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Speaker Hannig: "Order of... the hour of 2 o'clock having arrived, the House will be in order. Will the Members please be in their seats. We will be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, who is the Assistant Pastor with the Victory Temple Church in Springfield. The guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Lee Crawford."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Almighty and most gracious, Eternal God, the one who has created us in Thine own image. We stand humbly this moment in gratitude for all the many mercies that You have ordained to rest upon us. And God I pray most, that You would abide with us and that You would inspire all of our thoughts. I ask that You would pervade our imaginations, suggest all of our decisions, order all of our doings. I ask that You be with us in our silence, as well as in our speech, in our haste, as well as in our leisure. So Father, I ask that You will fill our minds with wisdom, not the wisdom of man but the wisdom of God and an understanding. Fill our hearts with love, joy, and gladness. I ask that You would do this both now and forever. In this I kindly pray. Amen."

Speaker Hannig: "And Representative Shirley Jones, would you lead us in the pledge today."

Jones, S. - 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 Hannig: "Roll Call for Attendance. This... this roll call is for the First Special Session. Representative Poe. Representative Poe, do we have excused absences on your side of the aisle?"

Poe: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. Today we have excused absences for

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Representative Coulson, Representative Mathias, Representative Jerry Mitchell, Representative Wait, Representative Wojcik, Representative Bassi, Representative Zickus, Representative Jim Meyer, Representative Moore, and Representative Winters."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative. Representative... Representative Currie, could we have the excused absences from the Democratic side. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Representatives Franks, Ronen and Schoenberg are excused today. Some of our Members are recorded as absent on the roll call, some of them will be here later and they will then, of course, have the opportunity to sign in."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lyons, for what reason do you rise?"

Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal pleasure."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Lyons, J.: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I know that the floor debate is going to be hot and heavy today, but if you want to take a minute out to have some of my wife's, my ever loving wife Karen Mahoney Lyons' homemade irish soda bread, come on down here and help yourself. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. There are 1... there are 93 Representatives reporting for the roll call, there is a quorum present. And the First Special Session of the House of Representatives will now stand at ease."

Speaker Currie: "... that the House will come to order. And we're preparing to adjourn until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. Representative Lang now moves that the First Special Session be adjourned until Tuesday, December 21st

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at the hour of 11. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'.

The 'ayes' have it."