The week-long hiatus of the state senate democrats from Wisconsin continues. And UW La Crosse political scientist Joe Heim says absconding from their jobs wasn't a completely useless thing to do in the face of legislation they couldn't prevent from passing.

Heim says democrats wanted to get some compromises from governor Walker on his controversial budget repair bill. When those compromises weren't forthcoming, their last move to stall the bill was to just leave the state.