

VOLUMINOUS EXECUTIVE ORDERS

There are six volumes of the Federal Register, containing the Executive orders of the President of the United States, and the regulations of the departments of Government, which have the force and effect of law. Although the Constitution of the United States provides that the President shall not make an appointment of a Cabinet member without the advice and consent of the Senate, it took six volumes to print the regulations issued by Cabinet officers, together with the Executive orders of the President.

I show these volumes, Mr. President, to the Senate, to the occupants of the galleries, and particularly to those in the Press Gallery.

I turn the volumes around, so that the press representatives may see the backs of these six volumes of the Federal Register, which the Government had printed at the Government Printing Office, and which contain the Executive orders and regulations issued by the executive branch of the Government during the year 1957, the same year when this small volume I balance in my hand was sufficient to print all of the public laws.

There is growing up—and this is the question I wish to discuss with the Senate, with the country, with the occupants of the galleries, with the press and with the empty seats on the Republican side, save only the seat of the junior Senator from California [Mr. Kuchel]—

Mr. KUCHEL. Mr. President, will my friend yield?

Mr. O'MAHONEY. I yield.

Mr. KUCHEL. Let the Record show that the time is 1:30, and that my colleagues are having their weekly Republican policy luncheon meeting, something which I believe the Record also shows is a custom unknown to and unshared by my colleagues on the Democratic side.

Mr. McGEE. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. O'MAHONEY. I yield to my colleague from Wyoming.

Mr. McGEE. Would the distinguished Senator from California suggest the Republicans might be having a policy session at this luncheon? We believe, on the Democratic side, that we ought to have each individual Senator make up his own mind on these questions.

Mr. KUCHEL. I am sure my able friend from Wyoming believes that.

Let me say, Mr. President, that one of the delightful and constructive things which Republican Senators share is this weekly policy luncheon, at which we break bread together and discuss our country's problems, sometimes a little vigorously, and then, responsive to God and our consciences and the Republican Party in about that order of things, we come to the Senate Chamber, where we cast the votes we believe we should in the public interest.

Mr. O'MAHONEY. Mr. President, I want the Record to show that it is my privilege to serve on one of the great committees of the Senate with the Senator from California, who is the assistant minority floor leader; that is, the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. And let me say to the Senate that in that committee from time to time we have received rather comprehensive evidence of the pervasive influence of Wall Street upon the development of western resources. The Senator from California knows well that this administration put an end to the program of making synthetic fuel from coal and oil shale.