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** I'm going to go back to Chuck's words again, quote, every day gets better for us. You reopen the government and we lose our leverage. The point of this shutdown is not just suffering for suffering's sake, but to make a point. These are actual quotes from Chuck Schumer and Senate Democrats over the last week. You don't have to take our word for what their motivations are in shutting down the government. They are spelling it out for you and all of us. This is about one thing and one thing only, to score political points with the terrorist wing of their party, which is set to hold, as Leader Scalise just commented on, a hate America rally in D.C. next week. And they've forced military families, air traffic controllers, border patrol agents, farmers, veterans, TSA agents, and federal workers to pay the price. We're now on day 10 of the Democrat shutdown. Senate Democrats, including Senator Tina Smith in my home state of Minnesota, have had seven opportunities to reopen the government, but they've refused every single time. Consequently, Americans across the country are experiencing flight delays. In a matter of mere days, 11,000 Minnesota National Guardsmen won't get paid. Federal workers are being forced to figure out how they're going to put food on the table for their families, just so the Democrats can maintain their leverage to make a point. It's despicable, it's disgusting, and it should be disqualified. With election season right around the corner, I hope every single American is taking note. Republicans have done our job. Democrats, on the other hand, are only here to play politics, and they're willing to hang their constituents out to dry to do it. And with that, I'll turn it back to our speaker.

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