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Monday, June 30.

Light week, clearing up for the long weekend.

President was right about his concern regarding the doxology. The press was full of bad reaction stuff, grossly overplayed.

Main thrust today was the surtax vote. President had a long breakfast with group of Congressmen opposed. Got a lot of them to agree to switch if needed. It was needed and bill finally carried House by 210-205. Democratic leadership completely folded. Harlow thinks on purpose. President spent lot of time during the day on phone calls to keep lines shored up. Apparently Bill Timmons did excellent job of riding hard, maneuvering, etc.

President spent whole afternoon at EOB holed up. Had a couple of appointments there.

Other big item is attempt still to get new guidelines statement regarding school desegregation. Problem is getting Finch to let one go - but President is determined. Knowles matter didn't help in making Finch a martyr.

In late evening signed letter to all Congressmen who voted for surtax - Democrats and Republicans.