

but you know, they both have to look tough for their constituency. In the room, as I said at the outset, we're trying to cooperate. We're both interested in agreement, and so you can't just sit there and stonewall the other guy. You've gotta really be interested in dealing with his concerns so that they'll deal with your concerns.

These formal teams have been meeting roughly once a month. We're starting to accelerate the pace, we're meeting twice this month, and we'll probably meet at least twice or more thereafter. But in between, it's not like we go home and we rest and take a long weekend. We have roughly twelve working groups, we call them, of technical experts that are meeting in between these larger sessions, trying to grind away at the individual issues. So we have a group working on services. We have a group working at subsidies. We have a group working at agriculture problems. We've got about a dozen of these groups, and their mandate is first -- and most of this has been already done -- is to identify what the issues are, as it relates to that issue, and then start coming up with some options on how we want to deal with it in the negotiations. Their goal is to come up with a common approach, one we both can accept, and obviously at the working level that's gonna be hard. So we've told them, well come up with bracketed language; that is, you know, put brackets around those things you haven't agreed to, but also lay out everything that you've agreed to.

We have actually had bracketed text in some areas already, where we're down to just a few words. "Culture" is one of them.