

第 10 講 a lame duck

A: The president says that even though it's his last month in office, he's going to

work hard until the last day.

B: Why doesn't he relax and take things easy?

A: Because he doesn't want anyone to call him *a lame duck* President.

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Highlight of the Day : a lame duck

- (a) American Presidents can only stay in office for eight years, so in their last two years they often become lame ducks. No one listens to them, because they soon won't be Presidents anymore.
- (b) When stocks fall suddenly, there are many lame ducks.
- (c) The government should not waste money supporting lame ducks.
- (d) The Congress which assembled Monday for its last session is full of what they called "lamed ducks".