

been agreed to by Republicans and Democrats alike before we leave so we can give hope to people.

I am going to stand here on this floor all day tomorrow and use every pressure point I can to see that some agreement can be reached to do something before we leave and when we come back, to agree to up-or-down votes on some critical bills on which we need action now. We don't get action on them, anything we do in January or February or March or April, in large measure, will be for nought because the counties, cities, parishes, police departments, and fire departments that we are trying to help may not make it that long. Without them, it is very hard, if not impossible, to build our communities and build our cities.

In conclusion, people want to come home. Some people may not be able to.

But as a Senator from Louisiana, I want people to know from our State that everyone is welcome home. All people are welcome, and we want everyone back. We are doing the very best we can to try to provide and prioritize what we need to do first, second, and third in order to get people back and get our communities started again.

Not only is New Orleans a great city, but the region is pretty spectacular and special. The whole gulf coast is a place that when you grow up in New Orleans, you know about Waveland, Pass Christian, places that are very special to people along that gulf coast. Generation after generation of families have vacationed together and lived together and worshipped together and gone to school together, and it is gone.

We would like the help of this Nation to build it back higher, stronger, and better. We don't want to waste a penny, but we need this help now.

Let us act when we come back early in the morning to get some of this done and to work with our colleagues to see that we can get help to the people who are desperately in need of help.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11:33 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, October 6, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.