

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

1st Legislative Day

8/4/2007

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 laptop 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 Lee Crawford, the pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Most sovereign God of grace and great strength, the author and finisher of our faith, we pray today that You would bestow Your most precious blessings upon this august Assembly, upon its Leader, upon all of its Members, those of you chosen to serve here. I pray today that they would serve as good stewards of Your will and of Your purpose for this earth. I pray that they will serve in grace, serve in compassion, and serve in integrity, which pleases and honors You. This we pray in Your Son's name. Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt - 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, only punch your own button. Roll Call for Attendance. Mr. Turner. Turn on Mr. Turner. Mr. Turner. Did someone want to say something on the microphone or just point their fingers? What do they want to do? Okay. The Clerk shall take the record. There being 54 Members responding to the Attendance

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Roll Call, there is a quorum lacking. Mr. Clerk, is there a Proclamation from the Governor?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Proclamation for Eleventh Special Session.

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 passed, and I have signed, a temporary, one-month budget providing spending authority to state departments, authorities, and public agencies through July 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the temporary, one-month budget providing spending authority to State departments, authorities, and public agencies expired on July 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid a costly government shutdown potentially injurious to the health, safety, and welfare of Illinois, the General Assembly must pass, at a minimum, a second temporary, one-month budget to provide spending authority to state departments, authorities, and public agencies which will expire on August 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services' (HFS) State Chronic Renal Disease Program assists Illinois residents who have been diagnosed as having chronic renal disease at the stage of irreversible renal impairment requiring a regular course of dialysis to maintain life; and

WHEREAS, the State Chronic Renal Disease Program assists patients with chronic renal diseases who require lifesaving care and treatment, but do not otherwise qualify for Medicaid or subsidized care; and

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WHEREAS, the General Assembly failed to provide for the expenditure of public funds after July of Fiscal Year 2008 for HFS' State Chronic Renal Disease Program;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 95th General Assembly in a special session to commence on August 4, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., to consider a second temporary, one-month budget to provide spending authority to State departments, authorities, and public agencies through August 31, 2007, and to consider any legislation, new or pending, which will address funding for the Department of Healthcare and Family Services' State Chronic Renal Disease Program.

ROD BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

Dated: August 3, 2007"

Speaker Madigan: "There being a quorum lacking, Representative Currie moves that the Special Session stand adjourned until Sunday, August 5, at 5 p.m. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Eleventh Special Session stands adjourned until Sunday, August 5, at 5 p.m. Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Does anyone know if the Governor's here this morning? We were thinking perhaps he would invite us to the mansion for breakfast and, I think, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, and sausage might be good. And then we could have an informal conversation. And if he's here, then you know, he asked us to be here, I'm

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sure he would, you know, like to see us there and have a little chat with him. It might be interesting."