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Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We ask the Members and our guests in the gallery to turn off laptop computers, cell phones, and pagers. 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 pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Most gracious and most sovereign God, Who are the author and the finisher of our faith, You are the giver and You are the sustainer of our lives. I pray this day, Father, that You would bless this august Assembly, You would bless the Leader of this Assembly, as well as all of the Members that You have chosen to serve here. I pray today that they would not lean toward their own understanding but rather in all of their ways that they would acknowledge You and Your promise that You would direct their paths. I pray that You would grant them wisdom. I pray that You would grant them strength. I pray that You would grant them divine direction. This we pray in Your Son's name. Amen."

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

Tryon 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: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie. Mr. Bost."

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Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Dunn, Krause, Pihos, and Poe are excused on the Republican side of the aisle today. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hannig."

Hannig: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the record reflect that Representative May and Rich Bradley are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. There being 112 people responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk. Let the record reflect that there is quorum present for the First Special Session. Mr. Rose."

Rose: "Mr. Speaker, nice seeing you this afternoon. I have a scheduling question. In the matter of Blagojevich v. Madigan, do you know when that trial might be so we can put that on our calendar to be called as witnesses?"

Speaker Madigan: "We don't have any dates and the..."

Rose: "Certainly there'll be depositions and whatnot."

Speaker Madigan: "...the plaintiff has not perfect its service of process."

Rose: "Oh?"

Speaker Madigan: "So, I've been moving about incognito."

Rose: "Well, after your help with the FutureGen Bill, you feel free to call me as a character witness if you'd like, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Bost."

Bost: "And not that I would want to stay on the same subject, Mr. Speaker. But isn't that... in this case, isn't that kind of like... since you did serve on CON/CON, isn't that kind of like having a member of the... may... maybe... I don't know who

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you would like to use, but Thomas Jefferson being called to a situation. But... I... I... you know, I just... just was kind of wondering. And... and in that case... and would you... would you take the witness stand and explain to them exactly what took exactly place that day? And I thought that was kind of neat that that would be able to happen."

Speaker Madigan: "We're going to defer to our counsel. All right. The House has come to order in the First Special Session. There is a quorum present for the First Special Session. Representative Currie moves that the House stand adjourned to a Perfunctory Session tomorrow. Those in favor say 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it."