1A State Football Championship.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1643

Offered by Representative Chapa LaVia:
Congratulates Reverend David Engbarth of Aurora for being selected as the 2008 Kane County Citizen of the Year.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1645

Offered by Representative Chapa LaVia:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of former State Representative and State Senator, William "Bill" Shaw of Dolton, who recently passed away; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Shaw was born as a twin, July 31, 1937 in Hope, Arkansas, to McKinley and Gertrude Shaw; he was the fifth of six siblings; at an early age, the family relocated to Chicago, where he completed his formal education and continued his spiritual growth; as an adult, he united with Grant Memorial AME Church; and

WHEREAS, William and his wife Shirley raised three children, Gina, Victor Andre, and Shawn, on Chicago's Southside, providing them with love, as well as a first hand taste for the political atmosphere of the day; as a teen, always working side by side with his twin, Robert, William discovered a passion for politics and government; he took the political astuteness he learned on Chicago's Westside and took it with him when he relocated to the Southside; serving in various positions in government over the years, William found numerous avenues to help others; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, after many years in local government, William Shaw was sworn into the State legislature as Representative of the 34th District; after the re-districting following the 1990 Census, he moved further south to the Village of Dolton, where he successfully ran for the Illinois Senate, representing the 15th District; at the urging of the community, Senator Shaw ran for Mayor of Dolton and, in 1997, was elected its first African-American mayor; in both houses of the General Assembly, William Shaw worked tirelessly to pass legislation that positively impacted the lives of his constituents; one of the efforts he was most proud of was the ground breaking legislation he and Senator Emil Jones passed mandating that African-American history be taught in all Illinois public schools; and

WHEREAS, He served as a member of the Senate Energy & Environment Committee and the Education Committee while at the Statehouse; as a member of the Senate Local Government Committee, he was instrumental in the redevelopment of the Historic Pullman District on Chicago's Southside; he also sponsored legislation that created the Illinois Donor Program with the Illinois Secretary of State's Office; during his tenure as Senator, he was truly one who brought home the bacon, securing millions in funding that improved the quality of life and services throughout the 15th District; the building of the Melanie Fitness Center, a state-of-the-art health and fitness center, was one such improvement; and

WHEREAS, William Shaw was most definitely a people person; he loved gathering a group of politically aware people around him to discuss, and often argue current political issues; he was a mentor, a teacher, a champion, and a father figure for many aspiring to serve in government; as a legislator and mayor he made youth, education, and health high priorities; his desire was to provide computers for every school in his district, and he did; and

WHEREAS, As mayor, he founded the Mayor William "Bill" Shaw's Youth Leadership Academy, which mentors junior and senior high school students in the development of their public service commitment; he awarded numerous scholarships to college bound students, and donated Village land to the Park District to build the Dolton Little League "Field of Dreams"; near and dear to his heart was the Village's "Crossroads to Health" Annual Cancer Walk, raising awareness for the need for more funding to find a cure; the money raised goes to the Jennifer S. Fallick Cancer Center, which provides social and support services for families of cancer patients; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Shaw was known to work across both party and racial lines to bring about positive results; his desire was that Dolton be a first class place for families to live; he was a mayor with an open door policy; he was a hands-on leader who could often be seen riding through the Village checking on the community he loved; during snow season, it was not unusual to see him behind the wheel of a truck plowing the streets, which made his family and staff very nervous; and

WHEREAS, The phrase "Home Is Where the Heart Is" described Mayor Shaw's consummate love for Dolton; he believed in inclusion and appointed the Village's first African-American police chief, the first female and African-American village attorney, and the first African-American chief of staff; he had the village build a beautiful waterfall at the corner of Lincoln and Park, held the summer Cascade of Jazz events in front of the village hall, and encouraged numerous businesses to make Dolton their home; and

WHEREAS, His dynamic, visionary leadership, coupled with his passion for seniors, led him to secure funding to modernize the Dorchester Senior Center and Banquet Facility; his most recent success was securing a contract with Food-4-Less supermarket to locate at Sibley and Greenwood, where construction is now in progress; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Shaw's concern for global issues has always been evident; he and the Village frequently hosted Mayor Kofi Adjei Ntim of Kadjebi, Ghana, Dolton's sister city; many discussions

centered on how Dolton could help build a library for their children; in 2007, Mayor Shaw sent a delegation of four to Ghana to better understand their culture and customs, as well as attend their 50th anniversary of independence from British rule; in the late 1990s, Mayor Shaw welcomed to the Village another African dignitary, His Royal Highness, Oba Aromolaran II, Owa of Ijeshaland, Nigeria; and

WHEREAS, Just days after catastrophic Hurricane Katrina blasted New Orleans and surrounding areas, Mayor Shaw organized a relief effort that provided twenty-two truckloads of food and supplies to the victims; he held a similar drive to provide help for the victims of Haiti's devastating flood; and

WHEREAS, An avid golfer, and to let him tell it, "the best in Illinois", Mayor Shaw was known to challenge all comers; in his retirement from the legislature, he spent a good portion of his time with his twin brother and friends accompanying him to various golf courses around Chicago, or to his Orlando home, to enjoy the sun and shoot a few rounds; and

WHEREAS, Well-known as culinary experts, he and Robert had daily and weekly cook-off competitions on recipes from the Food Channel; of the two, the Mayor was indeed the better golfer, but despite the mayor's denial, his twin brother Robert holds the cook-off title; and

WHEREAS, Mayor William Shaw often spoke of how blessed he was; he began his journey in Hope, Arkansas, and took his final bow in Dolton, Illinois; all the critically important work he did in-between allowed him to leave behind an impressive legacy; his accomplishments are forever etched in time; when God called his name, Mayor Shaw passed away quietly in his Dolton home; and

WHEREAS, His parents, as well as three brothers, preceded him in death; he was also preceded in death by Melanie Green, for whom he was a loving father figure; and

WHEREAS, At his time of his passing and by his side were his long time and truly dedicated companion, Ms. Deborah Green; his twin brother and closet confidant, Commissioner Robert Shaw; and his faithful son, Victor Andre Shaw; along with those, Mayor Shaw is survived by his sister, Bobby Shaw Brown; his daughter, Gina; his son, Shawn; his granddaughters, Ashley Staples and Asante Norton; his grandson and namesake, William "Little Bill" Skyler Shaw; as well as a hundreds of other family members and friends; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of William "Bill" Shaw; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the loved ones of William "Bill" Shaw as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1646

Offered by Representative Hoffman:

Honors the life and legacy of the late United States Senator Paul Simon on the occasion of the 80th year of his birth.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1647

Offered by Representative Tracy:

Congratulates the members of the A-C Central/Virginia High School Lady Knights Volleyball team on the occasion of finishing second in the IHSA Class 1A State Volleyball Championship.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1648

Offered by Representative Tracy:

Congratulates Larry Fischer of Quincy on the occasion of his retirement as vice president for instruction at John Wood Community College.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1649

Offered by Representative May:

Congratulates Carol Spielman on the occasion of her retirement as a member of the Lake County Board and as a Lake County Forest Preserve Commissioner.

DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR

Supplemental Calendar No. 1 was distributed to the Members at 3:09 o'clock p.m.

RECESS

At the hour of 3:12 o'clock p.m., Speaker of the House Madigan moved that the House do now take a recess until the call of the Chair.

The motion prevailed.

At the hour of 4:50 o'clock p.m., the House resumed its session.

Representative Hannig in the Chair.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 1630, 1631, 1632, 1633, 1634, 1635, 1636, 1637, 1638, 1639, 1640, 1641, 1642, 1643, 1645, 1646, 1647, 1648 and 1649 were taken up for consideration.

Representative Currie moved the adoption of the agreed resolutions.

The motion prevailed and the agreed resolutions were adopted.

ACTION ON MOTION

Pursuant to the motion submitted previously, Representative Black moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from further consideration of HOUSE RESOLUTION 1644 and advance to the order of Second Reading.

Representative Currie objected the motion.

The motion failed.

Representative Black moved to overrule the Chair.

The question is shall the Chair be sustained.

Representative Black withdrew his request to overrule the Chair.

RESOLUTION

Having been reported out of the Committee on Rules on December 15, 2008, HOUSE RESOLUTION 1650 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Madigan moved the adoption of the resolution.

Representative Black asked that all Republicans be added as co-sponsors.

Representative Madigan asked that all members be added as co-sponsors.

Leave is granted.

And on that motion, a vote was taken resulting as follows:

113, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 2)

The motion prevailed and the Resolution was adopted.

ACTION ON MOTION

Pursuant to the motion submitted previously, Representative Black moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from further consideration of HOUSE BILL 6733 and advance to the order of Second Reading.

Representative Currie objected the motion.

The motion failed.

Representative Black moved to overrule the Chair.

The question is shall the Chair be sustained.

And on that motion, a vote was taken resulting as follows:

66, Yeas; 47, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 3)

The motion prevailed.

At the hour of 6:29 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Monday, January 12, 2009.

The motion prevailed.

And the House stood adjourned.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-FIFTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
HOUSE RESOLUTION 1650
IMPEACHMENT COMMITTEE
HOUSE RESOLUTION
ADOPTED

December 15, 2008

113 YEAS

0 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y Dugan	Y Krause	Y Reis
Y Arroyo	Y Dunkin	Y Lang	Y Reitz
Y Bassi	Y Dunn	Y Leitch	Y Riley
Y Beaubien	Y Durkin	Y Lindner	Y Rita
Y Beiser	Y Eddy	Y Lyons	Y Rose
Y Bellock	Y Feigenholtz	Y Mathias	Y Ryg
Y Berrios	Y Flider	Y Mautino	Y Sacia
Y Biggins	Y Flowers	Y May	Y Saviano
Y Black	Y Ford	Y McAuliffe	Y Schmitz
Y Boland	Y Fortner	Y McCarthy	E Schock
Y Bost	Y Franks	Y McGuire	Y Scully
Y Bradley, John	Y Fritchey	Y Mendoza	Y Smith
Y Bradley, Richard	Y Froehlich	Y Meyer	Y Sommer
Y Brady	Y Golar	Y Miller	Y Soto
Y Brauer	Y Gordon	Y Mitchell, Bill	Y Stephens
Y Brosnahan	Y Graham	Y Mitchell, Jerry	Y Sullivan
Y Burke	Y Granberg	Y Moffitt	Y Tracy
Y Chapa LaVia	Y Hamos	Y Mulligan	Y Tryon
Y Coladipietro	Y Hannig	Y Munson	Y Turner
Y Cole	Y Harris	E Myers	Y Verschoore
Y Collins	Y Hassert	Y Nekritz	Y Wait
Y Colvin	Y Hernandez	Y Osmond	Y Washington
E Coulson	Y Hoffman	Y Osterman	Y Watson
Y Crespo	Y Holbrook	Y Patterson	E Winters
Y Cross	Y Howard	Y Phelps	Y Yarbrough
Y Cultra	Y Jakobsson	Y Pihos	E Younge
Y Currie	Y Jefferies	Y Poe	Y Zalewski
Y D'Amico	Y Jefferson	Y Pritchard	Y Mr. Speaker
Y Davis, Monique	Y Joyce	Y Ramey	
Y Davis, William	Y Kosel	Y Reboletti	

E - Denotes Excused Absence

STATE OF ILLINOIS
 NINETY-FIFTH
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 HOUSE ROLL CALL
 HOUSE BILL 6733
 DISCHARGE COMMITTEE ON RULES
 SHALL THE CHAIR BE SUSTAINED
 PREVAILED

December 15, 2008

66 YEAS

47 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y Dugan	N Krause	N Reis
Y Arroyo	Y Dunkin	Y Lang	Y Reitz
N Bassi	N Dunn	N Leitch	Y Riley
N Beaubien	N Durkin	N Lindner	Y Rita
Y Beiser	N Eddy	Y Lyons	N Rose
N Bellock	Y Feigenholtz	N Mathias	Y Ryg
Y Berrios	Y Flider	Y Mautino	N Sacia
N Biggins	Y Flowers	Y May	N Saviano
N Black	Y Ford	N McAuliffe	N Schmitz
Y Boland	N Fortner	Y McCarthy	E Schock
N Bost	Y Franks	Y McGuire	Y Scully
Y Bradley, John	Y Fritchey	Y Mendoza	Y Smith
Y Bradley, Richard	Y Froehlich	N Meyer	N Sommer
N Brady	Y Golar	Y Miller	Y Soto
N Brauer	Y Gordon	N Mitchell, Bill	N Stephens
Y Brosnahan	Y Graham	N Mitchell, Jerry	N Sullivan
Y Burke	Y Granberg	N Moffitt	N Tracy
Y Chapa LaVia	Y Hamos	N Mulligan	N Tryon
N Coladipietro	Y Hannig	N Munson	Y Turner
N Cole	Y Harris	E Myers	Y Verschoore
Y Collins	N Hassert	Y Nekritz	N Wait
Y Colvin	Y Hernandez	N Osmond	Y Washington
E Coulson	Y Hoffman	Y Osterman	N Watson
Y Crespo	Y Holbrook	Y Patterson	E Winters
N Cross	Y Howard	Y Phelps	Y Yarbrough
N Cultra	Y Jakobsson	N Pihos	E Younge
Y Currie	Y Jefferies	N Poe	Y Zalewski
Y D'Amico	Y Jefferson	N Pritchard	Y Mr. Speaker
Y Davis, Monique	Y Joyce	N Ramey	
Y Davis, William	N Kosel	N Reboletti	

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295TH LEGISLATIVE DAY

Perfunctory Session

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008

At the hour of 12:26 o'clock p.m., the House convened perfunctory session.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read by title a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules:

HOUSE BILL 6729. Introduced by Representative Currie, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 6730. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning elections.

HOUSE BILL 6731. Introduced by Representative Madigan, AN ACT concerning elections.

HOUSE BILL 6732. Introduced by Representative Ford, AN ACT concerning elections.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed in the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1628

Offered by Representative Brady:

WHEREAS, The Illinois Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan was officially approved by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the spring of 2008; and

WHEREAS, The plan sets forth a statewide communications strategy that focuses on establishing a mechanism for all public agencies to communicate emergency information during a local, regional, or State-wide disaster; and

WHEREAS, A key component of Illinois' interoperability strategy is Starcom 21, a State-wide interoperable voice radio system designed to provide radio communications, services, and interoperability to federal, State, county, and local public safety practitioners; and

WHEREAS, The system allows public safety and public service agencies throughout Illinois to effectively and cost-efficiently operate on a common network; and

WHEREAS, After the shootings on the Virginia Tech campus in April of 2007, more than 300 Starcom 21 radios were distributed to 70 college campuses around the State; and

WHEREAS, The Starcom 21 system played a vital role in alerting first responders in the wake of the Northern Illinois University tragedy in February of 2008; and

WHEREAS, To date, the State has distributed more than 2,800 Starcom 21 radios to public safety agencies; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's Campus Security Task Force recommended that colleges and universities should make development and implementation of an interoperable communications system a priority of campus emergency planning; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force report specifically named the Starcom 21 system as a central means of implementing an interoperable communications mechanism for colleges and universities, as well as law enforcement and public safety agencies throughout Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The livelihood of all Illinois citizens could someday depend upon the synchronization of local, State, and federal emergency responders via a system like Starcom 21; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge all State, local, and county officials, especially

the Bloomington police and fire departments, to join the Normal police and fire departments, the McLean County Sheriff's Department, the Illinois State Police, and numerous other State, county, and municipal law enforcement and emergency services agencies in adopting the Starcom 21 system for interoperable communications to ensure expedient communication and action in the event of a disaster and further enhancing public safety; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be distributed to the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police, the Illinois Sheriffs Association, the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts, the Illinois Municipal League, the Illinois Association of School Administrators, the Illinois Principals Association, the Illinois Association of School Boards, the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, the members of the Bloomington City Council, the Bloomington Fire and Police Chiefs, the Mayor of Normal, the Normal Town Council, the McLean County Sheriff, the Normal Fire and Police Chiefs, and the McLean County Board.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1644

Offered by Representative Cross:

WHEREAS, Allegations have been raised regarding the conduct of Governor Rod R. Blagojevich; and

WHEREAS, Section 14 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution provides that the House of Representatives has the sole power to conduct legislative investigations to determine the existence of cause for impeachment and, by the vote of a majority of the members elected, to impeach Executive and Judicial officers; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that a Special Investigative Committee be created for the purpose of (i) investigating allegations of misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, and other misconduct of Governor Rod R. Blagojevich and (ii) making a recommendation as to whether cause exists for impeachment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Special Investigative Committee shall consist of 10 legislative members, with 5 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and 5 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall each designate one appointee to serve as a co-chairperson; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the appointments of the members and the designation of the co-chairpersons of the Special Investigative Committee shall be transmitted by the appointing authority in writing to the Clerk of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Special Investigative Committee is empowered to meet, upon the proper appointment of a majority of the members, in accordance with the House Rules; that all meetings shall be public; that advance notice of all meetings shall be given to the public; and that the Special Investigative Committee may gather evidence and hear testimony at any location within the State of Illinois designated by the co-chairpersons; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Special Investigative Committee is empowered to adopt rules to govern the proceedings before it and shall be guided by the rules of evidence of this State in order to ensure a fair hearing, a thorough investigation, and the provision of due process; and that the Special Investigative Committee shall have the power to administer oaths and to compel the attendance and testimony of persons and the production of papers, documents, and other evidence, under oath, by subpoena signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and attested by the Clerk of the House of Representatives when the testimony, documents, or evidence is necessary for or incident to any inquiry relevant to the business or purposes of the Special Investigative Committee, and to punish any person for the neglect, refusal to appear, or failure to produce papers or documents or provide evidence commanded by subpoena or who, upon appearance, either with or without subpoena, refuses to be sworn or testify or produce papers, documents, or evidence demanded of him or her; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, upon the completion of the investigation, the Special Investigative Committee shall submit a final report and its recommendations to the House of Representatives by filing a copy with the Clerk of the House of Representatives within 30 days after this Resolution is adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1650

Offered by Representative Madigan:

WHEREAS, Allegations have been raised regarding the conduct of Governor Rod R. Blagojevich; and
WHEREAS, Section 14 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution provides that the House of Representatives has the sole power to conduct legislative investigations to determine the existence of cause for impeachment and, by the vote of a majority of the members elected, to impeach Executive and Judicial officers; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that a Special Investigative Committee be created for the purpose of (i) investigating allegations of misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, and other misconduct of Governor Rod R. Blagojevich and (ii) making a recommendation as to whether cause exists for impeachment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Special Investigative Committee shall consist of 21 legislative members, with 12 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and 9 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one appointee to serve as a chairperson; and that the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall designate one appointee to serve as minority spokesperson; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the appointments of the members and the designation of the chairperson and minority spokesperson of the Special Investigative Committee shall be transmitted by the appointing authority in writing to the Clerk of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Special Investigative Committee is empowered to meet, upon the proper appointment of a majority of the members, in accordance with the House Rules; that all meetings shall be public; that advance notice of all meetings shall be given to the public; and that the Special Investigative Committee may gather evidence and hear testimony at any location within the State of Illinois designated by the chairperson; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Special Investigative Committee is empowered to adopt rules to govern the proceedings before it in order to ensure due process, fundamental fairness, and a thorough investigation; and that the Special Investigative Committee shall have the power to administer oaths and to compel the attendance and testimony of persons and the production of papers, documents, and other evidence, under oath, by subpoena signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and attested by the Clerk of the House of Representatives when the testimony, documents, or evidence is necessary for or incident to any inquiry relevant to the business or purposes of the Special Investigative Committee, and to punish any person for the neglect, refusal to appear, or failure to produce papers or documents or provide evidence commanded by subpoena or who, upon appearance, either with or without subpoena, refuses to be sworn or testify or produce papers, documents, or evidence demanded of him or her; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Special Investigative Committee shall submit a report to the House of Representatives prior to the expiration of the 95th General Assembly by filing the report with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and by providing copies to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

At the hour of 12:26 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.