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Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. Members shall be in their chairs. We ask the Members and our guests in the gallery to turn off cell phones, pagers, laptop computers. And we ask our guests in the gallery to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. We shall be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, the Assistant Pastor of the Victory Temple Church in Springfield."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Oh sovereign and infallible God, we love, worship and we adore You. Father, You were asked a question, 'who do men say that I am?' Say You are to respond, 'say that I am that I am.' So, we come in the spirit of Your servant Moses, seeking to know who You are. So, as we ponder and we reverend to Your sovereignty we're comforted through Your word which says that You are the bread of life, that You are bread also to the hungry. And whoever eat this bread shall never hunger. For You also are water to them that are thirsty. He that drinks it, he shall never thirst again. For You're life to the lifeless. For through You shall we all live. So, Father, it is this day that I pray that the spirit of life, the spirit of good health and goodwill and the spirit of a sound mind would rest, rule and abide amongst us this hour and at this very moment. This we ask in Your Son's name. Amen."

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

Millner - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands,

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one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Madigan: "Roll... again, everybody, only punch your own switch. Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Rich Bradley, Joe Lyons, McGuire, Miller, Molaro, Morrow and Slone are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representatives Munson, Bellock, Eileen Lyons, Sommer, Jerry Mitchell, Sacia, Beaubien, Osmond, Mathias and Black are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Clerk shall take the record. There being 98 people responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk, read the Proclamation of the Governor."

Clerk Mahoney: "Proclamation 2004-199.

WHEREAS, the Illinois Constitution requires the General Assembly to make appropriations for the expenditure of public funds for the fiscal year for state departments, authorities, and public agencies; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has not made appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for the expenditure of public funds for the Comprehensive Community Based Service to Youth Program within the Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, many Illinois youth throughout the state have been identified as at risk; and

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WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Community Based Service to Youth Program provides affirmative guidance to assist at risk youth throughout the state in working toward more meaningful and productive lives;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 93rd General Assembly in a Special Session to commence on July 8, 2004, at 12:00 p.m., to consider any legislation (new or pending), which will address directly the budget of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Community Based Service to Youth Program for fiscal year 2005. Signed by Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor."

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

Clerk Mahoney: "Ninth Special Session House Resolution #1 and Ninth Special Session House Resolution #2 are introduced."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move that we suspend the appropriate rules so that we might consider and adopt House Resolutions 1 and 2 of the Ninth Special Session of this General Assembly."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ninth Special Session House Resolution #1."

RESOLVED, the Rules of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Third General Assembly be adopted as the Rules of this Ninth Special Session, so far as the same may be applicable, and that the Committees of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Third General Assembly, including the House Journal Review Committee and their

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membership, shall constitute the Committees of the House during the Ninth Special Session. Ninth Special Session House Resolution #2.

RESOLVED, that the Clerk inform the Senate that a majority of the House of Representatives has assembled, pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor, convening a Ninth Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I think we need to adopt my first Motion. And then we... I hope we'll make a second."

Speaker Madigan: "Why don't you make your second Motion, Representative Currie."

Currie: "The second Motion is that we adopt Special... Ninth Special Session House Resolutions 1 and 2."

Speaker Madigan: "You've all heard the Lady's two Motions. Is there leave? Leave is granted. The Motions are adopted. Representative Delgado."

Delgado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to point out to the chamber we have another birthday here today. And my wonderful seatmate, my colleague, Representa... Representative Cynthia Soto is 18 all over again. And the family'll be coming down this evening. We all just wanna welcome and give her a wonderful happy birthday, Cindy. God bless ya."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Macon, Representative Flider, for what reason do you rise?"

Flider: "A point of personal privilege."

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Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Flider: "I would just like to invite all of the Members who are remaining in Springfield through tomorrow that there is an event in Decatur this evening if you're looking for something to do. It's called Cruisin' and it's being put on by the Downtown Decatur Council and it's a vintage car show. And so lined up throughout the streets of downtown Decatur will be Corvettes, all kinds of cars and models in good shape and otherwise. And I just wanted to offer you something to do. We'd love to have you over to Decatur and it'd be a good evening, food to eat, cars to look at and it'll also help the economy of Decatur just a little bit. So, if you're looking for something to do, stop by and it'll be held all evening. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Cook, Speaker Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you. My plan is to offer a Motion to adjourn this Special Session into the already established Perfunctory Session schedule, which has been published and distributed. The purpose of this call relates to the budget for the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Community Based Services to Youth Program. There is nothing before the House today that could be called and considered relative to this particular call for a Special Session by the Governor. And I wish to state again that I had advised the Governor against calling this series of Special Sessions. I'd advised the Governor to work with the Perfunctory Session schedule that has been established where the Legislature

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could be called into Session on short notice, as was done to facilitate Medicaid borrowing and it was done on a second day to facilitate other matters. The Governor chose to call the Special Sessions and not to use the Perfunctory Session schedule which we have established. Consequently, we have now spent approximately a hundred and sixty-eight thousand dollars of taxpayer money on per diem allowances that did not have to expended had we worked with the Perfunctory Session schedule which had been established. And as I see this, that number is going to continue to grow, a needless expenditure of money and a needless growing of the money that's being spent. So, again, Mr. Speaker, my Motion is to adjourn this Special Session into the already established Perfunctory Session schedule."

Speaker Hannig: "And on that Motion, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the... will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Parke: "Speaker Madigan, here we are on the ninth day of Special Session by the Governor. We have voted on maybe five Bills total that... in those nine days. But do you... and you've stated... is there anything on the Calendar now that we can vote on?"

Madigan: "No."

Parke: "So, again, no matter what even if you wanted to present legislation you could not do it?"

Madigan: "That's correct."

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Parke: "Mr. Speaker, can you give us some idea of whether or not you believe that we'll be called into Special Session by the Governor again tomorrow?"

Madigan: "We've already been advised by the Governor's Office they plan to issue a proclamation for a special call for tomorrow."

Parke: "Do you have any idea of... for our family schedules, for our work schedule, for our personal schedules whether or not you think we'll be in Session on Saturday and Sunday?"

Madigan: "I do not know. I have not been advised by the Governor's Office in that regard. If they were to ask me, I would advise them not to call Special Sessions through the weekend. They have not been in the practice of asking my advice."

Parke: "Well, I would just like to continue to share the feelings of many of my colleagues that have come and talked to me that this is not necessary, that this is a... by the... actions taken by the Governor is punitive rather than helpful. It is not something that many, if any, of us feel is... is right or fair when the concept of what we're doing down here in forms of the budget have been shared with our various Leaders. That information is knowledgeable, there is nothing new and yet, regardless of that, we continue to be called into Special Session, spending taxpayers' money, achieving nothing and ultimately disrupting our personal lives. Now, we don't mind being down here. We asked to be Legislators, we asked the voters to vote for us. What I am resenting is that this Governor is saying to us it doesn't

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make any difference about your personal life and your family's life. To make a point, in his... in his outlook and how he perceives that we are supposed to act, that we're supposed to be down here to achieve, as we've talked about, day after day after day achieving very little on behalf of the taxpayers of this state. And again, I want to reiterate, many, if not all of us, have families, personal lives, have jobs that require our attention back home. And I'm beginning to think that it's... it's abusive to continue to tell us that we have to be here and not being prepared to vote on a budget. I think that's wrong and I'm tired of it. And... and I want the Governor who may be listening to understand that I'm starting to take this personally, that I think it's a... it's inappropriate to show a disrespect for the Members of this Body and their families by keeping us here day after day. It's wrong and it's time for us to adjourn until the Leaders come up with a workable solution on the budget so that we can decide on behalf of our voters and the taxpayers of Illinois whether or not it's acceptable by us... for us when we vote. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker, for letting me vent. But day after day you and I dialogue on this. I'm fed up and it's time for the Governor to show respect for the Legislative Body and our families."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Meyer."

Meyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Speaker yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

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Meyer: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, how would you characterize the progress that's being made at the present time towards reaching an agreement on the budget?"

Madigan: "Slow, but sure."

Meyer: "Yesterday, the Majority Leader gave us a feeling that we were inching along towards an agreement, and I've seen that used other places where we're reaching an agreement inch by inch. How much are these inches costing us?"

Madigan: "Could you restate your question?"

Meyer: "Well..."

Madigan: "What do you mean by cost?"

Meyer: "Well, I guess every day we hear we're inching closer to it and every day it's costing us more and more. It's about \$17... \$17 thousand an inch, I would say at this point that I can recall. I'm just hoping that we're not going from the Earth to the moon on this trip, because it's gonna be quite costly. And the... the... every dime that we spend on these Special Sessions takes... takes us further away on the money that we are going to have to come up with to... to reach an agreement on the budget. We're already a hundred and sixty-eight thousand dollars, as you pointed out. It's not gonna take too much longer before we're talking about real money, as Everett Dirksen used to say to us. Well, I just hope that we aren't on a... on a trip to the center of the Earth here."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Speaker allow me to make a comment? Not all of us feel the same about the

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work that's happening here. Some of us feel we are doing work. And it's not that we need to be here in Special Session. I think what it points out to us that if this was done in a timely fashion we wouldn't be here, because a lot of what we're doing now could've been done in March and in April. A lot of what we have done as far as working on the budget, we are concerned. There are a number of us that are concerned and have tried to show some concern about the fact that we feel what's happening in negotiations is undermining the process that we have performed over the past several months about what was in the budget, what was... the hearings that we listened to, the people that came before our committees and told us what they would like in the budget or what they needed. And as we sit here, lobbyists are being told that they better lobby us, providers are being told if they don't come here and put some pressure on us that their things will be excluded from the budget. I think that's not coming from our Leaders, I think it's coming from the second floor. And I think that's objectionable. There have rumors every day about what's not going to be in the budget for the one month for the providers so that people are concerned and they're worried and they're calling us. It is not our intention. Representative Krause delivered a letter today that asked for us to have an update on revenues, collateral issues and budget changes. And some of us feel, quite frankly, that if there is any budget deal struck, some of the Appropriations Committee should meet again and hear what is

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in that budget, because we are very concerned about changes that will be made and run before us at the last minute and things that we have heard from... from providers, lobbyists, other people from the outside that are told to pressure us in order to move this budget process forward. For some reason, negotiation is not understood as give and take by some people and that it is honorable to come to a compromise and not have every point of your additional... of your original budget cast in stone. Although, I think we've always looked at that. I think for some reason the people on the second floor feel that that's not appropriate. That if you give a little bit that there's something wrong there. And I think there's nothing wrong with doing an honorable negotiation from a starting point. And many of us are very concerned about what's going to end up in this budget and what we're going to be asked to vote on. And I think some of the statement while we're sitting and have been talking about it is we're not going to vote on a budget that we do not have ample time to go over, see what's in that budget and make sure that the people who have come before us, presented their case on what should be in a budget and what should be cut are not hurt. And that the taxpayers' of Illinois money will be properly spent on the things that we know they would support rather than issues that are negotiated behind closed doors, because we have been pushed to the wrong point of how we do the budget. And the one example that is brought home here is that each time this happens we say we're not gonna let it

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happen again. I've spent a lot of time negotiating and working on things. I thank the Speaker for a lot of things he's done this year to rein in stuff that was out of control, particularly fee-for-service. But I think the Members in general do not want to see this process repeated. We'd like to know that the people that are working together, particularly people who have come in new, have not been part of State Government before, are spending our dollars without actually knowing what services they provide for people, have some idea where they're going and what they're doing in the next budget year, because I don't think a lot of us are gonna put up with it again."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Franks."

Franks: "If I may, Mr. Speaker, to comment on the Speaker's Motion. I'm listening to the debate and I'm looking at the Calendar today and I see we're on our ninth day of Special Session. And we're told that one of the major impediments to come into a budget conclusion is working on education and about the... how much money we're going to put towards education. But if you noticed, in the nine Special Sessions not one of them is dealing with education funding, in which I find very distressing and disappointing. Now, there's many people in this cham... this chamber who have asked the Governor for a Special Session dealing only with school funding, because even if we do give an additional 400 million or 300 million or whatever we give, we're still gonna have 82 percent of our schools that are deficit

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spending. We're still going to be 48th in the country in what we spend on our schools and how we spend those schools... and how we spend those monies. And we're sitting here and we have the opportunity because the Governor has shown his willingness to call a Special Session. But we haven't seen the willingness to actually deal with a meaningful solution to this problem. And I believe if we're going to be here and we're all here and we're... I know none of us are happy to be here, but I know that we're willing to be here to do what's right. And I would ask that the Governor call the Special Session, if he's gonna do it tomorrow, let's have it on education funding. Let's talk about changing the funding formula in the State of Illinois. Let's get to work. If he's gonna keep us here, let's get to work, let's get it done. Now is the proper time."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Cook, Speaker Madigan, moves that the House adjourn to the Regular Perfunctory Session schedule that has already been distributed to the Members. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted. And the House stands adjourned."