
REPORT ON POCKET VETO

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

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

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.

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

H. R. 5260, H. R. 8391—received Feb. 28.

H. R. 5062, H. R. 5580, H. R. 6956, H. R. 7177—received Mar. 1.

H. R. 5206, H. R. 6585, H. R. 6659, H. R. 6923, H. R. 6928, H. R. 8097—received Mar. 2.

The 54th Congress, first session, adjourned June 11, 1896. (Cong. Rec., vol. 28, pt. 7, pp. 6447, 6461) There are now at the Executive Offices five Senate bills and ten House bills of that session which were not signed by President Cleveland.

S. 27 has no date of receipt stamped on it.

S. 807, S. 819 and S. 997 were stamped as received on June 2. On S. 997 there is fastened a committee report on which President Cleveland wrote in pencil:

In view of the positive testimony of the physician who saw the deceased just before his death this is a proper case under the law of 1890.

S. 1342 was received June 4. A committee report is attached. On that report the President penciled:

This legislation should await the result of pending application in the pension bureau.

H. Res. 201. On an attached slip the President penciled:

Certain indian lands have been sold under treaty and the proceeds were to go to the indians. Purchasers have delayed payment a long time and this provides for another part payment without regard to the wishes or wants of the indians. So far as homesteaders are concerned this provided for in the Indian Appropriations bill.

H. R. 6607, H. R. 6739, H. R. 7919, H. R. 7171—were stamped as received June 6.

H. R. 2708, H. R. 5280—were stamped as received June 8.

H. R. 4580 is undated. On a letter which is attached to it is penciled:

This bill makes more difficult the punishment of those who remove liquors under false brands for the purpose of defrauding the revenues while under the decision of Judge P—— at St. Louis the public cannot be protected any more effectively. So far as it affects the protection of purchasers & consumers it is unconstitutional.

H. R. 6221 is stamped Jun 4. On an attached report is penciled:

The beneficiary has no minor children to provide for and I see no reason why under the general laws she is not being justly treated.

H. R. 9275 is stamped Jun 6. On a printed copy of the bill which is attached to it President Cleveland wrote:

This bill as passed seems to validate the bonds which should not be validated and ignore those which it was intended to save.

Two bills passed at the 54th Congress, second session, were sent to the State Department unsigned by President Cleveland. On each of them is the following memorandum signed by the President:

This bill was presented to me on the 16th day of December 1896. Congress, pursuant to a concurrent resolution, adopted by both Houses of Congress, adjourned from the 22d day of December 1896 to January 5th 1897. I have not approved the bill.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

DECEMBER 30, 1896.

H. R. 2604 is "to increase the pension of Caroline A. Hough"; and H. R. 4354 is for the purpose of "granting a pension to Mrs. Mary Gould Carr." Each is stamped

Executive Mansion, received Dec 16 1896

Dept. of State Dec 31, 3.48 P. M. 1896 Chf. Clks. Office received.