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**Capitol update: This weather is hardly unprecedented'**

By: Todd Dorman  
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**Captiol Update - Chet's staff takes care of business while he was away**

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