

STATE OF ILLINOIS
95th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

5th 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 laptops computers, cell phones and pagers. 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 Dan Horn, a member of the Holy Cross Parish in Auburn, Illinois."

Horn: "Oh Lord, today I recite a prayer to You inspired by Saint Teresa of Avila for the protection and sanctity of this esteemed Body and its noble Leaders. Oh, our God, source of all mercy, we acknowledge Your sovereign power while recalling the hard-worked months that are past. We believe that You, Lord, in an instant can turn this impasse to significant gain. We firmly believe that You can do all things. Please restore to us the appreciation of this Body's labors. Let nothing disturb us. Let nothing affright us. We know all things are passing. We know patience obtains all things. They who have God has everything and only God alone suffices. Amen."

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

Tryon - 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. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect the following excused absences among House Democrats:

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Representatives Rich Bradley; Burke; Collins; Colvin; Feigenholtz; Ford; Franks; Graham; Harris; Jefferson; Joyce; Lyons; Miller; Molaro; Patterson; Ryg; Scully; and Yarbrough."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect the following Republican Representatives are excused: Coulson; Pihos; Fortner; Bost; Lindner; Mathias; Bellock; Hassert; Bassi; Sacia; Wait; and Dunn."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall take the record. There being 84 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk. Representative Currie moves that the First Special Session stand in recess. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The First Special Session stands in recess. Mr. Winters."

Winters: "Inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Madigan: "State your inquiry."

Winters: "Speaker, we seem to have quite a few cards being dealt out on the floor. We probably have at least four aces standing for the Leaders of the different chambers. Are the next two cards actually kings or is one of these a joker? That's my inquiry."

Speaker Madigan: "Thank you, Mr. Winters."

Speaker Madigan: "The First Special Session shall be called to order. Representative Currie moves that the House stand adjourned until tomorrow at 1 p.m. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The First Special Session stands adjourned until tomorrow at 1 p.m."

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Speaker Madigan: "Let's go back to the First Special Session. Let the record reflect that the 'ayes' carried the Motion that the House stand adjourned. Three announcements. Please let me have your attention. Three announcements: #1. The one done by Mr. Brady that there'll be an immediate GOP Caucus. #2. There will be a Leadership meeting at 4:30 at the Governor's Mansion. All Members are invited to the Leadership meeting at the Governor's Mansion at 4:30. And the last announcement is that we've been advised that the Governor will be filing another Proclamation for a Special Session sometime this afternoon. And that Session will be convened when we come into Session at 1 p.m. So, if there's nothing further, the House shall stand adjourned until tomorrow afternoon 1 p.m. Thank you."