

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
95th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

30th Legislative Day

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Speaker Turner: "The hour of 1:00 having come and went, the House will be in Session. Members are asked to rise... Members and guests are asked to rise for the invocation. We shall be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, the pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers, and rise for the invocation and for the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Crawford."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Most sovereign and gracious God, the giver and the sustainer of our lives, we humbly come before You this day to ask Your most precious blessings to be bestowed upon this august Assembly. I pray that You would bestow Your blessings upon the Leader of this House. I pray that You would bestow Your blessings upon every Member that is here, as well as their spouses, as well as their children, and as well as the many families from their various districts. I pray as Your servants that their steps be ordered according to Your word, that their steps be ordered with Your wisdom, that they may wise decisions. Decisions that are pleasing to You, but decisions that would bring about healing throughout the State of Illinois. This we pray in Your Son's name. Amen."

Speaker Turner: "Be led in the Pledge today by the Lady from Cook, Representative Collins."

Collins - 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."

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Speaker Turner: "The First Special Session shall come to order. We will now take the Roll Call. Members are advised to hit their own buttons. Hit your own switch. The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Berrios; Monique Davis; Franks; Molaro; Osterman; Scully; and Verschoore are excused today."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, wonderful to see you, too, by the way. It's good to see ya. We have Bassi; Ryg... Reis; Dunn; Cultra; Lindner; Sommer; Mathias; and Tryon are all excused today."

Speaker Turner: "There are 102 Members present, a quorum is present. And the First Special Session is now in order. Representative Currie now moves that the First Special Session stands adjourned 'til Wednesday, August 8, at the hour of 11 a.m. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And First Special Session is adjourned until Wednesday."