

STATE OF ILLINOIS
96th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

1st Legislative Day

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Speaker Madigan: "The Second Special Session of the House will come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We ask the Members to turn off laptop computers, cell phones and pagers. We ask our guests in the gallery to stand 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 gracious and most kind God, the giver and sustainer of life. God, we invoke Your blessings and Your presence upon this august assembly. We pray Your strength upon the Leader of this House and all of its Members. May they during these tough times, Father, lean not toward their own understanding, but rather, I pray, that they would ask of You for directions and making decisions during these difficult moments that affect so many lives. I pray that You would grant them the grace to be bold, the grace to be courageous, and the grace to be wise. During these difficult times, when they are feeling pressure from every side, I pray that their decisions would be bring a calm to the many fears and uncertainty that many are feeling. I pray, God, that their willingness to compromise would restore the faith and the confidence of this great State of Illinois. This we pray in Your precious Son's name, Amen."

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

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Walker - 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 show that Representative Froehlich is excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Watson."

Watson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Wait and Pritchard are excused."

Speaker Madigan: "Clerk shall take the record. There being 114 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk, read the Second Special Session proclamation."

Clerk Bolin: "WHEREAS, the 96th General Assembly sent the Governor legislation that provides spending authority for the Fiscal Year 2010 budget and implements the budget; and WHEREAS, in his Joint Address to the General Assembly on June 30, 2009, the Governor indicated that he would veto this legislation, thereby leaving the State without a budget for Fiscal Year 2010;

WHEREAS, a budget for Fiscal Year 2010 must become law in order to avoid disruption in the operations of State government; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution empowers the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to convene special sessions of the General Assembly;

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NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution, and in conformity with the Special Session Act, 25 ILCS 15, A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND CALLED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The purposes of the Special Session shall be (i) to take action on any vetoes, amendatory vetoes, item vetoes, or reduction vetoes by the Governor of legislation related to the budget for Fiscal Year 2010 and (ii) to consider any legislation, pending or otherwise, related in any way to the budget for Fiscal Year 2010, including but not limited to appropriations, budget implementation, or additional revenue sources.
2. The Special Session shall convene at 2:00 pm on July 14, 2009 at the State Capitol in Springfield, Illinois.

Issued: July 1, 2009, John J. Cullerton, President of the Senate, Michael J. Madigan, Speaker of the House."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Second Special Session House Resolution #1 and Second Special Session House #2 are offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move for the suspension of the all applicable House Rules so that we may give immediate consideration to the adoption of Second Special Session House Resolutions 1 and 2."

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Speaker Madigan: "You've all heard the Lady's Motion. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Motion is adopted. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Would the Clerk please read Second Special Session House Resolutions 1 and 2?"

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk"

Clerk Mahoney: "Second Special Session House Resolution #1.

RESOLVED, that the Rules of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Sixth General Assembly be adopted as the Rules of the Second Special Session, so far as the same may be applicable, and that the Committees of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Sixth General Assembly, shall constitute the Committees of the House during this Second Special Session.

Second Special Session House Resolution #2.

RESOLVED, that the Clerk inform the Senate that a majority of the House has assembled, pursuant to the proclamation of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, convening a Second Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie moves for the adoption of the Second Special Session Resolutions 1 and 2. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolutions are adopted. Seeing no further business, the House Majority Leader, Representative Currie, moves that the Second Special Session adjourn to tomorrow at 1 p.m. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'.

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The 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted and the House now stands adjourned. Representative Osmond."

Osmond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Republicans wish to caucus at 2:45, please, in Room 118."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative, we're preparing for both Parties to go to caucus, shortly. Mr. Poe."

Poe: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House, a point of personal privilege?"

Speaker Madigan: "State your point."

Poe: "Yeah, today is Representative Brauer's birthday and he wants to welcome everybody back to Springfield to help him celebrate. And back in the corner offices, in about 10 minutes, he'll have birthday cake. So, before everybody leaves if you want to grab a piece of cake, make yourself welcome."

Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentlemen, please give me your attention. Ladies and Gentlemen, as previously announced, the Republicans will go to caucus at 2:45. The Democrats will go to caucus immediately. And the House is adjourned until tomorrow at 1 p.m. So, Democrats, please without delay, go to caucus in Room 114. Thank you."