

STATE OF ILLINOIS
95th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE
TENTH SPECIAL SESSION

1st Legislative Day

7/30/2007

Speaker Madigan: "The hour of 2:00 having arrived, the Tenth Special Session of the 95th General Assembly shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. 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, Father, we come before You, again, to ask Your most precious blessings to be bestowed upon this august Assembly. May Your blessings be upon this Leader. May Your blessings be upon every last one of the Members. May Your blessings be upon their families and their children, as well. May You grant them wisdom and strength to serve in a way that is pleasing to You and in a way that benefits others. This we ask in Your Son's name. Amen."

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

Mautino - 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: "Ladies and Gentlemen, only punch your own switch. Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Acevedo; Boland; Rich Bradley; Burke; Chapa LaVia; Collins; Colvin; Crespo; Will Davis; Dugan; Dunkin; Feigenholtz; Ford; Franks; Fritchey; Golar; Gordon; Graham; Harris; Hernandez; Howard; Jakobsson; Jefferies; Jefferson; Joyce; Lyons; May; Mendoza; Miller; Molaro; Nekritz;

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Osterman; Patterson; Riley; Rita; Ryg; Soto; Washington; Yarbrough; and Younge are excused. Excuse me, Representative... take him off the list."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hassert."

Hassert: "Yeah, Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect that the excused absences are Meyer; Durkin; Dunn; Lindner; Fortner; Myers; Tracy; Sullivan; Pihos; Coulson; and Watson."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall take the record. There being 26 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum lacking. Mr. Clerk, would you read the proclamation of the Governor."

Clerk Mahoney: "WHEREAS, the Illinois Constitution requires the General Assembly to make appropriations for the expenditure of public funds for the fiscal year for State departments, authorities, and public agencies; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has passed, and I have signed, a temporary, one-month budget providing spending authority to State departments, authorities, and public agencies through July 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the temporary, one-month budget providing spending authority to State departments, authorities, and public agencies will expire on July 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid a costly government shutdown potentially injurious to the health, safety, and welfare of Illinois, the General Assembly must pass, at a minimum, a second temporary, one-month budget to provide spending authority to State departments, authorities, and public agencies which will expire on August 31, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services' (HFS) State Hemophilia Program provides financial assistance to persons with hemophilia by covering the cost of antihemophilic factors and annual comprehensive medical visits related to the disease; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly failed to provide for the expenditure of public funds after July of Fiscal Year 2008 for the HFS' State Hemophilia Program;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 95th General Assembly in a special session to commence on July 30, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., to consider a second temporary, one-month budget to provide spending authority to State departments, authorities, and public agencies through August 31, 2007, and to consider any legislation, new or pending, which will address funding for the Department of Healthcare and Family Services' State Hemophilia Program.

ROD BLAGOJEVICH

Governor

Dated: July 28, 2007"

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hannig moves that the House stand adjourned until 5 p.m. this afternoon. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The House does stand adjourned until 5 p.m. this afternoon."

Speaker Hanning: "The Tenth Special Session of the House of Representatives will be in order. Is there leave to use the Attendance Roll Call? Leave is granted and a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, introduction of Resolutions."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Tenth Special Session House Resolutions 1 and 2 are introduced."

Speaker Hannig: "The Chair recognizes the Majority Leader, Representative Currie."

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

Speaker Hannig: "You heard the Lady's Motion. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. The Chair recognizes the Majority Leader, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I would ask the Clerk, please, to read Tenth Special Session House Resolutions 1 and 2."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk."

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

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

Tenth Special Session House Resolution #2.

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

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Speaker Hannig: "House Majority Leader, Representative Currie moves for the adoption of the Tenth Special Session Resolution 1 and 2. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolutions are adopted. Representative Currie now moves that the Tenth Special Session stand adjourned until the hour... until Tuesday, July 31, at the hour of 1 p.m. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Tenth Special Session stands adjourned."