

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE JOINT
REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1963, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE
CAPITOL OFFICE (H-202) OF THE HOUSE MINORITY LEADER,
THE HONORABLE CHARLES A. HALLECK

Present:

Members: Senators Dirksen, Saltonstall, Hickenlooper
Congressmen Halleck, Arends, Ford, Brown, Wilson

Absent: The Presiding Officer, Congressman William E. Miller
Senators Kuchel, Morton
Congressman Byrnes

Also Present: Robert Humphreys, Bryce Harlow, Harry Brookshire,
Robert Allett, Mark Trice

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

Legislative Blame on JFK

Three Year Record

Other Legislative Matters

Prior to Senator Dirksen calling the meeting to order at 9:20 A.M., Congressman Brown discussed the ramifications of the Civil Rights bill before the House Committee on Rules. It was his opinion that they would like to get the bill out before the Christmas recess and that there might be an attempt to move to report it out of the Rules Committee immediately.

Congressman Halleck raised a question about the possibility of a sine die adjournment of the Congress subsequent to Christmas, coming back around the middle of January instead of the third as now planned. Senator Dirksen stated he expected to confer with Senator Mansfield today at which time he would raise the question.

LEGISLATIVE BLAME ON JFK

Senator Dirksen read a prepared press release on this subject and after several changes it was approved as read.

THREE YEAR RECORD

Congressman Halleck then read a prepared statement on the subject of the "Three Year Record" and after a minor change it was approved.

Senator Hickenlooper suggested that some consideration should be given to raising a question after the first of the year on "What will be the crisis just before next November". He thought the matter should be constantly raised, with a question as to whether Castro might be out by next November and some other person just as bad in control. Also, there was a question as to whether or not a "deal" might be made with the Kremlin.

Congressman Wilson raised a question about political fund raising at the New York World Fair and stated that if this were approved, legislation would be necessary. Congressman Halleck again raised concern over the question and thought that more serious thought and reflection should be given to the matter. No definite decision was arrived at.

OTHER LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Senator Dirksen commented on the recent remarks made by Congressman Steed and stated that the Senate would reject the Conference Report on the Legislative Appropriation bill and pass an interim resolution, with the hope of resolving the matter later.

Congressman Halleck spoke briefly on the subject which Congressman Byrnes will discuss in the House today and expressed complete confidence in him.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

J. Mark Fritch
Acting Secretary

STATUS OF MAJOR BILLS -- 88th CONGRESS, 1st SESSION

NOVEMBER 21, 1963

APPROPRIATIONS BILLS:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Description of Bills</u>
Have become law	4	Interior & Related Agencies; Treasury-Post Office; Health, Education & Labor; Defense
Await conference action	4	Agriculture; Legislative; District of Columbia; Independent Offices
Passed by House only	3	State, Justice, Commerce; Public Works; Military Construction
No Action	<u>1</u> 12	Foreign Aid

MAJOR BILLS:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Description of Bills</u>
Have become law	6	Universal Military Training and Service Act; Aircraft, Missiles and Naval Vessels authorization; Health Professions Education Assistance Act of 1963; Tax Rate Extension Act of 1963; Mental Health Assistance; Test Ban Treaty.
In Conference	3	Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963; Vocational Education Act of 1963; Foreign Assistance Act of 1963
Passed Senate and Reported in House	2	Youth Conservation Corps; Mass Transportation
Passed House only	<u>1</u> 12	Revenue Act of 1963

Congressional Quarterly shows that through October 9, Congress had approved 37 of President Kennedy's 405 legislative requests -- for a total of 9.13 percent. This is up from Kennedy's score of 4.7 percent as of July 31.