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SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I thought this might be a moment to report to you, as your Speaker, and make some observations, which are in response to things that a number of members have said. With regard to time, we always in the latter days of a session, we're always running out of time. But let me give you my view. I think we have managed our time well; I believe we still have time to do all that we want to do with regard to the people's business. I have had some people say we need to go later in the evening. I want to assure you we will go later in the evening, but there are two conditions that I've been working with. One, I had committed to the Appropriations Committee that we would try to conclude our business each day by 4:00, in order that they could do their business; that's one. Two, it would be inconsistent with all of the things that I have said to the people I've tried to deal for and on your behalf to get better working conditions here, to sit here longer this week, in the circumstances we're in, because I've portrayed them to the people I've criticized for the fact that for 11 years, we have never been able to turn on the air conditioning in this building when it ought to be turned on. We always turn it on too late and call it the correct procedure. Having said that, we are not going to extend our schedule and require you people to sit here and suffer this week. I am told that we will have a more tolerable working environment by late Friday, and so I would assume that Monday we can be like most people and have a working environment in which we can work. I'm doing this as sort of an aside--I've noticed that I can't...you know, it's impossible to negotiate a deal in a room that's 84 degrees. Nobody wants to agree to anything. Nothing's working. But nevertheless, it will work. Looking down the road, we certainly will be extending our hour for adjournment. We could give up our fringe benefit of a late start on the first day. I'm not going to take that, however, until I see or feel a need. We could give up our noonish adjournment on the last day of the week, but I'm also not inclined to revoke that until we need to. I think we are moving just fine. The Appropriations Committee is concluding its work; we will have the bills on time, and we will proceed from there. Let me make one final observation--I'm sorry for the length of