

STATE OF ILLINOIS
91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

6th Legislative Day

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Speaker Madigan: "The 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 Pastor Richard Maye of the Second Timothy Baptist Church in Springfield. Pastor Maye is the guest of Representative Arthur Turner. The guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us for the invocation and the pledge of allegiance."

Pastor Maye: "Let us pray. Most Holy and Wise Father, we, Your humble servants, come before Your presence this day. First of all, to recognize that You are God and God alone. We appreciate Your gracious gifts of love, power, a sense of fairness, love for humanity and a wholeness of spirit of mind and body. We enter this season with thanksgiving for our loved ones who mean so much to each of us. We know, Lord, that there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit. There are varieties of ministries, the same Lord. And there are varieties of effect, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But, to each one is given the manifestation of the spirit for the common good. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the spirit, to another the word of knowledge according to the same spirit. We pray, Lord, that You will heal the division in this Body and that the Members should have the same care, love, and respect one for another. We pray that love be without hypocrisy, hate what is evil, cling to what is good. Those who have been placed in charge of the works of others, let them take the responsibility seriously. Lord, those who lead, let them lead with diligence. Lord, do not let us be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. In the name of our sinless Master, Jesus."

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

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Silva - 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 First Special Session shall come to order and the Clerk shall take the Attendance Roll Call. Representative Currie. Mr. Poe, are you ready?"

Poe: "Yeah. Mr. Speaker, first of all, good news for the Illinois House, Representative Black is back. Excused absences today are Representatives Ryder, Tom Ryder, Schmitz, Pankau, Stephens, Bost, Durkin, Lindner, and Mathias."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hartke."

Hartke: "Well, on the Democrat side we have Representative Murphy, Schoenberg, and Bradley excused absences."

Speaker Madigan: "On the Attendance Roll Call, Mr. Morrow."

Morrow: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I got back yesterday in time to vote on Senate Bill 224, but somehow I was not recorded on the roll call, and I would like to be recorded as voting 'aye' on that Bill yesterday."

Speaker Madigan: "The record will reflect that statement. Now, back on the Attendance Roll Call. Mr. Clerk, take the record. There being 106 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk, do you have anything in the First Special Session? The First Special Session shall stand at ease at the Call of the Chair. Representative Currie moves that the House stand adjourned to a Perfunctory Session on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and then to Regular Session on Monday at 2:00 p.m. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it; that is the order."