

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

1st Legislative Day

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Speaker Hannig: "So, the hour of 5:00 having arrived, the House will be in order. The Members will be in their seats. 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 of Allegiance. Okay. We shall be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, the pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center here in Springfield."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Father, we humbly reflect upon Your goodness and how kind, how merciful You have been toward us. We pray for this Assembly of men and women which You've call to serve here. We pray You're blessings upon the Leader of this House. I pray that You would strengthen him, his mind, as well as his body. I pray for every Member, even those who are not present here. I pray that Your presence would be with them. We ask You this day in Your Son's name. Amen."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Tryon, would you lead us in the Pledge."

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 Hannig: "Roll Call for Attendance. For the record, Representative Collins and Representative Currie are excused. And Representative Brauer, do you have any excused absences on your side?"

Brauer: "I think everybody but the four that's here has been excused."

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Speaker Hannig: "All right. Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, take the record. There are 6 Members... 6 Members answering the Roll Call, a quorum is lacking. So, Mr. Clerk, please read the Governor's Proclamation."

Clerk Mahoney: "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 a temporary, one-month budget which will expire on August 31, 2007, to provide spending authority to State departments, authorities, and public agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Local Health Protection Grant Program within the Department of Public Health provides funding to 95 local health departments for core public health programs concerning food, water, sewage, and infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly failed to provide for the expenditure of public funds after July of Fiscal Year 2008 for the Local Health Protection Grant Program within the Department of Public Health;

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THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 95th General Assembly, in duly constituted quorums capable of conducting business, in a special session to commence on August 12, 2007, at 5:00 p.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 Local Health Protection Grant Program within the Department of Public Health.

ROD BLAGOJEVICH

Governor

Dated: August 10, 2007"

Speaker Hannig: "Just for clarification for those who may have not been counting, this is the Fourteenth Special Session of the House of Representatives. Representative Brauer, for what reason do you rise?"

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was... point of clarification. Is Representative Hoffman gonna be giving us any testimony today?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he will not, Representative Brauer. So, there's... there being a... there not being a quorum, a quorum lacking, we will adjourn the... Representative Brauer moves that we adjourn the Fourteenth Special Session into Perfunctory Session tomorrow, Monday, August 13. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The

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'ayes' have it. And the Fourteenth Special Session stands
adjourned."