

STATE OF ILLINOIS
91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

5th Legislative Day

December 17, 1999

Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Representative Wanda Sharp of the Progressive Life Giving Word Cathedral in Maywood. The guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Sharp: "Shall we bow our heads in prayer? Father we come to say thank you. God, we thank You for this day for we know that this is the day that the Lord has made and we will rejoice and be glad in it. God, we thank You for waking us up this morning in our right minds, God. God, we ask You to come into this place, God. God, we ask to You bless everyone that's assembled under my voice, God. God, we ask a special blessing for our leaders, God. God, gird them up with wisdom and knowledge and courage to do the business of the State of Illinois, God. God, we ask You to go in our homes today, God, and bless our families and touch our children and our grandchildren, God. God, I ask You to protect them, God, and do a good thing in our towns, God. God, we come against anything that's not like You, God. For God, You said that we are the head and not the tail, God. God, You said that we are the lender and not the borrower, God. God, You said for Your stripes we are healed, God. God, You said if we would have the faith of a mustard seed that You would move mountains, God. So God, we bring every problem that we have in our lives before You, God. God, and we put them before You God and ask You to move these situations out of our lives, God. We ask You to move out sickness and strife and envy, God. God, we ask You to bring us together united as one, God, to do Your will, God. And we will be so careful, God, to give You, who is King of King, all the praise and all the Glory. In

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Your precious name, Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Persico."

Persico - 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 Madigan: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Lou Jones, Shirley Jones, Harold Murphy, Jeff Schoenberg, and Ricca Slone are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Poe."

Poe: "Mr. Speaker, let the record show that Representative Black, Representative Pankau and Representative Beaubien have excused absences. And today, compliments of the Lieutenant Governor, there's cookies down front for everybody."

Speaker Madigan: "Thank you. Mr. Clerk, take the record. There being 107 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present."

Currie: (Representative Currie in the Chair)"The House will come to order in the First Special Session of this Assembly. Representative Hartke moves that the First Special Session stand adjourned until the hour of 11 o'clock tomorrow, Saturday, December 18th."