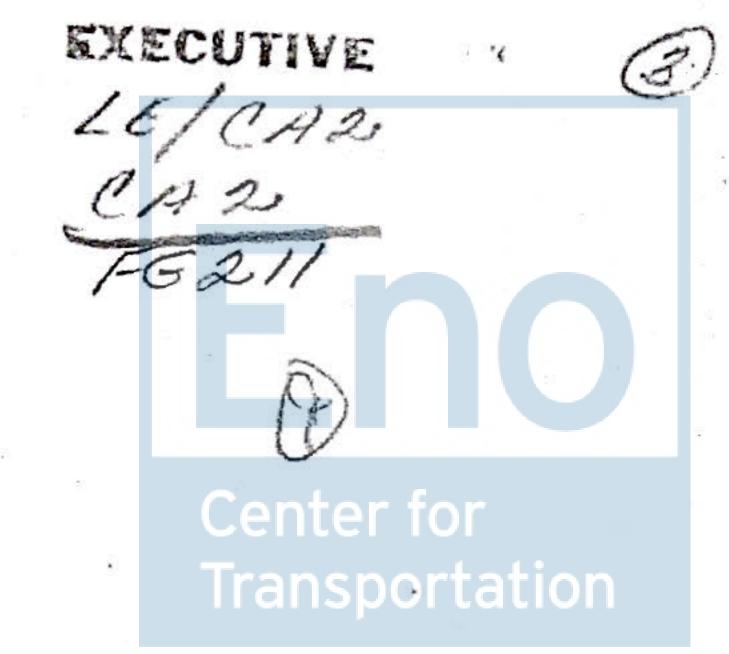
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Mike Monroney says that he feels quite certain he couldn't get the Administration airport bill passed -- even if he supported it -- which he doesn't. He thinks that a user's tax is palatable only if a trust fund is established. He is thinking about calling hearings and trying to write his own bill. However, his best guess is no action at all this session.

He says he will talk to Magnuson within the next few days to try to get a time set up for consideration of the Crooker renomination. He does see the problems of Republican desire to hold it up coupled with the unhappiness of some carriers over the Transpacific decision. I pointed out that Crooker had taken no action on the Transpacific case so there was no rational basis for the carriers to be unhappy with Crooker over the examiner's opinion.

I think it would be a good idea for you to ask Magnuson when he intends to hold hearings on the renomination. If this drifts on until close to convention time, partisan feelings will be running higher than ever.

De Vier Pierson