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Speaker Hannig: "And the Second General... the Special Second... Special Session of the General Assembly will now be in order. Is there leave to use the Attendance Roll Call from the previous... from the previous General Assembly? There being leave, the roll call will be used from the First General... Special Session of the General Assembly in the House of Representatives. Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

Black: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, an inquiry of the Chair, if I might?"

Speaker Hannig: "Yes, state your inquiry."

Black: "Yes, let's... I know the hectic pace, you may have to get back to me on this, but I have a hard time keeping what Special Session we're in straight and will we move later to a Special Session where we might address tardy child support payments? That seems to be a real emergency in my district. And I.. perhaps we could address the State Disbursement Unit and late child support checks in Special Session #3, 4, 5, or 6? If... if that becomes a possibility."

Speaker Hannig: "Yes, well, Representative Black, as you know the Governor has the ability to call these Special Sessions, as well as, to limit the items that we deal with. And of course, in Special Sessions 1 and 2 we're limited, very narrowly, to deal the question of the Safe Neighborhoods Act."

Black: "Yes, I was out of state when... I didn't get that copy. So, it was specifically and narrowly... our tasks were very narrowly outlined, is that correct?"

Speaker Hannig: "That is correct, Representative."

Black: "I see. And is there anything in the Proclamation that says our task is to sit here on the floor hour after hour until somebody comes out and tells us what to do or can we

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just go home?"

Speaker Hannig: "Representative, the Governor has requested that we be here for these Special Sessions. And I would advise all the Members to try to be here and prepare to do the work of the people."

Black: "Could I vote... could I... would it be possible to vote via e-mail through my laptop if I were to go home? I don't... do the rules address that now that we're in the era of technology?"

Speaker Hannig: "You know, Representative, some day that may be possible..."

Black: "Oh."

Speaker Hannig: "... but the current rules do not provide for that."

Black: "Okay. Well, let the record reflect that I brought enough clothes to last until Saturday, but my apartment does not have a fireplace and there's no place to hang my stocking. And I'm telling you if that happens on Saturday, somebody's going to pay."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative. The House will now stand at ease until the order of 4:30. The House will stand at ease until the order of 4:30."

Speaker Currie: "And now Representative Lang moves that the Second Special Session stand adjourned until the hour of 11 A.M. on Tuesday, December 21st. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The House stands adjourned."