

STATE OF ILLINOIS
100th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE
THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

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Speaker Lang: "The Third Special Session of the House will come to order. Members shall be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Doctor Patricia Havis who is with St. Luke Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Champaign. Doctor Havis is the guest of Representative Ammons. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones, and rise for the Pledge, invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Doctor Havis."

Doctor Havis: "Good morning. I thank State Representative Carol Ammons for this invitation. Won't you pray with me? To the higher power known by many names, in this time of indecision and uncertainty I stand in the gap as your Representative. Because listening is a powerful antidote to the desire to dominate. Allow this gathering of influential men and women yearn to listen to one another. On behalf of this gathering I ask for empowerment. Help us to move off our pedestals off power and privilege, so we may relate to others. Transform our relationships into genuine partnerships as You have always done, as You have always done. Help us to promote Your beloved community by each act of mutuality we do. Help us to let go of our own agenda and focus on others. To the power that puts the blush and the color of the rose and the hue in each daffodil, I beg that You that those making decisions for this great state will hear Your voice and do righteousness. And in my Christin tradition I ask these things are done in the name of sprit of liberation, but for those who do not

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share my tradition in the name of that is right and good, I offer this prayer and I seal it with an Amen."

Speaker Lang: "Be led in the Pledge with Representative Wallace."

Wallace - 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 Moeller, Nekritz, and Williams are excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And please let the record reflect that Representatives Cabello, Jesiel, McCombie, Phillips, Skillicorn, Sommer, Sosnowski, Stewart, and Barb Wheeler are excused."

Speaker Lang: "Do you still have anyone over there, Sir? Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. One hundred and three Members present and we do have a quorum for the Third Special Session. Mr. Clerk, please read the Governor's Proclamation."

Clerk Hollman: "Proclamation of the Governor.

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

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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 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,

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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 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;

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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 23, 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.

ISSUED: June 15, 2017 by Bruce Rauner, the Governor of the State of Illinois."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker, I move for the suspension of all applicable House Rules so that we can give immediate consideration to Third Special Session House Resolutions 1 and 2."

Speaker Lang: "You heard Leader Currie's Motion. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Motion is

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adopted. Mr. Clerk, please read Third Special Session House Resolutions 1 and 2."

Clerk Hollman: "Third 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 Third 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 Third Special Session. Third 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 Third Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business."

Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of both Resolutions. Those in favor of the Resolutions saying 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolutions are adopted. Leader Currie, now moves that the Third Special Session adjourn until Saturday, June 24 at the hour of 12 noon. Those favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, and the Third Special Session is adjourned."