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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, 1964, at 12 o'clock noon.

Senate

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1964

(Legislative day of Monday, March 30, 1964)

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by Hon. MAURINE B. NEUBERGER, a Senator from the State of Oregon.

Rev. Fred M. Chapman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Midlothian, Tex., offered the following prayer:

We lift our voices unto You in prayer, our Eternal Father. To You we give praise, the God of all mankind, the Creator and Ruler of the universe.

It is with hearts of contrition we bow before You. We recognize Your holiness and our sinfulness. We know that You are absolute, and we know that we are completely dependent upon You. Have mercy upon us and cleanse us from all sin.

To You we give thanks for all our blessings. We are especially thankful for our Nation, for our forefathers, and for our sustaining fathers. We thank You for our system of government, the Constitution, and the freedom it affords.

We petition You, our Father. We pray for this great Senate and each Senator. We pray your guidance upon this body as it deliberates the great issues of the day.

May all that is done here today bring glory to God and honor to all men everywhere.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

DESIGNATION OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, D.C., May 16, 1964.

To the Senate:

Being temporarily absent from the Senate, I appoint Hon. MAURINE B. NEUBERGER, a

Senator from the State of Oregon, to perform the duties of the Chair during my absence.

LEE METCALF,
Acting President pro tempore.

Mrs. NEUBERGER thereupon took the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

THE JOURNAL

On request by Mr. MANSFIELD, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, May 15, 1964, was dispensed with.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT— APPROVAL OF BILLS

Messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Miller, one of his secretaries, and he announced that on May 14, 1964, the President had approved and signed the following acts:

S. 1005. An act to amend paragraph (2) (G) of subsection 309(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, by granting the Federal Communications Commission additional authority to grant special temporary authorizations for 60 days for certain non-broadcast operations; and

S. 1193. An act to amend section 309(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to require that positions for intervention be filed not more than 30 days after publication of the hearing issues in the Federal Register.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session,
The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations, which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(For nominations this day received, see the end of Senate proceedings.)

ORDER FOR TRANSACTION OF ROUTINE BUSINESS

Mr. MANSFIELD. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that at the conclusion of a quorum call, there be a morning hour, under the usual circumstances, with statements therein limited to 3 minutes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER FOR RECESS TO MONDAY, AT 10 A.M.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Madam President, a parliamentary inquiry.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Montana will state it.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Has permission been granted for the Senate to take a recess, on the completion of its business today, until 10 o'clock Monday morning next?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Permission has been granted.

CALL OF THE ROLL

Mr. MANSFIELD. Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The Chief Clerk called the roll, and the following Senators answered to their names:

[No. 233 Leg.]

Allott	Carlson	Dominick
Bartlett	Case	Douglas
Bayh	Church	Eastland
Bennett	Clark	Ellender
Bible	Curtis	Ervin
Cannon	Dodd	Fong

Gruening	McClellan	Robertson
Hart	McGee	Russell
Hayden	McGovern	Saltinostall
Holland	McIntyre	Scott
Hruska	McNamara	Simpson
Humphrey	Miller	Smith
Inouye	Monroney	Sparkman
Johnston	Morton	Stennis
Jordan, Idaho	Mundt	Walters
Keating	Nelson	Williams, N.J.
Lausche	Neuberger	Young, N. Dak.
Long, Mo.	Proxmire	Young, Ohio
Mansfield	Ribicoff	

Mr. HUMPHREY. I announce that the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. ANDERSON], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. BREWSTER], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. BYRD], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. FULBRIGHT], the Senator from Washington [Mr. JACKSON], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. JORDAN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. LONG], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. MCCARTHY], the Senator from OREGON [Mr. MORSE], the Senator from Utah [Mr. MOSS], the Senator from Maine [Mr. MUSKIE], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. PASTORE], and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. THURMOND] are absent on official business.

I also announce that the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. BURDICK], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. EDMONDSON], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. GORE], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. HARTKE], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. HILL], the Senator from Washington [Mr. MAGNUSON], the Senator from Montana [Mr. METCALF], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. PELL], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. RANDOLPH], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. SYMINGTON], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. TALMADGE], and the Senator from Texas [Mr. YARBOROUGH] are necessarily absent.

I further announce that the Senator from California [Mr. ENGLE] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. SMATHERS] are absent because of illness.

Mr. CARLSON. I announce that the Senators from Vermont [Mr. AIKEN and Mr. PROUTY] and the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. COOPER] are absent on official business.

The Senator from Maryland [Mr. BEALL], the Senators from Delaware [Mr. BOGGS and Mr. WILLIAMS], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. GOLDWATER], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. COTTON], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DIRKSEN], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HICKENLOOPER], the Senator from California [Mr. KUCHEL], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. MECHEM], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. PEARSON], and the Senator from Texas [Mr. TOWER] are necessarily absent.

The Senator from New York [Mr. JAVITS] is absent by leave of the Senate on official business as Chairman of the NATO Parliamentarians Conference.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. A quorum is present.

BILL INTRODUCED

A bill was introduced, read the first time, and, by unanimous consent, the second time, and referred as follows:

By Mr. JOHNSTON:
S. 2851. A bill for the relief of Vasilios Manousakis and Eleni Manousakis; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDRESSES, EDITORIALS, ARTICLES, ETC., PRINTED IN THE APPENDIX

On request, and by unanimous consent, addresses, editorials, articles, etc., were ordered to be printed in the Appendix, as follows:

By Mr. JOHNSTON:
Editorial entitled "President Projects Two Big Moves Possible Without Loss of Security"; also editorial entitled "Investing Money in People Is Wise," published in the Anderson, S.C., Independent of April 23, 1964.
Editorial entitled "Nation Honors Noted Statesman; Harry Truman Is 80 Years Young," published in the Anderson, S.C., Independent of May 8, 1964.

REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE MAHON, OF TEXAS, NEW CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. MANSFIELD. Madam President, all of us were deeply shocked at the passing of our old friend and colleague, Clarence Cannon, who was chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations. However, despite the feeling of Congress, we are very pleased and happy that to step into the breach we had a man of the caliber of Representative GEORGE MAHON, of Texas.

Many Members of this body served with Representative MAHON and know him as a man who is understanding, tolerant, and reasonable, who does not seek notoriety and publicity, but who does a good, sound job, day in and day out.

In some respects he is not as well known as he should be and this, I know, is a matter of personal preference; but so far as Congress and Texas, his State, are concerned, we know him as a man of devotion, dedication, ability, and experience.

I feel that the Nation is fortunate, under the sad circumstances, to have a man like GEORGE MAHON, the tall Texan with his ability, devotion, and dedication, to step into the breach and fill the place left by our late beloved colleague, Clarence Cannon.

Because of my high respect and great admiration for this great Texan and American, I ask unanimous consent that an article by William S. White, which appeared in last evening's Washington Star, entitled "The Passing Scene—All Nice Guys Don't Finish Last," be printed at this point in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

ALL NICE GUYS DON'T FINISH LAST
(By William S. White)

Not even in politics do nice guys always finish last. For distinguished evidence of this there is Representative GEORGE MAHON, of Texas, who has just ascended to the chairmanship of the House Appropriations Committee in succession to the late Clarence Cannon, of Missouri.

For more than 20 years Mr. MAHON has been a significant Member of Congress. For

most of these years he has had a responsible hand in the allocation of countless billions of dollars and a critical and decisive role in defense appropriations alone running to more than \$450 billion.

For a decade, at least, he has been among the 10 or 12 men who really run Congress, as head of the appropriations subcommittee which has the military directly in its charge. Now, as chairman of the entire committee, his writ runs everywhere and he is unquestionably among the topmost six of Congress.

DOES JOB QUIETLY

In spite of it all, he has been Mr. Anonymous, quietly doing his job, bearing a staggering responsibility for the military safety of this Nation and its allies around the world, and never making the headlines. Ask the first six people you meet to tell you who is GEORGE MAHON and from all six you will very likely get the reply: "Who, indeed?"

Mr. MAHON, a tall, shy, reticent and soft-spoken man of 63 who at a glance could pass for 45, is a leathery product of west Texas who could easily be either the fellow in the white hat or the black hat in any Dodge City of television. His simple, undemanding demeanor masks one of the wisest and most sophisticated minds in the United States in the strategic fundamentals of warfare as seen from the ultimately controlling vantage point held by such political masters of all high strategy.

It is said of him, and rightly so, that he knows the byways of the Pentagon far better than any Secretary of Defense we have ever had—because while Secretaries come and go, Mr. MAHON has stayed on and on.

Still, if you met him you might think him a reserved country schoolteacher or, possibly, a sedate rancher in town to see the banker about a loan. It is the Mahons of Congress—the quiet, little-noticed, deeply responsible men who are content with the power and never mind the pomp and never mind the pomp and publicity—who are it's last and best justification.

Mr. MAHON is never seen at the glittering Washington parties. Celebrated hostesses know him not. Nor is he invited to the intimate affairs of the diplomatic and bureaucratic sets. They, too, know him not. And the more fools they, for within the modest 7-gallon Stetson he wears is a capacity for real decision over real matters a hundred-fold greater than in the more socially aggressive guests who are in the curious order of things, asked in his stead.

In reality, Mr. MAHON to, say, an Assistant Secretary of State, is about what a commanding general of an Army group is to an aide de camp wearing his shoulder cord over the gilt bars of a second lieutenant. But reality escapes many people here—and this is fine with such as GEORGE MAHON. For they have the work to do.

JUSTIFICATION OF FACTS

Moreover, the Mahons as a class, and GEORGE MAHON specifically, are also the last and best justifications of the very two congressional facts of life now under the widest attack from reformers: The seniority system and the one-party system believed by many to be so notably evil.

But for the seniority system, mere personal, popularity polls and log rolling, and not the hard competence that can only come from long experience, would choose the committee chairmen of Congress. And but for the one-party system, with all its faults, men like GEORGE MAHON could never survive long enough to reach that place of power from which the Mahons alone are able to disregard the little local pressures and passing hysterias and so to concentrate on the great and timeless national issues.

At this point they are in fact statesmen; and only politicians some of the time and then only incidentally. They are nice guys, yes; but they are something far more. They are indispensable guys.