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Legislators To Meet Into Next Week

Top leaders of the Kansas Legislature aren't ruling out the possibility that its annual session might extend into next week. In the Senate, leaders of its Republican majority already have scheduled sessions for Saturday and Sunday. In the House, Speaker Ray Merrick of Stilwell has warned fellow GOP members that it's possible that lawmakers will still be meeting Monday. They're discussing such plans as private negotiations over tax issues between Merrick and Senate President Susan Wagle of Wichita drag out. Lawmakers need to resolve tax issues to finish work on the next state budget and wrap up their business for the year. GOP leaders had promised that lawmakers would be in session 80 days, trimming 10 days off the normal 90-day schedule. But Wednesday was the 82nd day.

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