

STATE OF ILLINOIS
100th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. The Second Special Session of the House will come to order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Reverend Wayne Kuna who serves as president and founder of Soul Priority NFP, a faith-based organization dedicated to teaching men and women in the marketplace the transforming principles of shepherd leadership and a healthy culture, located in Elmhurst, Illinois. Reverend Kuna is the guest of Representative Morrison. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Kuna."

Reverend Kuna: "Thank you. I want to let you know that this morning that I come to you as a husband, as a dad, as a grandfather, as a business person, and also as a pastor. But now I come to you as a representative of the people of Illinois to pray for you. So let's pray. Lord, I want to pray for two things this morning. First, for the heart of the women and the men present. And Second, for the task for creating a budget. Lord, You tell us our love must be true and without hypocrisy, we are to reject what is evil, hold to what is good. We must be devoted to each other in brotherly love. And to give preference to each with honor. Lord, You tell us to be diligence in our tax, to be fervent in sprit to serve You, to celebrate hope, and be devoted to praying. Lord, help the men and women of this congress to truly love those who they serve in Illinois. Help them choose what is right, and reject

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what is wrong. Help them be devoted to their colleague and brotherly love. Showing them preference and honor. Help them be diligent to serve, we the people, over their party. Help them to celebrate hope together and help them to humbly seek Your wisdom and prayer instead of seeking their own wisdom. Second, Lord, it's crucial that this Body create a budget that serve the family of Illinois. Each year the people of Illinois, Lord, entrust them with their hard earned money. And to this Congress to be stewards of the common good. Lord, this trust has been impeded and as a result the common good has become the common harm. Help these leader to see that their budget is not about power or winning. Help them to see beyond the columns and the rows of a spreadsheet to the millions of faces and names, hopes, and aspirations they will impact. Please help them to be compassionate and fiscally responsible, because their decisions affect Illinois families and her farms and her suburbs and inner cities. The budget will impact the vulnerability old, the vulnerable with physical and mental challenges, the vulnerable young, and the vulnerable yet born. Reveal to them how their budget represents their stand together against hungry tummies, violence, ignorance, disease, joblessness, poverty, isolation, prejudice, and fear. Give them the vision to know how their budget can be an unified stand for self-determination and an open door to hope. Help these leaders to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger during their negotiations. And Lord, one more thing. Let Your light

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push back any darkness that was caused this impasse. Silence the voice that would speak against the hopes of this prayer. And now, Lord, believing that You will and can do more than this prayer can asks and can even imagine we say together united in hope, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "We will be led in the Pledge by Mr. Frese."

Frese - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Andrade, Moeller, Nekritz, Phelps, Rita, Walsh, and Williams are excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie, you said Rita did you mean Riley? Sometimes the glasses help."

Currie: "Thank you... Thank you, Speaker for the correction it was Representative Riley not Rita who is absent today... who is excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Mr. Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please excuse Representatives Cabello, Jesiel, McCombie, Phillips, Sommer, Sosnowski, Stewart, Barb Wheeler today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. We have 101 Members answering the roll for the Second Special Session. Mr. Clerk, please read the Governor's Proclamation for the Second Special Session."

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Clerk Hollman: "Governor's Proclamation.

WHEREAS, our State's long-running financial and economic challenges have turned into an unprecedented crisis that we must address; and,

WHEREAS, for two years, the majority in the General Assembly has ignored our recommendations for a long-term balanced budget; and,

WHEREAS, for the last two weeks, the majority in the General Assembly has ignored our request to stay in Springfield and get the job done; and,

WHEREAS, Republicans in the General Assembly have laid out a compromise budget plan that is real and balanced; provides a true path to property tax reduction; reforms the way our state operates to reduce wasteful spending; funds our schools and human services; and spurs economic growth and job creation; and,

WHEREAS, this new compromise balanced budget plan is one I would sign into law and one which I hope the majority in the General Assembly will accept; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois needs economic reforms to create jobs; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois would have 650,000 more jobs if it had simply grown at the national average rates since 2000, but has foregone those opportunities due to economic stagnation and decline; and,

WHEREAS, both individuals and businesses across the state are suffering under the immense weight of the highest average

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property taxes of any state, and the fourth-highest overall tax burden of any state; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois has the most units of local government of any state, which contribute to driving up taxes without being accountable to taxpayers for adding value; and,

WHEREAS, many Illinoisans are being forced from their homes and communities by an inability to afford the State's ever-increasing demands, leading to the most significant out-migration of any state and,

WHEREAS, the businesses that could be fueling healthy economic growth and opportunity are instead faced with unsustainable costs and red tape; and,

WHEREAS, a lack of term limits has allowed for an accumulation of power that undermines Illinoisans' trust in their government; and,

WHEREAS, reforming these irresponsible practices across state government is critical to protecting taxpayers and preventing our current fiscal emergencies from resurfacing in the future; and,

WHEREAS, the difficult decisions required to reform state government must be made with urgency before a lack of action causes further harm; and,

WHEREAS, failure to enact the compromise balanced budget plan by June 30, 2017 will have devastating and long-lasting ramifications for our state; and,

WHEREAS, we must ease the minds of parents with school-age children, reassure people in need, help our colleges and

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universities, grow jobs and bring relief to hard working taxpayers; and,

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution empowers the Governor to convene a special session of the General Assembly;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution, I, Governor Bruce Rauner, hereby call and convene the 100th General Assembly in a special session to commence at 12:00 p.m. on June 22, 2017, for the purpose of considering legislation, new or pending, which addresses a balanced budget and structural reforms including but not limited to property tax relief, job creation, worker's compensation reform, government consolidation, education, term limits, pension reform and spending limitations.

The Secretary of State shall take whatever reasonable steps are necessary to notify the members of the General Assembly of the purpose, date, and time set for convening this Special Session pursuant to 25 ICLS 15/3. This was issued on June 13 2017, by the Governor of the State of Illinois, Bruce Rauner."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, introduction of Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Second Special Session House Resolution #1 and Second Special Session House Resolution #2 are offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie on the Resolutions."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move for the suspension of the applicable House Rules so that we can give immediate

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consideration to Second Special Session House Resolutions 1 and 2."

Speaker Lang: "Is there leave? Leave is granted. Mr. Clerk, please read Second Special Session House Resolutions 1 and 2."

Clerk Hollman: "Second Special Session House Resolution #1.

RESOLVED, that the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundredth General Assembly shall be adopted as the Rules of this Second Special Session, so far as the same may be applicable, and that the Committees of the House of Representatives of the One Hundredth General Assembly, and their membership, shall constitute the Committees of the House during this Second Special Session. Second Special Session House Resolution #2.

RESOLVED, that the Clerk inform the Senate that a majority of the House of Representatives has assembled, pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor, convening a Second Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business."

Lang: "You heard the Resolutions. Those in favor of the Resolutions say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolutions are adopted. Leader Currie now moves that the Second Special Session be adjourned. Those favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, and the Second Special Session is adjourned. Excuse me. Let me add to that Motion. Representative Currie move that the Second Special Session adjourn 'til Friday, June 22 at the hour of 12 noon. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no' the 'ayes' have it and the

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Second Special Session is adjourned 'til Friday, June 22, at the hour of 12 noon. I said it wrong, Friday, June 23, at hour of 12 noon, Mr. Clerk."