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Clerk Rossi: "Attention Members. The House will delay convening until 2 P. M."

Speaker Madigan: "House shall come to order. The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Representative Coy Pugh, the Pastor of the West Inglewood United Methodist Church in Chicago. The guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us for the invocation and the pledge of allegiance."

Pastor Pugh: "Shall we pray. God of our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, we pray. We pray that You will hear our prayers and draw us near to thee. We pray with ease and some of us with frequency. But perhaps, we pray with such ease and frequency because we don't expect a response. God, help our unbelief. Help us to see that patience is not cowardice. Stamp out the incredible energy and subsequent injury that comes with our impatience. Instill in us the patience of a farmer waiting for rain. That truth be triumphant in our world, justice be paramount in our lives and allow mercy and righteousness to overcome hostility. Teach us to work for peace, struggle for justice and labor for love. We pray, Amen."

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

O'Brien - 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."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Feigenholtz, Murphy and Schoenberg are excused today. And if I might, I'd like the Members to

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note that the reason Jeff Schoenberg isn't here is because his wife Lynn, bore a new baby boy yesterday, December 14th, seven pounds, seven pounds, three ounces. And while under Jewish traditions, the baby will not have a name until the baby is eight days old, we do know one thing and that is that that baby is a Democrat. So, I hope you'll join us in welcoming baby boy Schoenberg to the fold."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Poe. Mr. Ryder."

Ryder: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Black is again excused today, although, we've been in contact with him. As some of the Members may know he's been with his father who had a spot on his lung and he related the good news is that the spot was benign and noncancerous, although they are doing some removal of skin cancer. Bill's out there. He's most anxious to come back and to bust up the logjam or simply shut us down, one or the other. And I said his father probably needs his assistance a lot right now. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative O'Brien."

O'Brien: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of personal privilege to announce the birth of another Democrat. Former Issues Director, Tom Colin and his wife Lori had a baby yesterday. William George Colin, who weighed in at a very healthy 9 pounds, 10 ounces. And is soon to be home."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall take the record. There being 114 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. The House shall stand in recess until 4 P. M. Mr. Skinner."

Skinner: "You remember State Representative Jack Hill? Do you remember what he used to say when we were in the House and doing absolutely nothing? Well, I have a variation of that. My son is almost 2 1/2 years old, Mr. Speaker. I'm

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afraid he'll forget who is father is by the time I get home. Now, unlike... unlike the two Democratic babies that have been born here, their parents don't need them at home because those babies are oblivious as to whether their parents, at least their father, is there or not. My son, on the other hand, is not oblivious. So perhaps, you could excuse us all to go back for Christmas?"

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Scott."

Scott: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Urban Revitalization Committee, will come as no surprise to you, you should have already gotten a notice that our meeting for tomorrow has been canceled. It has been rescheduled for January 21st, at the same time and the same place, as it was scheduled for tomorrow. So, that's January 21st at 1 o'clock. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "House will stand in recess until... Representative Klingler."

Klingler: "I believe Representative Joe Lyons had something that he wanted to share with the Body. I guess not."

Speaker Madigan: "We'll be back at 4 o'clock. House stands in recess until 4 P. M."

Clerk Rossi: "Attention Members. House will delay convening until the hour of 5 P. M."

Clerk Bolin: "Attention Members. The House will delay convening until 6:15 P. M."

Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. And the plan is to adjourn until 11 A. M. tomorrow morning. Mr. Capparelli so moves. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The House does stand adjourned until 11 A. M. tomorrow morning."