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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

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. 5218. On margin is written in pencil:

Received at the Capitol July 3, 1926

All of the bills cited above are now at the Executive Offices.

At the end of the 69th Congress, second session, which adjourned March 4, 1927, the Senate legislative day of March 2 and the House legislative day of March 3, (Cong. Rec., vol. 68, pt. 5, pp. 5922, 5967) President Coolidge retained unsigned H. R. 2849, stamped as received March 3, and H. R. 13450, on which no date is stamped. There are no other marks on the bills. On a letter attached to H. R. 13450 is written:

Recommends disapproval.

The bills are now at the Executive Offices.

At the end of the 70th Congress, first session, which adjourned May 29, 1928, (Cong. Rec., vol. 69, pt. 10, pp. 10678, 10889) President Coolidge retained unsigned S. J. Res. 46, stamped as received May 26, H. J. Res. 238, on which no date is stamped, and H. R. 13383, stamped as received on May 26. The resolutions and bill are now at the Executive Offices. There are no marks on any of them except the stamps. Memoranda attached to each resolution and bill are marked in pencil:

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Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT P. REEDER.

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