

Astronauts sleep in after busy docking day

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In this frame grab from video taken from NASA television, space shuttle Discovery performs a maneuver as it zooms toward an afternoon check-in at the International Space Station, its final visit before being parked at a museum, Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011. (AP Photo/NASA)

(AP) -- The 12 astronauts in orbit are getting a little break after staying up late to complete their first job together.

It took longer than usual for the hatches to open between Discovery and the [International Space Station](#), following Saturday's docking. That put the two crews behind in attaching an equipment platform to the space station.

Late Saturday night, the platform finally was installed. The giant shelf holds a spare radiator. It was delivered by the shuttle.

Mission Control said the [astronauts](#) could sleep in Sunday morning. They will spend the day preparing for their first [spacewalk](#), on Monday.

This is the last flight for Discovery. The shuttle will be retired when it returns to Earth in just over a week.

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