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**THE WEATHER**  
Today, very warm, not too humid, partial sunshine, high 87. Tonight, partly cloudy, low 70. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, light east winds, high 83. Weather map is on Page A20.

Prices in Canada may be higher

\$4.00

## LAST SOLDIERS OF AN IMPERIAL ARMY



As the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II nears, only a few Japanese veterans remain. Some are speaking up after decades of silence. "Never die for emperor or country," one advised. Page A6.

## Partisan Fight In Texas Spills Into New York

This article is by J. David Goodman, Grace Ashford, Julie Bosman and David W. Chen.

The gavel of a frustrated Texas House speaker fell on a truncated meeting of the legislative chamber Monday afternoon, as Democratic members who left the state on Sunday to block passage of a redrawn U.S. House district map appeared to be everywhere but in Austin.

Some of them were with Gov. Kathy Hochul of New York as she vowed to match President Trump's push for aggressive partisan redistricting with a push of her own. Others were at a conference of state lawmakers in Boston, where Gov. JB Pritzker of Illinois spoke to Democrats.

The largest number camped out in a secluded conference center outside of Chicago, appearing remotely for cable television and radio interviews and defying threats from Gov. Greg Abbott of Texas and Republican state lawmakers back home.

Texas Republicans could only fume that without a quorum present in the state House of Representatives, they could not do any legislative work, including a planned vote on a new map of the state's congressional districts that they hope will flip five that are now held by Democrats to G.O.P. control.

"I believe they have forfeited their seats in the State Legislature because they're not doing the job they were elected to do," Mr. Abbott said about the absent Democrats Monday in an interview on Fox News. He promised to begin a legal process to remove them from office.

"Come and take it," State Representative Gene Wu, a Houston Democrat and the chairman of the chamber's Democratic Caucus, said about his seat, speaking from a Chicago suburb.

The Texas House met in the State Capitol in Austin for nine minutes on Monday. Only 92 of the chamber's 150 members were there. At least two-thirds — 100 members — must be in attendance for any business to be conducted.

"A quorum is not present," said the speaker, Representative Dustin Burrows, a Republican. "They've shirked their responsibility."

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