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## Proof of life



Miloš Zeman, who "tripped on a rug" early Wed. morning, hasn't been seen in public for nearly a week. The longer he waits to make an appearance, the more the public and media will speculate about the true state of his health. In today's issue, [Týden](#) already mentioned the possibility of a stroke. Lawyers will soon begin debating the meaning of Para. 66 of the Constitution, which requires the House and Senate to vote before the powers of the president may pass to the PM, the speaker of the House and the Senate president. If the Czech president were incapacitated, would the House have to wait until it convened on Nov. 25 to take such a vote? Could a new PM be appointed, or would we have to wait for the president to fully recover or for a new president to be elected? Zeman needs to show proof of life. Otherwise, the name Leonid Brezhnev will reenter the active vocabulary. He rarely appeared in public in his final year.

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