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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 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're very privileged today to have with us one of our former employees who worked in the House and in the Senate, other positions in State Government and is now a member of the ministry. And we shall be led in prayer today by the Reverend Florine Scott who is the pastor of the Grace United Methodist Church in Springfield. She is the guest of Representative Poe."

Reverend Scott: "Good afternoon. Let us be in an attitude of prayer. Gracious and Almighty God, we have assembled here to give You thanks, thanks for Your power, Your presence, and Your peace. We thank You, Almighty God, for each Representative, their administrative assistant, and all who come together to do Thy will. We know that the days are long and the hours are even longer and they need Your strength. Strengthen them, Oh Lord, and grant them Your peace so that their work here shall be complete. I ask now that You will be with their families and all their constituents from the north, from the south, from the east, and from the west. Keep them safe and give them Your blessed assurance and peace. Grant to these, Your Representatives, Your elected ones, Your people of God, grant to them Your serenity to accept the things they cannot change, the courage to change the things they can, and, Oh Lord, grant Your wisdom to know the difference. And as they

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leave this place help them to know that they do not go alone, for God, the Father, God, the Son, and God, the Holy Spirit goes with them. Amen."

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

Mathias - 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 Representatives Burke; Chapa LaVia; Franks; Graham; Molaro; Patterson; Scully; and Yarbrough are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Eddy."

Eddy: "Mr. Speaker, please let the record reflect that Representatives Osmond; Bost; Dunn; Lindner; and Jerry Mitchell are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall take the record. There being 105 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Turner in the Chair. So the First Special Session has convened and there are 105 Members present. Representative Currie now moves that Special Session #1 adjourns 'til July 20, Friday, at the hour of 10 a.m. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House concludes Special Session #1."