

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
93rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE  
SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION

1st Legislative Day

7/2/2004

Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We ask the Members and our guests in the gallery to turn off cell phones, pagers and laptop computers. And we ask our guests in the gallery to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. We shall be led in prayer today by Tom Fisher, a member of the Little Flower Parish in Springfield, Illinois."

Tom Fisher: "Almighty God, we beseech You to watch over Your humble servants. Help us to realize that You are the way, the one we need with us to attain everlasting life. We are here on this Earth for only a short time, just a blink of an eye. We pray that you can all come together in this legislative process to accomplish the tough task of achieving a balanced budget which will be beneficial to all the citizens throughout this great State of Illinois. At times we feel the weight of the world is upon us, We don't know where to turn for help, yet You are with us, protecting us, not letting us go through it alone. We have confidence in You that in the end everything will be worked out according to Your plan. The decisions we make here today are not easy, we just ask that the final outcome is fair and just to everyone. We look to You for Your guidance, shine Your perpetual light upon us, thereby allowing us to see the way. Keep us mindful of our military men and women throughout the world who are protecting our freedoms so that we may assemble here today. In Your name we pray. Amen."

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

Hoffman - 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. Again, Ladies and Gentlemen, only press your own button. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Acevedo, Boland, Rich Bradley, Brosnahan, Capparelli, Collins, Colvin, Hamos, Jones, Joyce, Joe Lyons, Molaro, Morrow and Slone are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. If you'd please let the record reflect that Representatives Dunn, Lindner, Eileen Lyons, Pihos, Schmitz, Sommer and Sullivan are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall take the record. There being 95 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk, read the Proclamation of the Governor."

Clerk Mahoney: "Proclamation 2004-196.

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services has proposed the transition of payment methodology for certain health care and social service providers from a grant methodology to a fee-for-service methodology; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has proposed legislative action addressing this issue;

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THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 Subsection(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 93rd General Assembly in a Special Session to commence on July 2, 2004, at 12:00 p.m., to consider any legislation (new or pending), which will address directly the fee-for-service initiatives proposed to be implemented by the Department of Human Services. Signed by Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, read the Resolutions."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sixth Special House Session Resolution #1 and Sixth Special Session House Resolution #2 are introduced."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move for the suspension of the rules so that we can immediately consider the adoption of House Resolutions 1 and 2 of the Sixth Special Session."

Speaker Madigan: "You've all heard the Lady's Motion. Is there leave? Leave is granted. The Motion is adopted. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Would the Clerk please read Resolutions 1 and 2 of the Sixth Special Session?"

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sixth Special Session House Resolution #1."

RESOLVED, that the Rules of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Third General Assembly be adopted as the Rules of this Sixth Special Session, so far as the same may be applicable, and that the Committees of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Third General Assembly, including the House Journal Review Committee and their

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membership, shall constitute the Committees of the House during this Sixth Special Session. Sixth 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 Sixth Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move adoption of the Resolutions."

Speaker Madigan: "You've all heard the Lady's Motion. Is there leave? Leave is granted. The Motion is adopted. And Mr. Hannig in the Chair."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Iroquois, Representative Cultra, for what reason do you rise?"

Cultra: "To the Chair."

Speaker Hannig: "Yes, state your point."

Cultra: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You may tell the Governor, today I've come to Springfield prepared to spend this weekend in Special Session. In fact, I'm going to stay in my chair night and day until this budget crisis is resolved. Unless, of course, I'm kidnapped or someone knocks me out of my chair. And in keeping with proper freshman protocol, I won't be saying a whole lot. I urge all my lawmakers in this chamber to emulate my dedication. Thank you."

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Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Davis, W.: "I would like all Members of the General Assembly to congratulate our colleague, Robin Kelly, who just recently received her Ph.D. from Northern Illinois University."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Froehlich."

Froehlich: "A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Froehlich: "I'd like to ask my colleagues to join me in wishing a happy birthday to Representative Will Davis, who's 36 today."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Madison, Representative Steve Davis."

Davis, S.: "Inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Hannig: "Yes, state your inquiry."

Davis, S.: "Mr. Speaker, would it be possible for you to contact Representative Saviano and ask him when the End of Session Party is gonna be?"

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Cook, Speaker Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The Governor's Proclamation for this Special Session requests the Legislature address the question of fee-for-service initiatives proposed to be implemented by the Department of Human Services. The House has... the House has

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created a special committee for the question of fee-for-service. There are 20 Members appointed to that committee. The committee has been meeting for several weeks. There has been a great deal of activity, meetings, discussions among the Members of that committee and Representatives and of the Governor's Office and the Department of Human Services. There are currently in draft form five or six memorandums of understanding between the committee and the Department of Human Services, the Office of the Budget and the Governor's Office. So, my point is that the Legislature, and in particular the House, in regular Session has been addressing this issue for a great deal of time, with a great deal of energy and activity. And in my judgment, in light of all of that, there was no need for a Special Session called on this day for that purpose which will cost the taxpayers of the State of Illinois \$16 thousand that was not needed. So, my plan is to do as I've done in the past, adjourn this Special Session into the regular Perfunctory Session schedule, which has been adopted and made available to all of you. I do have some good news for almost all of you, because as I left the Governor's Office just this morning, he told me that he did not plan to call Special Sessions for Saturday, Sunday or Monday. But that he did call... he did plan to call Special Session for Tuesday. So, I think you can reasonably expect that you could leave today, return for a Tuesday Session. And so, Mr. Speaker, my Motion is that we adjourn this

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particular Special Session to the already established schedule for regular Perfunctory Sessions."

Speaker Hannig: "You've heard the Gentleman's Motion. Is there any discussion? All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House will stand adjourned."