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Speaker Ryan: "The House will come to order, and Members will please be in their seats. The House will be led in prayer today by Father Paynic of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Father."

Father Paynic: "Let us pray. Oh provident Father, humbly with great trust we come to You this afternoon to pray for American people in our country. Continue to give our nation an honor place among the nations of the world and give us men and women who lead us true wisdom, strength and courage. At this hour we ask You especially to bring Your healing powers and grace to our President, and his Press Secretary, and the two officers who were shot this afternoon. We asked to sustain them and their families in this difficult hour. We ask in a very special way to protect the leaders of our nation from peril both from within and from without our country. And Bless all of us, Our Lord, that we may always fulfill Your will for our own welfare and for the good of people everywhere. Amen."

Speaker Ryan: "The Pledge will be given today by Representative Roland Meyer."

Meyer, R.J.: "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 Ryan: "Roll Call for Attendance. Is Representative Madigan in the chamber? Mr. Clerk, would you take the attendance, please. There being 155 Members answering the roll, a quorum of the House is present. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills."

Clerk Leone: "House Bill.."

Speaker Ryan: "For what purpose does the Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Farley, arise?"

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Farley: "Mr. Speaker, in light of this afternoon's problem I move that we now stand adjourned."

Speaker Ryan: "Well, if you'll hold that motion, Mr. Farley, we're trying to work out a little program here, and we'll be...we'll get it back to you in just a minute. We're going to do a little business here first until we get some answers. Would you hold your motion?"

Farley: "No, Mr. Speaker, I pursue in my motion. I don't think that we should ...hold any business until we determine what the situation of our President is. I don't think we should have..."

Speaker Ryan: "Well, Mr. Farley...That's the intent of the chair, Mr. Farley. I'm trying to work with your Minority Leader so we can get all the Members here so they can get the messages that we have to give them, and it was at his request that we started this. Now, if you want to persist in your motion, that's entirely up to you. Mr. Farley."

Farley: "I do not, Mr. Speaker...I will bow to your judgment."

Speaker Ryan: "Alright, the Gentleman withdraws his motion. The House will now stand at ease. We'd like to get all of the Members that may be in the Stratton Office Building or somewhere in the complex that can hear this message to come into the chamber immediately if they would. The House will be back in Session. It's the intent of the chair to recess until 6:00 p.m. pending anything that might be taking place with the President. The Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Madigan, do you have anything to add to that?"

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, I would request an opportunity for a Democratic Conference at 4:00. Could you give us a room?"

Speaker Ryan: "You usually meet in 118?"

Madigan: "I'm not sure of the number myself."

Speaker Ryan: "118, Representative."

Madigan: "118?"

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Speaker Ryan: "Right."

Madigan: "Alright, so there will be a Democratic Conference, Room 118 at 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m., Room 118 for a Democratic Conference. Please be prompt."

Speaker Ryan: "The House will be back in Session at 6:00 p.m., and until that time we'll recess until 6:00."

Clerk Leone: "May I have your attention. The Speaker has asked me to announce that a service will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 5:30 for President Reagan. The Cathedral is located at 6th and Lawrence. A large number of Members will be in attendance. The House will convene shortly after the services. Speaker Ryan and Minority Leader Madigan ask that the Members participate. Thank you very much. Repeat. The Speaker has asked me to announce that a service will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 5:30 this evening for President Reagan. The Cathedral is located at 6th and Lawrence. A large number of Members will be in attendance, and the House will convene shortly after the service. Speaker Ryan and Minority Leader Madigan ask that the Members participate. The Speaker has asked me announce that a service will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 5:30 this evening for President Reagan. The Cathedral is located and 6th and Lawrence. A large number of Members are planning to be in attendance, and the House will convene shortly after the services. Speaker Ryan and Minority Leader Madigan ask that the Members participate. Thank you very much."

Speaker Ryan: "The House will be in order. It's the intention of the chair to adjourn for the evening and come in the morning at 9:00 and work until about noon. Adjourn for the afternoon and maybe work tomorrow night. At this point we're not sure. We have, the visit has not been cancelled

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however, there are some word that maybe there will be a substitute here for tomorrow night, or for Wednesday, and everything is still proceeding as scheduled. So we may have word later on this evening or even tomorrow at which time we'll know whether we can be in here tomorrow night or not. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Telcser."

Telcser: "Mr. Speaker, first I'm trying to clarify your announcement. Is Appropriations going to meet tomorrow at 8:00?"

Speaker Ryan: "Appropriations will meet at 8:00, and we will convene at 9:00."

Telcser: "Alright, and during the time period in which we recess, are the other Committees going to meet between 12:00 and.."

Speaker Ryan: "There are no other Committees."

Telcser: "No other Committees for tomorrow?"

Speaker Ryan: "Well there are in the afternoon."

Telcser: "Are they going to be meeting in the afternoon...?"

Speaker Ryan: "Yes, they'll meet in the afternoon, and I think the Chairmen have all been told to schedule their meeting across the street that were in this building, and that schedule still holds."

Telcser: "Alright, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House..."

Speaker Ryan: "Just a minute, Mr. Telcser. Representative Kosinski."

Kosinski: "Aren't there Subcommittees of the Appropriation meeting at 10:00 tomorrow morning?"

Speaker Ryan: "That will have to changed I guess, Representative. The thing is that the Committees are going to meet...the Appropriations Committee will meet at 8:00, and we will convene here at 9:00. We'll have to reschedule that other stuff. Mr. Telcser."

Telcser: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. In order that each one of us may take time off this evening to reflect on

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the tragic events of today and perhaps pray in our own way,
I move that the House stand adjourned until 9:00 tomorrow
morning."

Speaker Ryan: "You heard the Gentleman's motion. All in favor
will signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes'
have it, and the House stands adjourned until 9:00 tomorrow
morning."