



MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1954

196 Days to come

In at 8¹⁵ AM - breakfast meeting - Kuroki, Kishi, Lathrop, Kato, Koyama, Condon, H. Beales: Spenser, Hallack, Schwab, Don Reed, Allen - Sec. Humphrey, Under Sec. Furey - 2 staff - agenda @ 10:00

① Hawaii ② Freight absorption bill ③ Dairy support bills

① Humphrey led off on taxes - asked for Congressional schedule - "how to keep from being trapped in 'no emergency services taxes" - Hallack said plan was to put on West - being says April 1st - excise tax bill, then next week - West - being says general revenue and 5% corporate tax - "two packages deal" - requested 21 Reg. Commission for review of description - would work on them - decided "financial responsibility" of operation - said 60% would total income tax revenue = publisher worried of loss of passing emergency bill, wouldn't say "yes" or "no" on whether could step forward to do everything possible to get plan through

② Hawaii - concluded to move on Hawaii as separate bill, but for absorption to be led to act - Butler requested close vote with 304-60 off line: has neutralized "new take to vote, multiple put a stake" - wanted to make a strong fight, until promise to take Alaska later. Kishi said "Alaska can't become his own state"

③ on freight absorption - further and should to continue work on it

④ Dairy price supports - Moore said people should be told, butter market dropping - need to discuss of surplus in 5-6 hrs - goes around in 15 minutes - has said "my little daughter is low and she would enjoy butter, give me, give me, give me" - Moore requested the resignation of Butler drop from 16 lbs to 5 lbs - need to encourage use of fluid milk consumption

After meeting, Mr. called leaders into his office and laid down the law - said "let's stop the nonsense - I get down to