

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 to turn off laptop computers, cell phones and pagers. And we ask the Members... rather the guests in the gallery... we ask the 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 Wayne Padget, the assistant doorkeeper."

Padget: "Let us pray. Dear Lord, we come before You today in sound body and mind, praying that on this day You grant us wisdom and guidance. During these hard times of negotiations, we pray that everyone can come together on one common ground and resolve the issues for the people of Illinois. We pray for the men and women in the armed services, both here and abroad, provide them with Your protection and give them the strength to make it through these tough times. Let us also pray for the men, women and their families who have made the ultimate sacrifice to defend our country. These things we ask in Your Son's name. Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "Then the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Collins."

Collins - 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."

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Osterman, Patterson, and Scully are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representative Bassi, Reis, Cole, Dunn, Cultra, Tryon, Lindner, Sommer, Schmitz, and Fortner 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 for the First Special Session. Representative Currie moves that the First Special Session stand adjourned until Thursday, August 9, at 10 a.m. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it."