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the compromise aid bill if the House manages to pass

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Johnson today set aside his personal plans for Christmas - when House Republicans mustered enough votes to delay action on the Foreign Aid Bill until tomorrow. Mister Johnson had planned to leave Washington tonight for his Texas ranch. Instead - he has turned his full attention to the House battle over the money bill. Actually - the hassel is not over money. A three billion dollar figure has been agreed on - for foreign economic and military assistance.

The bone of contention is a rider which would forbid the use of government credit guarantees to help finance the pending wheat sale to Russia - and which raises the issue of which end of Pennsylvania Avenue shapes American foreign policy. Democratic Senate

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courtroom door - and relieved of a snub nosed 25-
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WEATHER

TAPE

2.23
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LAUREL

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