

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

9th Legislative Day

December 21, 1999

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 Lee Crawford, the Assistant Pastor of the Victory Temple Church in Springfield. The guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Most gracious and most kind God, Creator of us all, for it is from You for all of our help comes. And it is from You does all of our blessings flow. Look upon us gathered here and with Your great favor, I ask that You direct us in all of our actions. Grant to us vigilant hearts. Give us minds to know You, diligence to seek You, and wisdom to find You. Sanctify and cleanse us with Your presence. Bless us with Your might and assist us with Your great counsel. That all of our endeavors, that they may begin with You, that they may be through You and that we may rejoice in Your precious companionship, this day and forevermore. This we kindly and humbly pray. Amen."

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

Bellock - 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: "First Special Session shall come to order. Attendance Roll Call. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Franks and Schoenberg are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Poe."

Poe: "And Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect today that we have three Representatives absent for our side of the aisle;

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Representative Coulson, Representative Wait, and Representative Mathias."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall take the record. There being 108 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. The First Special Session shall stand in recess. So, the Motion of Adjournment would be that the... in the First Special Session that the House stand adjourned until Friday, December 24, at 12 noon in a Perfunctory Session. And then into Perfunctory Sessions at 12 noon on the following days: December 27, December 30, December 31, January 3, January 6, January 7, January 10, and January 12. Mr. Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, I just wanted the opportunity to wish everybody a very happy holiday season, to thank all Members of the House on both sides of the aisle and I respect the staff for the outstanding work they have done for the last nine days. It's been a difficult time, but I believe that the record would show that Illinois House acted very responsibly in passing Senate Bill 224, Amendment #2, which did reinstate the Safe Neighborhoods Bill and dealt with the very important critical items of gunrunning, sex offenses, prostitution, enhanced DUI penalties and others. So, leaving on that note, on behalf of all Republicans in the Illinois General Assembly, wish everyone here a very happy holiday season and Happy New Year."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Daniels didn't say it, but he meant to wish Happy... Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the Democrats, too, right? And so, to all of you, safe trip home, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. The Motion, which I have recited, for the First Special Session will be offered by Representative Currie. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the First

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Special Session stands adjourned pursuant to that schedule
that was recited in the record."