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REPORT ON POCKET VETO

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MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

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

13329. They are not in the files at those offices and I am unable to find them. The memoranda are as follows:

| Number         | Received | Referred      | Returned | Action                |
|----------------|----------|---------------|----------|-----------------------|
| S. J. Res. 152 | 6/4/20   | State, 6/5/20 | 6/5/20   | POCKETED—June 5, 1920 |

S. J. Res. 152. Joint Resolution authorizing the appointment of a commission to confer with the Dominion or the Provincial Governments of Quebec, Ontario, and New Brunswick as to certain restrictive orders in council of the said Provinces relative to the exportation of wood pulp therefrom to the United States.

66th Congress, 2nd Session.

| Number      | Received | Referred    | Returned | Action                |
|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-----------------------|
| H. R. 13329 | 6/4/20   | War, 6/4/20 | 6/5/20   | POCKETED—June 5, 1920 |

H. R. 13329, An Act to authorize the Secretary of War to transfer certain surplus material, machinery, and equipment to the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

66th Congress, 2nd Session.

At the end of the 66th Congress, third session, which adjourned March 4, 1921, the Senate legislative day of March 2 and the House legislative day of March 3 (Cong. Rec., vol. 60, pt. 4, pp. 4532, 4546) President Wilson retained unsigned one Senate and four House bills. All of these bills are now at the Executive Offices. The only marks on the bills or on attached memoranda are as follows:

- S. 3695 and H. R. 13558 are unstamped.
- H. R. 1856 is stamped as received Feb. 26, 1921.
- H. R. 14461—received Feb. 28, 1921.
- H. R. 15943—received March 3, 1921.

At the end of the 67th Congress, second session, which adjourned September 22, 1922 (Cong. Rec., vol. 62, pt. 12, pp. 13142, 13183) President Harding retained unsigned H. R. 10672. It is stamped as received at the White House September 15, 1922. It is now at the Executive Offices.

At the end of the 68th Congress, second session, which adjourned March 4, 1925, the Senate legislative day of February 26 and the House legislative day of March 3, (Cong. Rec., vol. 66, pt. 5, pp. 5521, 5623) President Coolidge retained unsigned one Senate and three House bills. S. 4301 and H. R. 6442 are stamped as received March 2. H. R. 9160 is stamped February 21. H. R. 9343 is stamped February 24. These bills are now at the Executive Offices. There are no marks on any of them except the stamps. To H. R. 9343 is attached a slip which says "Veto Recommended."

At the end of the 69th Congress, first session, which adjourned July 3, 1926 (Cong. Rec., vol. 67, pt. 11, pp. 13009, 13100) President Coolidge retained unsigned two Senate and three House bills.

- S. 3185 is marked as received Jun 34 1926.
- S. 3999—received July 3. An attached slip says:

S. 3999  
No  
Recommend veto  
J. G. S.

- H. R. 534—received July 3. An attached slip says:

Secretary of War recommends  
Veto

- H. R. 6087—received June 30.