

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE JOINT
REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR MARCH 15, 1962,
AT 8:30 A.M. IN THE OFFICE OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER,
THE HONORABLE EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Members Present:

Senators Dirksen, Saltonstall, Hickenlooper
Representatives Halleck, Arends, Hoeven, Byrnes

Members Absent:

Senator Kuchel
Congressman Brown

Also Absent: The Presiding Officer, William E. Miller

Also Present: Robert Humphreys, Harry Brookshire, Robert Allett
and Mark Trice

In the absence of the Presiding Officer, the Honorable
William E. Miller, the meeting was called to order at 8:45 A.M. by
Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen and the following agenda was presented
for consideration:

The Liberal Papers

Legislative Matters

LIBERAL PAPERS

The previously prepared fact sheets and suggested statements having
been previously distributed, Senator Dirksen read to the Members a
suggested press release on this subject. After a brief discussion it was
agreed that the words "and the Clivedon Set" be eliminated and the statement
was approved. A copy is attached.

Congressman Charles A. Halleck then read for the information of the
Members a suggested press release on the same subject and the last sentence
in the next to the last paragraph was made stronger by the addition of
several words. The statement was then approved as read and a copy is attached.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Congressman Charles A. Halleck informed the group that he understood that the House would act on the Welfare and Pension Plans Disclosure Act and then consider the public assistance and child welfare services programs of the Social Security Act. He stated that the Republicans hoped to eliminate from the latter an item added in the amount of \$140 million. He stated that the House would soon consider the tax bill and that he hoped that a rule could be obtained covering three items, namely, the 8% tax credit, an amendment regarding interest and dividends, and one relating to overseas earnings of American corporations. He stated that if a rule could not be obtained on these items that a motion would probably be made to re-commit the bill.

In response to questions in regard to the Medicare bill he stated that he did not believe the bill would be reported out of the House Committee. The Speaker had stated that two Republican votes were needed to get the bill reported but that he could not find any Republican changing his position. While there had been some talk of a compromise measure, he knew of none. However, Senator Dirksen suggested that it might be the Javits bill.

Senator Bourke B. Hickenlooper spoke briefly on the United Nations bond issue and informed them of the action taken by the Foreign Relations Committee. The Senator also spoke of the difference between the Hickenlooper-Aiken amendment and the reported bill.

Congressman Byrnes spoke on the tax bill and stated that an effort would be made to have a substitute for the 8% tax credit which would cause a tax loss of \$1.8 to \$2.0 billion. His substitute amendment would deal with accelerated depreciation. He referred to the Committee amendment in regard to withholding dividends and interest as a monstrosity.

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Senator Dirksen informed the Members of the legislative situation in the Senate in regard to adding a constitutional amendment relating to the poll tax to a Senate joint resolution. The House Members present thought that this approach would probably be acceptable to the House but that they would have to check further.

Senator Hickenlooper spoke briefly about Republican representation to attend the Inter-American Conference but expressed the opinion that no basic agreement would be arrived at so that it would not be necessary to have a member in attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M.


Acting Secretary

Approved by the
Acting Presiding Officer
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