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What Year-Round Daylight Saving Time Would Mean

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- Economists say that restaurants, retail shops and leisure activity businesses like golf clubs benefit from the extra daylight in the evenings. The National Retail Federation, representing retailers across several countries, [strongly supports](#) daylight saving time. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is also an advocate for DST as an economy booster. According to a [report](#) by the JPMorgan Chase Institute, shoppers spend 3.5% less in retail stores in the month following the end of daylight saving time.
- One longstanding argument for DST, that it reduces energy costs, has been contradicted by a number of studies -- the extra driving consumers do more than offsets any reduction in lighting expenses.
- Others say it can possibly help [reduce robberies](#). One

Yes. The U.S. experimented with permanent DST for about 16 months in the 1970s. President Richard Nixon signed the change into law in January 1974, shortly after the upheaval of the 1973 energy crisis, when gas prices soared. The change was dropped before the date for eliminating standard time was reached, after support for the switch fell in the face of dark winter mornings. Russia