Senator Kerry, this hearing of the Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Affairs will come to order. I wish it were otherwise, but we seem to be presented with our own sort of Congressional disaster today, other than national disasters, and it certainly does not amount to that level, though for some, depending on what we vote on, it may well, but we have back-to-back votes, 13 of them, starting around pm. The first vote will be 15 minutes, and each subsequent vote is going to be 10 minutes, which means we have about 2 hours of 10-minute votes. Obviously our capacity to conduct a hearing that is intelligible, let alone even physically able to conduct it, to get back here and ask one question and then race back is just going to be physically impossible. So we need to roll with the punch.

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