

STATE OF ILLINOIS
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Turner: "The hour of 3:00 having come and gone, the House will be in Session. We ask our guests and Members to rise as we shall be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, the pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers, and rise for the invocation and for the Pledge. Pastor Crawford."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Most gracious and most kind and sovereign God, we humbly come before You asking Your most precious blessings upon this august Assembly. Father, may You bless the Leader of this House, may You bless all of the Members that You have chosen to serve here. I pray for the many families that they serve. I pray for peace across this state, for the many families that are gripped with fear, the fear of loss, the panic of the unknown. I pray according to Your word that declares, 'That if My people, which were called by My name, would humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways.' Your promise is that You then will hear from heaven and You will heal the land. I pray that You would heal the State of Illinois. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen."

Speaker Turner: "We shall be led in the Pledge today by The Gentleman from Montgomery, Representative Hannig."

Hannig - 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 Turner: "Roll Call for Attendance. The Lady from Cook, Representative..."

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Boland; Chapa Lavia; Crespo; Franks; Lyons; Molaro; Patterson; and Verschoore are excused today."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost, for what reason do you rise?"

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Myers; Coladipietro; Dunn; Meyer; and Bassi are all excused today."

Speaker Turner: "105 Members present, we do have a quorum. And the First Special Session is in order. The Gentleman from Winters, Representative... I should say the Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Winters, for what reason do you rise?"

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Note to the Chair: they have not renamed my county for me yet. But the question of the Chair is, Representative Collins was marked as being 'present' today. Could we verify that actually Annazette Collins is sitting at her desk? Her... her haircut looks a little bit different today."

Speaker Turner: "Her quorum button was pushed. I think she left her hair on her desk. She'll be right back. The Gentleman from Williamson, Representative Bradley, for what reason do you rise?"

Bradley, J.: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Bradley, J.: "Some time ago my office, along with several others, including Senator Forby's and Representative Phelps' gathered petitions for the FutureGen project in Southern Illinois. We were unsuccessful at getting the FutureGen

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project in Southern Illinois, but Illinois is still in the running. And so as a sign of bipartisan support as well as support for our Central Illinois colleagues, I'd like to present at this time to Representative Chapin Rose approximately ten thousand (10,000) signatures in support of the FutureGen project for Illinois."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Nekritz, for what reason do you rise?"

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Nekritz: "We have some very special guests in the gallery today from Sweden. And although they're not relatives of my Anderson mother, I wanted to introduce them anyway. We have Claes and Chuom Almquist and Chuan Elmore and Isabel Elmore. If they would stand and be recognized, and if everyone could give them a warm Springfield welcome. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to Springfield. The Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Rose, for what reason do you rise?"

Rose: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Rose: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I wanna thank Representative John Bradley. The ten thousand (10,000) signatures here in support of FutureGen underscores the true bipartisan effort this has been. We've had complete cooperation from the Governor, the Speaker, all sides of the... of this chamber. I might add that John just told me that Representative Bost was the actually the first one to sign this petition. So,

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we will forward this on and, again, many thanks to Representative John Bradley."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Ramey, for what reason do you rise?"

Ramey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Turner: "State your inquiry."

Ramey: "Two years ago today I was appointed to this seat and very happy to be in this chamber and when I came down here that last Veto Session not knowing many of the individuals in this House, you know, this book was here but I didn't get one. But I was happy to get one yesterday, but how much does this book cost? Do you know?"

Speaker Turner: "Whatever best sellers are going for. It's probably running in that same category."

Ramey: "Well, it is a bestseller. But like the Harry Potter book, you know, there's 20 pages missing in some of the printings, there's a mistake in this book."

Speaker Turner: "Let's hear it."

Ramey: "Well, there's a map says there's a Representative that's in this seat here and it's empty and there's an 'R' by his name. So, can we get new printings, please?"

Speaker Turner: "Did you see the addendum?"

Ramey: "I did not. Is there an addendum on here?"

Speaker Turner: "We'll, check your book."

Ramey: "Thank you, Speaker. I appreciate that."

Speaker Turner: "Okay. Representative Currie now moves that the First Special Session stands adjourned until Thursday, August 2, at 11 a.m. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those in favor say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the

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