

STATE OF ILLINOIS
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Speaker Turner: "The House shall come to order. We shall be led in prayer today by the Reverend Jennifer Edwards-Bertrand who is the campus minister of Illinois State University Wesley Foundation in Normal, Illinois. Reverend Edwards-Bertrand is the guest of Representative Brady. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. We ask the members of the gallery to also stand during prayer. Reverend Bertrand."

Reverend Edwards-Bertrand: "I understand I'm not the first clergy to pray for you today and I come into this room to pray with you. Shall we pray. Gracious and generous God, we thank You for the blessings of this beautiful summer day. We pray that You would be with us in our decision-making today and in the rest of this week. Please give us the energy and the compassion and the wisdom that we need to do our work. God, I pray for all of the decision-makers, the people who are affecting so many of our lives. God, we pray for Your... Your discernments in all of these deliberations. We pray that You would help us to break down the walls of division, to teach us to negotiate and to be open to the best decision for all. Do not let us stumble or fail in the face of these decisions, but let us be reminded that Your compassion is for all, Your love is overall. In Your name we pray. Amen."

Speaker Turner: "We shall be led in the Pledge today by The Lady from Cook, Representative Munson."

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Munson - 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 Turner: "Roll Call for Attendance. The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Let the record show that Representatives Acevedo; Boland; Rich Bradley; Brosnahan; Burke; Crespo; Feigenholtz; Franks; Froehlich; Golar; Harris; Jefferies; Joyce; Lyons; Madigan; McCarthy; Miller; Molaro; Osterman; Patterson; Riley; and Yarbrough are excused today."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Eddy, for what reason do you rise?"

Eddy: "Mr. Speaker, please let the record reflect the following Republicans are excused: Representatives Ramey; Bassi; Schmitz; Coulson; Pihos; Durkin; Stephens; Mulligan; Jerry Mitchell; Wait; Hassert; Tryon; Sacia; and Osmond."

Speaker Turner: "The Roll is 78 Members present, a quorum is present and we will proceed with business. We are now in the Special Session #1. Representative Currie now moves that Special Session #1 stands adjourned 'til Tuesday, July 24, at the hour of 2 p.m."