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DEMOCRATIC CONG. LEADERSHIP

Speaker McCormack	Mike Manatos
Rep. Boggs	Barefoot Sanders
Rept. Albert	Larry Temple
Senator Mansfield	Joe Califano
Senator Russell Long	George Christian
Postmaster Gen. O'Brien	Tom Johnson

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 7, 1967

8:45 p. m.

FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ^{Tom} Tom Johnson

Attached are the notes of your meeting with the Democratic Congressional Leadership in the Cabinet Room.

Attending the meeting were:

Speaker McCormack	Mike Manatos
Congressman Boggs	Barefoot Sanders
Congressman Albert	Larry Temple
Senator Mansfield	Joe Califano
Senator Russell Long	George Christian
Postmaster General O'Brien	Tom Johnson

The meeting began at 6:03 p. m. The meeting ended at 7:25 p. m.

Attachment.

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NOTES OF THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
WITH
DEMOCRATIC LEADERS

November 7, 1967
Cabinet Room

THE PRESIDENT: Most of the items are House items we want to talk about tonight.

I have some interesting statistical dope on previous sessions of Congress. This answers the charges of a "do nothing" Congress.

In FDR's first 100 days, only 15 measures were passed. They included:

1. Economy Act
2. Emergency Bank Legislation
3. Establishment of C. C. C.
4. Agriculture Adjustment Act
5. TVA

Congressional Quarterly's box score:

	<u>Bills Submitted</u>	<u>Bills passed</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1961	355	172	48%
1962	298	134	44.6%
1963	401	109	27.6%
1964	217	125	57.6%
1965	469	323	68.9%
1966	371	272	55.8%

Larry O'Brien's box score:

1961	53	33	62%
1962	54	40	74%
1963	58	35	61%
1964	52	45	87%
* 1965	87	84	95%
1966	113	97	85.8%

* 30 of these landmark measures

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Senator Mansfield may want to have a press conference this week.
Also Speaker McCormack on House measures passed.

This year, we have passed:

- Older Americans
- College Work Study
- Investment Tax Credit
- Veterans Benefits
- Selective Service
- Urban Fellowships
- Rent Supplements
- Model Cities
- Food for India
- Outer Space
- Consular Treaty
- Inter-American Development Bank

The President went into "probable" bills for passage:

1. Rat Extermination
2. Military Pay
3. Postal Rate Increase
4. Civilian Pay
5. Product Safety Commission
6. Partnership for Health
7. Air Pollution (sign in Buffalo next week)
8. Elementary and Secondary Education
9. Office of Economic Opportunity Funds
10. Foreign Aid

THE PRESIDENT: On poverty, we want all we can get.

CONGRESSMAN ALBERT: The committee is going down the line on it.
Mrs. Green made a good speech on it today.

(The President then continued listing the "probable" bills for passage:)

11. Mental Retardation
12. Civil Rights Commission
13. San Rafael Wilderness
14. Federal Judicial Center

THE PRESIDENT: I am planning to go to some of these military units at the invitation of General Wheeler this weekend.

Friday is Armistice Day.

Should I take a Congressional delegation with me?

CONGRESSMAN ALBERT: No problem in the House.

SENATOR MANSFIELD: I wouldn't take any. I need these boys there.

THE PRESIDENT: On Foreign Aid, we are getting in some serious situations in Peru and Brazil.

BAREFOOT SANDERS: This will be on the House floor tomorrow.

THE PRESIDENT: Now, they say military might take over any day in some of these countries. We need a rule on the Export-Import Bank.

A scandal is coming on holding companies. We've told them we laid it out, and they walked away from it. We need to get holding company legislation out this session.

(The President then continued listing the "probable" bills for passage:)

- 15. Export-Import Bank
- 16. Flood Insurance

The "Possibles"

1. Juvenile Delinquency
2. Safe Streets -- Want it very much
3. Social Security -- Senator Long said they would report this bill tomorrow.
4. Flammable Fabrics
5. Truth-in-Lending
6. Civil Rights -- Interference
7. Fire Safety
8. Age Discrimination

THE PRESIDENT: The people on my staff frightened about economic situation. British money flooding over here because of high interest rates. It's hurting the British pound.

SENATOR BOGGS: Business community is alarmed about this too. The committee wouldn't even let Secretary Fowler and Director Schultze be heard.

THE PRESIDENT: Let's get Fowler and Schultze to sit down and tell you the consequences.

SENATOR LONG: Fulbright will vote against it because he thinks it adds to Vietnam. Hartke has reasons not to vote for it. Fellows like Talmadge and Ribicoff want no tax increase.

The best I can make of it is we must get Republicans to vote with us.

THE PRESIDENT: I want to get them to pass Truth-in-Lending bill the way it is.

In the House, of the 19 bills we discussed: 4 passed; 1 OEO on the floor tomorrow; 2 out of Committee.

Total of 7 moving.

In the Senate, of the 21 bills we discussed: 7 passed; 3 out of appropriation

Total of 10 of them are moving.

THE PRESIDENT: What do we do if we do not get tax bills?

SENATOR MANSFIELD: You're going to get the blame.

SENATOR BOGGS: Can't get a poll to favor tax increase. We favored and passed tax measures during Korea.

THE PRESIDENT: Must either cut 8 billion or get a tax increase. That will be tough.

Get a memorandum to the Speaker and Senator Mansfield on this matter.

Give Committees alternatives.

If that fails we should say to the American people, we have asked for a tax bill and agreed to cut dollar for dollar. I want my record clear.

I want to show how much interest rates will cost us.