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Speaker Madigan: "And the Second Special Session shall be called to order. Is there leave to use the Attendance Roll Call from the First Special Session as the Roll Call for the Second Special Session? Is there leave? Leave is granted. And the Second Special Session shall stand at ease to the Call of the Chair. Mr. Black. The place has not been the same without you, Mr. Black."

Black: "Mr. Speaker, it's very kind of you to say that. It's good to be back. I would like to thank the Members for their many calls and... of concern and encouragement. My father's lung biopsy was negative. The tumor that they removed from his leg was, in fact, cancerous and he will undergo radiation treatments, but the prognosis is excellent. So, it will be a very happy holiday season for me, even if I have to spend it in beautiful downtown Springfield in your company, Mr. Speaker. Even under those conditions, it will be, in fact, a very happy holiday season."

Speaker Madigan: "Now, Ladies and Gentlemen, we will stand at ease and we suggest that you stay close to the sound system so that you can be advised of what a... what our plan is. So, please stay close to a sound system. There will be a Session tomorrow. And we are currently thinking that there will be a Session at 3:00 p.m. tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Parke."

Parke: "Thank you for at least giving us some idea of what's going on. But, you, you asked us to stand at ease, fine. Do you have an idea how long we'll be standing at ease or when we could expect some kind of an idea of what we're going to do for the rest of the day?"

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Parke, all I can tell you is that, you know, as soon as I'm able to give you some information,

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I'll do it. You know, we have to work with the Governor and with the Senate. And that's why I'm not in a position to give you a plan right now. But, as soon as I'm able to do that, I will."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "Now, is there anything further? So again, we will be at ease, stay close to the sound system and there will be a Session tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. Thank you. House shall come to order. Earlier today I announced that the plan would be for the House to meet tomorrow. Many of you probably know that the Senate has already adjourned to a Perfunctory Session tomorrow and then to a Regular Session on Monday. In light of the absence of the Senate from the Capitol, there's nothing that could be done tomorrow. And therefore, the House will stand adjourned to a Perfunctory Session on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and then to a Regular Session on Monday at 2:00 p.m. I've spoken to the Governor about this and he said that he and the Leaders will continue to work on this problem and to negotiate with the Leadership in the Senate to try and resolve this issue. Mr. Daniels and I have been talking on this through these days. Talking too long... Questions from any of the 118 assembled here? Representative Currie moves that the House stand adjourned to a Perfunctory Session on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and then to a Regular Session on Monday at 2:00 p.m. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it; that is the order."