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A Tired Douglas

Skips Court

To Take a Nap

Washington

Justice William O. Douglas missed the first hour of arguments at the Supreme Court yesterday because he needed a nap.

A court spokesman said Douglas, 76, was tired before arguments began at 10 a.m. and he was taken to the court nurse. He rested for one hour in the nurse's office, then was wheeled to the bench for the rest of the day's argument.

The absence was the first public indication in the new court term that began Monday that Douglas still feels some effects from a stroke he suffered in December.

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