

## Roland Burris sworn in as Illinois Senator

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(NNPA) - U. S. Sen. Roland Burris (D-IL) has finally taken his place as Barack Obama's successor in the U. S. Senate. His journey to the seat began with a standoff that embarrassed the president-elect and fellow Democrats who initially resisted the appointment by impeached Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

The former Illinois attorney general takes Obama's place as the Senate's only Black member and only the fourth African American to serve in the Senate.

More than a week after his colleagues were sworn in, Burris was seated without objection.