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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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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

At the bottom of the bill in pencil are the initials "W. I. F." And the bill contains a stamp which is indistinct in part but appears to be

Executive Mansion, Feb. 21, 1873.

The same session passed a bill granting a pension to Asenath Stephenson. It is marked:

H. R. 3484. C. W. B.

Next follows "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An act to remove the charge of desertion from certain soldiers.'" In pencil is "S. 1168." Then this stamp:

War  
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Then in ink are the initials "J. K. K." There is also the stamp:  
Recd. Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C., Feb. 22, 1873.

Congress also passed a bill to authorize the Cattaraugus and Allegeny Indians in New York to lease lands. On the margin are the markings:

H. R. 2264. C. W. B.

On the back in pencil are the following:

H. R. 2264  
Not to be signed  
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At the same session was a bill for the relief of Cowan and Dickinson, of Knoxville, Tennessee. It is marked:

S. 96. W. W. 1911 1 1873  
Dep't

There is a stamp too faint to be read, with the number 413 written in a blank. At the bottom is written:

1950 G. M. G. O. 1873

At the same session was passed an act to establish an assay office at Helena, in the Territory of Montana. It is marked:

S. 809 W. W.

On the side is the word "Treas." On the back is penciled:

Not to be signed  
G. S. B.

The last of such unsigned bills of the 42d Congress, third session, which are bound in this volume is one for the relief of the estate of Abel Gilbert and William Gerrish. A penciled slip says:

3rd Sess. 42nd Congress  
No date on the Law.

The blanks on the enrolled bill for the number and session of the Congress and the date on which the session began are not filled in. Written and stamped on the bill are the following notations:

H. R. 2902 C. W. B. 2210 2 1873  
Dep't