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TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE
FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION

1st Legislative Day

June 28, 2000

Speaker Madigan: "Please take your seats. The House will come to order. Would everyone discontinue their conversations. Please take your seat, Mr. Parke. We shall be led in prayer by Lee Crawford the Pastor of the Victory Temple Church in Springfield. Lee Crawford shall lead us in prayer."

Pastor Crawford: "May we bow our heads and elevate our hearts. Father, most gracious God, the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings. We briefly come before You, yet sincere in our hearts. We thank You for this day that You've allowed us to see. Father, we wait patiently upon You. Reminded of what Your words said, that they that wait upon You, You shall renew their strength. Renew our strength today. Strengthen us with Your spirit. Guide us, guide our hearts, guide our thoughts that they may be pleasing in Your sight. This we kindly pray, Amen."

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

Hartke - 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: "The Clerk shall take an oral Roll Call for Attendance. We need people to discontinue the conversations, we need the Doorkeepers to close the doors. Would the Doorkeepers close the doors. Ladies and Gentlemen, please, discontinue the conversations. Mr. Clerk, take the roll."

Clerk Rossi: "Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Bassi."

Bassi: "Here."

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Clerk Rossi: "Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Bellock."

Bellock: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Biggins."

Biggins: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Black, (excused). Boland."

Boland: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Bost."

Bost: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Bradley."

Bradley: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Brady."

Brady: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Bugielski."

Bugielski: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Burke."

Burke: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Capparelli."

Capparelli: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Coulson."

Coulson: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Cowlshaw. (excused). Cross."

Cross: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Crotty."

Crotty: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Barbara Currie."

Currie: "Here."

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Clerk Rossi: "Julie Curry."

Curry: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Daniels."

Daniels: "Here"

Clerk Rossi: "Dart."

Dart: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Steve Davis."

Davis, S.: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Delgado."

Delgado: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Durkin."

Durkin: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Erwin."

Erwin: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Flowers."

Flowers: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Fowler."

Fowler: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Franks, (excused). Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Garrett."

Garrett: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Gash."

Gash: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Giglio. Giles. Granberg."

Granberg: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Hamos."

Hamos: "Here."

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Hannig: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Harris."

Harris: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Hartke."

Hartke: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Hassert, (excused). Hoeft, (excused). Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Howard."

Howard: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Tim Johnson."

Johnson, Tim: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Tom Johnson"

Johnson, Tom: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "John Jones."

Jones, J.: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Lou Jones."

Jones, L.: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Shirley Jones."

Jones, S.: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Kenner. Klingler."

Klingler: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Kosel."

Kosel: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Krause."

Krause: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Lang."

Lang: "Here."

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Clerk Rossi: "Lawfer."

Lawfer: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Leitch."

Leitch: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Lindner."

Lindner: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Lopez. Eileen Lyons."

Lyons, E.: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Joseph Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Mathias."

Mathias: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Mautino."

Mautino: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "McGuire."

McGuire: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "McKeon."

McKeon: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Jim Meyer."

Meyer: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Andrea Moore."

Moore: "Here."

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Clerk Rossi: "Morrow."

Morrow: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Murphy."

Murphy: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Rich Myers."

Myers: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Novak."

Novak: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "O'Brien."

O'Brien: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "O'Connor."

O'Connor: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Osmond, (excused). Osterman."

Osterman: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Pankau."

Pankau: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Parke."

Parke: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Persico."

Persico: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Poe."

Poe: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Pugh."

Pugh: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Reitz."

Reitz: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Dale Righter."

Righter: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Rutherford, (excused). Tom Ryder."

Ryder: "Here."

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Clerk Rossi: "Saviano"

Saviano: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Schoenberg, (excused). Scott."

Scott: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Scully. Sharp."

Sharp: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Silva."

Silva: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Skinner."

Skinner: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Slone."

Slone: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Smith."

Smith: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Sommer."

Sommer: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Stephens."

Stephens: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Stroger."

Stroger: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Tenhouse."

Tenhouse: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Art Turner."

Turner, A.: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "John Turner."

Turner, J.: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Ron Wait."

Wait: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Winkel."

Winkel: "Here."

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Clerk Rossi: "Winters."

Winters: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Wirsing."

Wirsing: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Wojcik."

Wojcik: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Woolard."

Woolard: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Younge."

Younge: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "Zickus."

Zickus: "Here."

Clerk Rossi: "And Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "If there are any Members who arrived late, they should notify the Clerk in order to be recorded as 'present'. Mr. Clerk, record Mr. Daniels as 'present'. So anybody else who missed being recorded should tell us. Mr. Clerk, is there a quorum present?"

Clerk Rossi: "A quorum is present."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, read the Governor's proclamation."

Clerk Rossi: "Executive proclamation 2000-323. WHEREAS, During the month of June, 2000, retail gasoline prices have increased dramatically and disproportionately throughout Illinois and other Midwestern states and in some portions of Illinois now exceed \$2 per gallon; and WHEREAS, These price increases are causing hardships on the citizens of Illinois, especially those on fixed incomes; and WHEREAS, High retail gasoline prices could jeopardize Illinois' future economic growth and estimates show that high gasoline prices could drain approximately 1 billion from Illinois' robust economy through increased consumer prices in added transportation costs; and WHEREAS, The United

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States Environmental Protection Agency has not responded to repeated requests to suspend new gasoline production rules, an action that the United States House of Representatives Committee on Science indicates would lower retail gasoline prices in Illinois by 25 cents to 50 cents per gallon; and WHEREAS, Federal action to determine the cause of these apparent unjustified retail price increases or an increase in oil production output by oil producing nations will come too late to help Illinois consumers cope with the current energy emergency; and WHEREAS, Energy experts cannot predict with any certainty whether retail gasoline prices will increase or decrease in the foreseeable future; and WHEREAS, It is essential that some relief be granted to Illinois consumers immediately. WHEREAS, Our bordering sister state of Indiana has acted to reduce retail prices by temporarily suspending some taxes on gasoline sales which raises the possibility of similar action by our other sister states in the Midwest and threatens the competitiveness of Illinois retailers. WHEREAS, The 91st Illinois General Assembly is not scheduled to convene until prior to November, 2000. Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I, George H. Ryan, Governor of the State of Illinois, hereby call and convene the 91st General Assembly in Special Session to commence on June 28, 2000, at 5:00 p.m. to address the fuel price emergency by considering Senate Bill 1310 for the sole purpose of temporarily suspending the State Government's portion of the occupation and use taxes on motor fuel and gasohol for the period of July 1, 2000 until January 1, 2001."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, introduction of Resolutions."

Clerk Rossi: "Special Session Resolution #1 and Special Session

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Resolution #2 are assigned to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move for the the immediate consideration and the suspension of any applicable House Rules for the adoption of Fourth Special Session House Resolutions 1 and 2."

Speaker Madigan: "You've all heard the Lady's Motion. All in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Motion is adopted. The Chair recognizes the Majority Leader, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Would the Clerk please read Fourth Special Session House Resolutions 1 and 2."

Clerk Rossi: "Fourth Special Session House Resolution #1 resolved that the rules of the House of Representatives of the 91st General Assembly be adopted as the rules of this Special Session. So far as the same may be applicable in the Committees of the House of Representatives of the 91st General Assembly, including the House Journal Review Committee and their Membership shall constitute the Committees of the House during this Special Session. Fourth Special Session House Resolution #2 resolve that the Clerk inform the Senate that a Majority of the House is assembled pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor convening a Special Session of the General Assembly and are now ready for the transaction of business."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie moves for the adoption of the Fourth Special Session Resolutions 1 and 2. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it, the Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which

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the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on June 28, 2000, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'to the Floor for consideration', Senate Bill 1310 is referred to the Order of Second Reading Short Debate. Supplemental Calendar #1 is being distributed."

Speaker Madigan: "On the Order of the Supplemental Calendar #1 there appears Senate Bill 1310. This Bill has just been reported from the Rules Committee. While this Bill was assigned to the House Executive Committee, an Amendment was adopted. Representative Currie now moves to table House Amendment #1 which was adopted in the Executive Committee. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted and the Amendment is tabled. Mr. Clerk, are there any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments have been filed to the Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1310, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Committee Amendment #1 has been tabled. No further Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we're now prepared to adjourn. There will be a meeting at 6:00 of the Leaders and our purpose is to come to an agreement on an Amendment which will be filed and then referred to House Committee in the morning. Our plan is to reconvene at 12:00 noon, tomorrow. Ladies and Gentlemen, please. We anticipate that the Amendment will be referred to the House Rules Committee, excuse me, will be referred to the House Revenue Committee and that that committee will meet at 10:00 in the morning. So if you're a Member of the Revenue Committee, please be prepared to be at the meeting of the Revenue Committee at 10:00 a.m. in the morning. We anticipate

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Session to be at 12:00 noon. And the Revenue Committee will meet in Room 118. Representative Lindner."

Lindner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There will be a Republican Caucus tomorrow before Session at 11:00."

Speaker Madigan: "So there'll be a Republican Caucus at 11:00 a.m. in Room 118 of the Capitol Building. Mr. Parke. Mr. Parke."

Parke: "Who is the Sponsor of the Amendment? Is that Holbrook is the Sponsor?"

Speaker Madigan: "Well, the Amendment hasn't been filed yet."

Parke: "Okay. Well, I have a copy here, so this is a ..."

Speaker Madigan: "I believe that's of the Bill. Mr. Holbrook is the House Sponsor of the Bill."

Parke: "How can the Members file Amendments to this Bill?"

Speaker Madigan: "There's the Clerk."

Parke: "Just file it to the Clerk."

Speaker Madigan: "Sure."

Parke: "Okay, thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Anything else? Well, Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for being so prompt especially you, Mr. Ryder. Representative Currie moves that the House does stand adjourned until 12:00 noon tomorrow. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, the House does stand adjourned until 12:00 noon tomorrow."