

STATE OF ILLINOIS
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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 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 gracious and most kind God, the author and the finisher of our faith, You are the giver and the sustainer of our lives. Father, we pray that You would this day bestow Your most precious blessings upon this august Assembly. We pray Your blessings, again, upon its Leader. We pray Your blessings, again, upon all of the Members that You've chosen to serve as well as to lead here. We pray this in Your Son's name. Amen."

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

Arroyo - 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 reflect the excused absences of Representatives Acevedo; Rich Bradley; Brosnahan; Burke; Chapa LaVia; Collins; Dugan; Feigenholtz; Ford; Franks; Fritchey; Graham; Joyce; Lyons; Mendoza; Molaro; Patterson; Ryg; Scully; and Yarbrough."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Eddy."

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Eddy: "Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect that Representatives Osmond; Bost; Bassi; Schmitz; Dunn; Lindner; Coulson; Hassert; Pihos; Durkin; and Mulligan are excused."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall take the record. There being 87 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk. Mr. Sacia."

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Madigan: "State your point."

Sacia: "I'd like to introduce to the Body today visiting from Scales Mound, Illinois, which is the home of the highest point in Illinois, is Bill and Sandy Cooper. They're very active in politics back in Jo Daviess County. Bill is a member of the county board. They're both very active in legislative issues. Would you make them feel welcome, please. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie moves that the First Special Session adjourn until Monday, July 23, at 4 p.m. Those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed by saying 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The First Special Session stands adjourned until Monday, July 23, at 4 p.m."