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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. *J.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
March 28, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH *Jm*

FROM:

WILLIAM T. KENDALL *WTK*
PATRICK E. O'DONNELL *POD*

MEY

SUBJECT:

The Tax Reduction Act of 1975

The following 16 Senators voted against the Tax Reduction Conference Report:

Bartlett, Bellmon, Buckley, Fannin, Garn, Goldwater, Hansen, Helms, Hruska, McClure, Scott (Va.), Thurmond, Tower, Young, Byrd (Va.), Stennis.

The following 8 Senators were announced as absent but against the Conference Report:

Brock, Griffin, Hatfield, Laxalt, Eastland, Mansfield, McClellan, Morgan. (The Mansfield report may be a Congressional Record misprint).

The following 4 Senators were absent but have informed us they would vote to sustain a veto:

Curtis, Packwood, Percy, Stevens.

Senator Scott (Pa.) voted for the Report but pledges to vote to sustain. Thus, the total of committed Senators (to vote to sustain) is 29.

The following Senators are likely prospects:

- Baker: Says he "probably" would vote to sustain.
- Fong: Voted for the bill and was paired for the Report, but might swing over.
- Pearson: Was absent, voted for the original bill. No word from him on veto.
- Roth: Voted against original. For Conference Report. Wavering.
- Allen: Was absent, voted against original bill. Definitely a possibility.
- Biden: Absent, voted against bill, a remote possibility.

McGee: Absent, voted for original bill, another remote possibility.

Nunn: Absent, voted against original bill. Told us he "might" vote to sustain, depending on the President's reasoning if he vetoed.

Sparkman: Was absent on both votes, and is unknown.

In order to sustain, we need five of the above possibilities.

A personal note from Bill Kendall:

I believe we can get the necessary votes in the Senate to sustain a veto. After reading the Wall Street Journal editorial today I lean against the tax bill on economic grounds. However, on the political side I tend to agree with Senator Griffin that a veto will present a public relations problem in view of our campaign for a tax cut as soon as possible. There is no doubt that we would have problems with Senator Long on future tax bills and possibly the energy bills should the President veto the bill and it is sustained. A call from the President to Senator Long is recommended whether he signs or vetoes. Incidentally, I understand Bob Novak thinks the President can defend a veto politically.