

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

1st Legislative Day

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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 Representative Mike Bost who is a member of the Elm Street Baptist Church in Murphysboro, Illinois."

Bost: "Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You so much for the safe travel, for the protection of the Members as they came back today, Lord. Lord, we thank You for the many blessings of this nation and of this state. Lord, we thank You, too, for all the many, many blessings that You've given each one of us and the life with... that we have. Lord, we just ask You that You look over us now as we wait for the work to be done and work where we can in these jobs that the people have sent us here to do. Lord, we ask Your blessing upon the Leaders as they work together to try to form a budget. We ask for a peace to come across the room in which they work, so that they might be able to find that point to where everyone can agree for the betterment of the State of Illinois. Lord, You've blessed us so richly. We ask those blessings to continue. We ask You to forgive us where we have failed You. In all these things we ask in Your Son, Jesus Christ', name. Amen."

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

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Sacia - 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: "All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, once again, only punch your own button. Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Acevedo, Rich Bradley, Collins, Delgado, Dunkin, Feigenholtz, Graham, Hamos, Howard, Kelly, Molaro, Morrow, Osterman, Scully and Slone are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "...you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Biggins, Brady, Myers, Lindner, Parke, Black, Sommer, Jerry Mitchell, Beaubien, Osmond and Mathias are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall take the record. There being 85 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk, read the Proclamation of the Governor."

Clerk Mahoney: "Proclamation 2004-204.

WHEREAS, the Illinois Constitution requires the General Assembly to make appropriations for the expenditure of public funds for the fiscal year for state departments, authorities, and public agencies; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has not made appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for the expenditure of public funds for

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the Children's Place Program within the Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, there are currently many children and families throughout the State of Illinois who are affected by HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Place Program provides day care and other services for children and families throughout the state who are affected by HIV/AIDS;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 93rd General Assembly in a Special Session to commence on July 12, 2004, at 4:00 p.m., to consider any legislation (new or pending), which will address directly the budget of the Department of Human Services for the Children's Place Program for fiscal year 2005. Signed by Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor."

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

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

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move to suspend the rules so that we can consider immediately and adopt House Resolutions 1 and 2 of the Eleventh Special Session of this General Assembly."

Speaker Madigan: "You've all heard the Lady's Motion. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Mr. Clerk."

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

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RESOLVED, that the Rules of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Third General Assembly be adopted as the Rules of the Eleventh 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 membership, shall constitute the Committees of the House during the Eleventh Special Session. Eleventh 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 the Eleventh 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 Eleventh Special Session House Resolutions 1 and 2."

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

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

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, my plan is to do as I have done in the past, which is to offer a Motion that this Special Session adjourn into the already established Perfunctory Session for the Regular Session. Once again, the Governor has issued a call for a Special Session where there is nothing that could be brought before the House relative to that Special Session. And as you can see from the chart in the front of the chamber, the cost of all these Special

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Sessions has now risen to over \$200 thousand. I've explained this before, there was no need for the call for the Special Sessions. There was no need for this expenditure of over \$200 thousand. We have been working cooperatively with the Governor's Office and with both chambers to try and resolve the issues remaining in the budget impasse. And everything could've been handled in the context of the Regular Session, but the Governor has chosen to take the path that he has followed, consequently we have spent over \$200 thousand needlessly. It did not have to be spent. And people are being called to Springfield, taken away from their constituents, taken down here to the Capitol Building where they could've been at home listening to their constituents, asking their constituents do you think the State of Illinois should continue to borrow and spend money that it doesn't have and do you think that the state should continue to adopt budgets which provide for the expenditure of more money than the state would take in in a fiscal year? But the Governor has chosen to preclude the ability of the Members to take in that type of information from their constituents, rather he wants us here in the Capitol Building where the only source of information would be lobbyist, special interests and agency liaisons. So, unfortunately, we stand here now with yet another Special Session and I have in front of me the Governor's Proclamation for a Special Session for tomorrow, which was called at 12 noon. But relative to the Special Session

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which is before us today, I now move that it stand adjourned to the already established Perfunctory Session schedule for the Regular Session."

Speaker Hannig: "You've heard the Gentleman's Motion. Is there any discussion? The... there being none, then Speaker Madigan moves that the House adjourn to the Regular Perfunctory Session schedule that has already been distributed to the Members. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted. And the Special Session of the House stands adjourned."