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beat the gavel a minute. We have got to get this...  
(interruption)

PRESIDENT: Certainly, Mr. Speaker. (gavel) All that we can hear is a dull roar up here even so I am sure that the Speaker is having a difficult time communicating so would you give him your attention because this is very important to all of us. Go ahead, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now if the Legislature will turn to page 85 of the Journal, second day, January 8, 1981. The second announcement indicates that there will be a chairperson's caucus Monday, January 12, 9:00 a.m. in Room 1520. That is Monday and let me make some comment on this because this will be in the Journal again today and the chairpersons have a notice of the meeting on their desks now. First of all, I would like to say this. I don't care who you elect as Speaker of your body but this Speaker, whoever he or she may be, whether it is this session or another session, you have got to help with suggestions in backing up of that particular individual. Now there is only one way that you are going to get your money's worth out of me at twenty cents an hour and that is to sit in on some of these meetings, arrive at a consensus and once we arrive at that consensus then you are going to have to back me up and we have got some controversial legislation that we need to talk about. Now let me tell you what the problem is at the moment. There is not anybody in this room that has the foggiest notion when we are going to adjourn this particular session, so let me talk about it for a minute. When the chairpersons meet on Monday, and remember this is not a closed meeting, you are welcome to come if you like, we have got to set a calendar. We have got to let you know as we did a year or two ago when we are going to meet, when you are going to have days off and when we propose to adjourn and I do not think we have missed that adjournment day by much in the past couple of years. Now we will have on Monday morning, our office will have three different calendars. You need to look at those calendars and determine which you would like to have. Now, sure I can sit here as a dictator and say this is what we are going to do, period. That is not my personality. That is not the way I like to run the operation. I like to be a benevolent dictator. Let's put it that way, which means everybody has their say. That is the only way we are going to succeed. If I go off on a tangent, then the duly elected chairpersons of this body, in effect, may not follow. If I do not have their support we are not going to get very much done. So on Monday morning the chairpersons will meet in Room 1520 as per the announcement in the Journal for the purpose of discuss-