My day begins early, reading the morning's newspapers and meeting with my staff to discuss current events. Most days, legislative proceedings start at 10:00 am. Members of Congress give speeches on important issues of the day, and then debate and voting on legislation begins. The number of votes we have varies by day. When I am not on the Floor voting, I am typically meeting with constituents in my office to discuss important projects and issues affecting Florida. Several times a week, I attend Committee meetings. I serve on the House Ways and Means Committee, the oldest committee in the House of Representatives. During Committee meetings, we hold hearings where we listen to witnesses give expert testimony on issues they'd like Congress to address, and we also debate and revise legislation before it is sent the House Floor. In the evenings, I participate in any late votes, spend time with my wife, Sandy, and prepare for the next day's business by reading memos and reports.