

STATE OF ILLINOIS
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE
1ST SPECIAL SESSION

1st Legislative Day

6/19/2013

Speaker Madigan: "The Special Session of the House will come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs for the Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Mayfield and Dunkin are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representatives Pihos, Poes... Poe, Reis, and Sommer are excused on the Republican side of the aisle 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, please read the Governor's Proclamation."

Clerk Hollman: "Proclamation from the Governor.

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2011, I took the Constitutional oath of office to become Governor of the State of Illinois, solemnly swearing to uphold both the Illinois Constitution and the Constitution of the United States, and promising to "faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Governor to the best of my abilities"; and

WHEREAS, I am committed to fulfilling my oath of office to serve the people of the State of Illinois by restoring fiscal stability to the State; and

WHEREAS, the State is continues to face an unprecedented pension crisis that, unchecked, hurts our economic recovery, downgrades the State's credit rating, and threatens the continued delivery of vital services including education, public safety and Health care; and

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WHEREAS, the current unfunded pension liability of more than \$100 billion is unsustainable and costs taxpayers \$17 million of every day it goes unresolved; and

WHEREAS, the State's fiscal year 2014 budget is \$35.3 billion, approximately 17 percent of which will go toward pensions alone; and

WHEREAS, I will continue to work with the leaders of all four legislative caucuses and Legislators until they put comprehensive package pension reform bill on my desk; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of Illinois are waiting and there is no excuse for further delay; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution empowers the Governor, as Chief Executive, to convene a Special Session of the General Assembly;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I, Governor Pat Quinn, hereby call and convene the 98th General Assembly in a Special Session to commence on June 19, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., for the purpose of considering any legislation, new or pending, which addresses pension reform."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, introduction of Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Special... Special Session House Resolution #1 and Special Session House Resolution #2, are offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Madigan: "The Chair recognizes Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move that we... we suspend all applicable House Rules, so that we can give immediate consideration to pass Special Session House Resolutions 1 and 2."

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Speaker Madigan: "You've heard the Lady's Motion. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. Mr. Clerk, read Special Session House Resolutions 1 and 2."

Clerk Hollman: "Special Session House Resolution #1.

Resolved, that the Rules of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Eighth General Assembly be adopted as the Rules of this First Special Session, so far as the same may be applicable, and that the Committees of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Eighth General Assembly, and their membership, shall constitute the Committees of the House during this First Special Session. 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 First Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business."

Speaker Madigan: "The House Majority Leader, Representative Currie moves for the adoption of Special Session Resolutions 1 and 2. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed by saying 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolutions are adopted. Mr... Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Adjournment Resolution. Special... Special Session, Senate Joint Resolution #1.

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the Senate adjourns on Wednesday, June 19, 2013,

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it stands adjourned until the call of the President; and when the House of Representatives adjourns on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, it stands adjourned until the call of the Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "You've all heard the Adjournment Resolution. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. The House in Special Session now stands adjourned to the call of the Speaker. Thank you."