

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

1st Legislative Day

8/11/2007

Speaker Hannig: "In compliance... in compliance with a Proclamation by Governor Blagojevich, the Thirteenth Special Session of the House of Representatives will come to order. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers, and rise for the invocation and for the Pledge of Allegiance. We shall be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, the Pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center here in Springfield."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Father, bless this House and this Assembly and all those who work here. Amen."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hoffman, will lead us in the Pledge."

Hoffman - 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 Hannig: "Roll Call for Attendance. Your own switch only, please. Representative Lyons, can you please do the excused absences?"

Lyons: "Our sole requested excused absence is Representative Annazette Collins, who requested to be so recorded as excused."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Brauer, would you like to give the excused on the Republican side."

Brauer: "Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to announce that Leader Cross, myself are here to do the Governor's and everybody else is excused."

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Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. There are 14 Members answering the Roll Call, a quorum is lacking. Mr. Clerk, 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 expired 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 a temporary, one-month budget which will expire on August 31, 2007, to provide spending authority to State departments, authorities, and public agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health's Community Health Centers provide health care in underserved areas and help reduce health disparities by providing basic health care services in accessible locations; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly failed to provide for the expenditure of public funds after July of Fiscal Year 2008 for the Department of Public Health's Community Health Centers;

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THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 95th General Assembly, in duly constituted quorums capable of conducting business, in a special session to commence on August 11, 2007, at 9:00 a.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 Public Health's Community Health Centers.

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ROD BLAGOJEVICH

Governor

Dated: August 10, 2007"

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lyons, for what reason do you rise?"

Lyons: "Inquiry of the Chair, Mr. Speaker. The Governor called us here on a Special Session. Out of curiosity, is there anybody here from the Governor's Office that has something to present to us or is there legislation? Now, we've heard the Proclamation, but is there anything specific that the Governor wanted us here on Saturday and Sunday? Is there something for us to look at?"

Speaker Hannig: "The Chair is not aware that there'd been any proposals that were presented to us at this time, Representative."

Lyons: "And nor is there anybody here from the Governor's Office that would want us... have a message for us or anything to that extent that you know of, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Hannig: "I'm not aware of any, Representative."

Lyons: "Thank you. We just wanna make that... put that on the record. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "So... so, lacking a quorum, Representative Lyons would move that the Thirteenth Special Session stand adjourned until this afternoon, August 11, at the hour of 12 noon in Perfunctory Session. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Special Session stands adjourned."

Clerk Bolin: "The Thirteenth Special Session Perfunctory Session will come to order. Seeing no business, the Thirteenth Special Session Perfunctory Session stands adjourned until Sunday, August 12, 2007."