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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE
THIRTEENTH SPECIAL SESSION

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Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We ask all Members to turn off cell phones, pagers, 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 Lee Crawford, the Assistant Pastor of the Victory Temple Church in Springfield."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Most precious and most eternal God, the giver and the sustainer of life. Father, we come so humbly before You in the spirit of You that says that if we would seek You that we would find You, that if we would knock on that the door it shall be open unto us, and that if we would ask, that in return it will be given unto us. So, we come before You this day asking that the strength of an almighty God, asking that... ask in Your Son's name. Amen."

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: "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 reflect that Representatives Collins, Dunkin, Giles, Graham, Howard, Molaro and Slone are excused today."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Beaubien, Black, Lindner, Sommer and Mathias are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. For an addendum to the accused... excused list, Representative Kelly is also excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Poe. Mr. Poe, let's do the..."

Poe: "Yeah. Just a minute."

Speaker Madigan: "...Roll Call. I'll come right back to you. Thank you. The Clerk shall take the record. There being 103 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk, read the Proclamation of the Governor."

Clerk Mahoney: "Proclamation 2004-206.

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 the Team Illinois Program within the Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, there are currently many economically depressed communities throughout the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Team Illinois Program provides infrastructure, technical assistance, and resources to the most economically depressed communities in the state;

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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 14, 2004, at 12:00 p.m., to consider any legislation (new or pending), which will address directly the budget of the Department of Human Services for the Team Illinois Program for fiscal year 2005. Signed by Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, introduction of Resolutions."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move to suspend the appropriate rules so that we might give immediate consideration to the adoption of House Resolutions 1 and 2 of the Thirteenth Special Session."

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

Clerk Mahoney: "Thirteenth 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 the Thirteenth 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

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during this Thirteenth Special Session. Thirteenth 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 Thirteenth 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 House Resolutions 1 and 2 of Thirteenth Special Session."

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

Poe: "Yeah, Mr. Speaker, for an announcement of a birthday. Today is my seatmate here, Representative Brauer's 50th birthday. And he was born July 14, 1954. And that day it happened to be 114 degrees, so it has cooled off a little bit. But he's in such bad shape that he had to bring a nurse with him today and he has his wife, Nesa, here to take care of him. So, everybody that... we got some cake down front and any of you wanna go down and get a piece of cake... get a piece of cake and congratulate Rich on his birthday. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hannig in the Chair."

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

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen, my Motion today will be the same as my Motion in previous Special Sessions and that will be that we adjourn this Special Session into the already established regular Perfunctory Session

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schedule. This Special Session has been called by the Governor. There is nothing that can be brought before the House pursuant to this Special Session call. And therefore, I will now move that this Special Session adjourn to the already established regular Perfunctory Session schedule."

Speaker Hannig: "And on that Motion, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Speaker yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Parke: "Mr. Speaker, it's... here we are another day. Is this the 13th or 14th day? I don't... I keep... I'm loosing track now."

Madigan: "I lost count. I'll take your count."

Parke: "Yeah. It's a lot of days. And... and so the fact is, there's nothing that we as a Legisla... Legislative Body can vote on today even if we wanted to and we do."

Madigan: "That's correct."

Parke: "Now, you have a sign up front here and we are now at 235 thousand, that's a quarter of a million dollars in per diems that the Legislators got. Is that correct?"

Madigan: "That's correct."

Parke: "Now, do you... have we taken into consideration that at least twice the Legislature has been allowed to go home? Is there... is that taken into consideration the travel expenses?"

Madigan: "Yes, it does."

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Parke: "So, that's both travel back and forth to our districts when we were allowed to be off?"

Madigan: "That figure represents a needless expenditure of tax money."

Parke: "Regardless. Okay. Do you... now we're all anxious to do our business. We've worked with our Leaders to formulate positions to negotiate those positions. Have we come to a conclusion on the budget at this time, Mr. Speaker?"

Madigan: "No."

Parke: "Having said that, is there anything that you can see that can encourage us to stay here... the next three or four days? Is there anything that would give us a reason to be here? Do you see anything breaking in the next three or four days?"

Madigan: "Mr. Parke, in response to similar questions, I've advised people that my expectation is that the resolution of the impasse will be later rather than sooner. But let me add that I have consistently advised the Governor not to call these Special Sessions. I have consistently advised him to permit Members of the Legislature to go back to their district, interact with their constituents, solicit comment on how they feel about what we're spending in government, so that they would be prepared to come back here and to vote on a budget proposal. But the Governor, for his purposes, wants people to be in the Capitol Building away from their constituents, not able to communicate as effectively as you would be able to do in your home district."

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Parke: "Mr. Speaker, you said that you've advised Members on one-to-one and whoever would ask that the resolution to this budget impasse is going to be solved later rather than sooner. What do you base later on? Is there any insight that you can give our Body, or for that matter, the press or all of the employees of the State of Illinois who work in the Capitol and the com... Capitol Complex who are interested also about their paychecks, which they'll have for the next two weeks 'cause of the 30-day budget. But what do you perceive, do you think we could be here for an actual... for another 30 days, Mr. Speaker?"

Madigan: "Mr. Parke, I'm not in a position to comment beyond what I said. I attend the meetings with the Governor and I can see a blueprint to settle the budget impasse, but I have not been able to communicate that to the Governor."

Parke: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, again, must stand up and strongly ask the Governor to adjourn the Special Sessions, to stop this... this waste of valuable time to the Members of the Body, both the House and the Senate, to send us home, back to our districts, so we can work with our constituencies work with our families, work on our personal jobs, for those who have full-time jobs outside of the Legislature, so that we can move on and wait for the agreement that the Leaders with the advice and consent of the Members who have told their Leaders how they wanna have their Leadership move in the budget negotiations. I'm sure there's no secret that Speaker Madigan or Representative Tom Cross, there's no secrets as to what we're looking for

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on both of our caucuses and nor in the Senate. You know you're gonna negotiate in good faith on our behalf, as you've done before, a year... least wise for all the years I've been down here. And when you have some kind of assemblance of an agreement you come back to us and you say, okay, everybody come in now, we're gonna sit down, we're gonna talk about what agreement has been made, whether or not we can fine-tune that agreement and then put it before the Body and let us vote 'yes' or 'no', 'up' or 'down' on what that agreement is. To continue to bring us here day after day when we effectively are able to achieve little and spend now ov... almost a quarter or a million dollars in tax made money... taxpayer money that can be used to provide services to the people of Illinois. This is ridiculous, again, it's disrespectful and I would implore the Leaders and the Governor to come to an agreement to let the Legislature go until that agreement is done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Winters: "Today is the 215th anniversary of a very momentous time in history when the people of a nation in Europe decided to take power back into their own hands. They saw a castle in the cen... in the center of their capital which was a symbol of the repression of the people. That castle had its battlements, it had its walls, its gates were

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closed, it was heavily guarded by the king, and they decided to take power back to the people on the Bastille Day by storming that bastion. I think that there is an outpost of the bastille on the second floor today and we need to take power back, find the balanced budget and get out of town. Now, we have... we have been in negotiations for a long time here. We're so close. We're spending taxpayer dollars each day and it is not time for more tweaking, it is time to get to a resolution. One of the ways to get to a resolution is through a revolution. So, let's storm the bastions, let's climb those barricades, let's find that nirvana, that holy grail, the shimmer that always just outside of our grasp, let's find that balanced state budget."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Then Speaker Madigan moves to adjourn the Thirteenth Special Session 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 Thirteenth Special Session stands adjourned."