

Illinois Community College Trustees Association Action Alert
December 16, 2008

Yesterday the Illinois House of Representatives voted to begin impeachment proceedings against Gov. Rod Blagojevich by creating an Investigations Committee to consider allegations that the two-term Democrat Governor abused his office and may have participated in criminal activity.

The House passed **House Resolution 1650** on a unanimous vote of 113-0 and then adjourned until January 12, 2009, or at the call of the Speaker. The 21-member committee formed by HR 1650 met this morning and will meet openly and continuously with the exception of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

HR 1650 is attached for your information.

The House did not vote on a proposal that would require that President-Elect Obama's vacated U.S. Senate seat be filled by special election.

The Illinois Senate convened on Monday and Tuesday and adjourned until January 12, 2009. The Senate also did not vote on a proposal to fill the vacant Illinois Senate seat by special election.

The following House members comprise the Investigations Committee created by HR 1650:

Democrats

House Majority Leader Barbara Flynn Currie, Chicago – chairwoman
Rep. Eddie Acevedo, Chicago
Rep. Monique Davis, Chicago
Rep. Mary Flowers, Chicago
Rep. Jack Franks, Woodstock
Rep. John Fritchey, Chicago
Rep. Julie Hamos, Evanston
Rep. Gary Hannig, Litchfield
Rep. Connie Howard, Chicago
Rep. Lou Lang, Skokie
Rep. Frank Mautino, Spring Valley
Rep. Art Turner, Chicago

Republicans

Rep. Jim Durkin, Western Springs, minority spokesperson
Rep. Suzie Bassi, Palatine
Rep. Patti Bellock, Hinsdale
Rep. Bill Black, Danville
Rep. Mike Bost, Murphysboro
Rep. Roger Eddy, Hutsonville
Rep. Chapin Rose, Mahomet
Rep. Jim Sacia, Pecatonica
Rep. Jil Tracy, Mount Sterling

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HR1650

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 RESOLVED, That the Special Investigative Committee is
20 empowered to adopt rules to govern the proceedings before it in
21 order to ensure due process, fundamental fairness, and a
22 thorough investigation; and that the Special Investigative

1 Committee shall have the power to administer oaths and to
2 compel the attendance and testimony of persons and the
3 production of papers, documents, and other evidence, under
4 oath, by subpoena signed by the Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives and attested by the Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives when the testimony, documents, or evidence is
7 necessary for or incident to any inquiry relevant to the
8 business or purposes of the Special Investigative Committee,
9 and to punish any person for the neglect, refusal to appear, or
10 failure to produce papers or documents or provide evidence
11 commanded by subpoena or who, upon appearance, either with or
12 without subpoena, refuses to be sworn or testify or produce
13 papers, documents, or evidence demanded of him or her; and be
14 it further

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