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MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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A MEMORANDUM PREPARED IN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REGARDING BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT LESS THAN 10 DAYS BEFORE THE ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS AND NOT SIGNED BY HIM

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DECEMBER 22, 1928.—Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed

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THE WHITE HOUSE, *December 22, 1928.*

*To the Congress of the United States:*

I am transmitting herewith for the information of the Congress a memorandum prepared in the office of the Attorney General regarding bills presented to the President less than ten days before the adjournment of Congress and not signed by him.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
*Washington, October 10, 1928.*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

In re bills presented to the President less than ten days before the adjournment of Congress and not signed by him. In the case of each such bill, what was done with the engrossed copy of the bill, and what communication or memorandum was made in connection with such disposition?

Such unsigned bills are found in four places: in the custody of the Secretary of the Senate; in the custody of the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress (where Presidential messages to the House of Representatives prior to the Civil War have been deposited); in the

The President made no marks on bills or on committee reports except as noted. I give the number of the bill and the date stamped on the bill as the date on which it was received at the Executive Mansion.

S. 28—Feb. 23, 1889		S. 2310—Feb. 26
S. 1488—Feb. 27		S. 2344—Feb. 26
S. 1719—Mar. 2		S. 2683—Mar. 2
S. 2008—Feb. 26		S. 2690—Feb. 26

S. 3132—date not marked. Attached to it is a printed report of a committee of the House of Representatives, and on it, written in pencil in the handwriting of President Cleveland but unsigned, are the words:

This bill is inconsistent with the recent law passed in regard to juries in District and it refers to Sections of the Rev. Stat. improperly and that have been repealed or modified by a law passed at this Session.

S. 3137—Mar. 2

S. 3198—Feb. 26. Attached to it is a printed copy of a report of a committee to the Senate, on which in President Cleveland's handwriting but unsigned are the words:

No cause of death shown.

S. 3309—Feb. 26

H. R. 483—Feb. 28. Attached to bill is a printed committee report on which is this penciled notation:

It seems this man is already on the rolls

G. C.

H. R. 717—Mar. 1, 1889

H. R. 2157—Mar. 2

H. R. 2896—Mar. 2

H. R. 3829—Feb. 28. On the attached committee report is written:

This legislation seems to be unnecessary.

G. C.

H. R. 4624—Mar. 2

H. R. 4856—Mar. 2

H. R. 5398—Mar. 2

H. R. 5758—Mar. 2

H. R. 6612—Feb. 27

H. R. 6763—Mar. 2

H. R. 6896—Feb. 28

H. R. 7186—Feb. 26

H. R. 7924—Feb. 27. On attached committee report is the President's penciled unsigned comment:

Was not the payment under the law of 1886 after adjustment by the Secretary of Interior a settlement in full? (See act p. 8.)

H. R. 8580—stamped date illegible.

H. R. 9159—Mar. 2

H. R. 10721—Mar. 1, 1889. On attached committee report, in writing which appears to be that of the President:

This is a duplicate of bill passed 1st Session 50th Congress.

H. R. 11627—Mar. 2

H. R. 12542—Mar. 2. President Cleveland wrote on sheets of paper now attached to the bill these comments:

These children ought to have a pension on the ground that their father really died from the effect of his wounds, and I would gladly sign a bill granting them a pension on that ground. I have signed many with not half the merits and