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## Legislative leaders

 laud regular session as calm, efficient| AUSTIN (AP) - Legislative leaders said Monday the current regular session is one of the calmest and but added the possibility of a special session still exists. <br> "This is a relatively calm session, by far the easiest I can remember," said Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, who has presided over the Texas Senate since 1973. <br> House Speaker Gib Lewis said he has never seen legislators working as hard or cooperating better. <br> "People are trying to get something accomplished," he said. <br> Both leaders spoke to newspaper executives during the 68th annual Texas Daily Newspaper Association convention. <br> But Hobby and Lewis said lawmakers, just past the halfway point in the current 140 -day session, may need overtime to finish their business when the session ends May 29. <br> Lewis said overhauling the workers' compensation system may take legislators into a special session, while Hobby said restructuring the state's prison system may be the culprit. <br> Hobby, a Democrat, said the Legislature has come to an agreement on building additional prison beds and establishing community-based facilities to ease overcrowding at the Texas Department of Corrections. <br> And lawmakers have taken steps to attack the underlying causes of crime, such as poverty, lack of an education and drug and alcohol abuse prevention and child protective services, he said. <br> But, Hobby said, a special session may be needed to compose an appropriations bill to cover spending on the proposed criminal justice initiatives. <br> Lewis said "the only thing I can see on the horizon" that would cause a special session is a battle over proposed <br> The House has passed a bill changing the structure of benefits to | workers injured on the job, restrue turing the administrative agency charge of workers' comp and ley ening court involvement in resolvin disputed claims. <br> The House bill, opposed by orga nized labor and attorneys who rep resent injured workers in court, expected to run into stiff opposition in the Senate. Hobby said he hope comp within the next month. <br> Hobby said the "litmus test" the workers' comp bill has becoms trial de novo, which allows disputed claims to reach the district coun level without regard to previous ad. ministrative rulings. <br> Judge's ruling delays release of Adams <br> DALLAS (AP) - A judge's lass <br> minute intervention kept Randil Dale Adams in prison Monday ashe was about to walk free after serving 12 years in prison on a controversi2 conviction for the killing of a police conviction for the killing of a police officer. officer. <br> District Judge Ron Chapman re . 100,000 , supere seding another judge's decision t release Adams simply on a promis to appear in court. <br> The action, which culminated a atternoon of confusion among pro neys, came after the District Atto ney's office filed a motion to hare state District Judge Larry Barakar moved from the case. <br> In another late development prosecutors said for the first tim after being questioned in the film "The Thin Blue Line" that they wert prepared to retry Adams. |
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