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Speaker Turner: "Means the House shall come to order. And the Members shall be in their seats. Guests in the gallery should rise for the prayer and in... and the Pledge. We shall be led in the prayer today by Colonel (Retired) Randy Harrison. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cells phones and pagers, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Colonel Harrison."

Colonel Harrison: "Let us pray. Lord Almighty, our creator, our sustainer, we humbly ask for Your continued blessings. Dear Lord, reinforce our spirits and will as we work to fulfill Your wishes for our lives. Help us help others that are not as fortunate as we. Lord, during this challenging Legislative Session help guide our dedicated elected officials. These are difficult times, a time when tough decisions must be made. Help them choose the harder right over the easier wrong. And finally, Lord, bless our young people in uniform and their families. Thank you, Lord. Amen."

Speaker Turner: "We shall be led in the Pledge today by the Lady from Will, Representative Kosel."

Kosel - 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 Turner: "Roll Call for Attendance. The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie, for what reason do you rise?"

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect the excused absences of Representatives Boland; Crespo; Feigenholtz; Franks; Patterson; and Yarbrough."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost, for what reason do you rise?"

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Schmitz; Osmond; and Wait are excused today."

Speaker Turner: "The record will so reflect. There are 108 Members present, a quorum is present. We will proceed with the First Special Session. Representative Currie now moves that the First Special Session stands adjourned 'til Wednesday, July 25, at the hour of 1 p.m. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. The opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And the First Special Session is adjourned. The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

Black: "Mr. Speaker, with the permission of the Chair, could we have all Members rise for a moment of silence to reflect upon the life and the tragic death yesterday afternoon of a former Member, a friend of many of us, a Gentleman who was a joy to serve with. If you'll give a moment of silence to the memory to former Representative Jay Ackerman. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House."