

MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE JOINT REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR APRIL 13, 1961, AT
8:30 A.M. IN THE OFFICE OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER,
SENATOR EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Members Present:

Senators Morton, Dirksen, Saltonstall, Kuchel
Representatives Halleck, Arends, Byrnes, Brown, Hoeven

Members of the Meeting but not Present:

Senator Bridges

Also Present:

J. Mark Trice, Harry Brookshire, Robert Humphreys, Robert Allett

The Chairman, Senator Thruston B. Morton, called the meeting to
order at 8:36 A.M.

The agenda for the meeting, as previously agreed to by Senator Dirksen
and Congressman Halleck, is as follows:

Grain Market Decline

Red China

Findings of Members during Easter Holidays

Grain Market Decline

Mr. Humphreys presented to each person present a staff paper in
regard to the dumping of corn and the decline in the price thereof.

After this paper was read Congressman Halleck read a proposed state-
ment to be made to the press in regard to the subject. After discussion
of the matter the statement was approved and a copy is attached hereto.

Russian Space Conquest

While this subject was not on the agenda the question was raised as to
what might be said to the press should inquiry be made by them. It was
generally agreed that nothing would be said but if the question is raised by
the press the reply would be that it was "a great achievement" and let the
matter stop there.

Red China

Mr. Humphreys submitted to the members present a staff paper on the subject of admission of Red China to the United Nations.

Senator Dirksen first read a statement which he had prepared on this subject. He then read a second release. After discussing the matter it was suggested that a sentence in the second release relating to Messrs. Stevenson, Bowles, Rusk, Rostow and Mrs. Roosevelt be eliminated. This was agreed to. A further suggestion was made that the resolution be offered in the House by Congressman Judd and it was agreed that the resolution should take the form of a concurrent resolution. The statement as amended was approved and is attached hereto.

Cuba

The Chairman was asked what would happen if any question was raised concerning Cuba and he read to the meeting the remarks made by the President at his Press Conference.

The matter was discussed briefly and a decision was made that if inquiry were made there should be no comment.

Dirksen Visit with Kennedy

Senator Dirksen spoke of his visit with the President last Friday. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss two matters in which he was personally interested. He said the meeting continued for some time thereafter as the President did not seem pressed for time.

The Senator stated that the President had shown to him a letter from President de Gaulle in regard to the Laotian crisis. Their conversation dealt mostly with the crisis in Laos and the situation in general in that area.

He stated that the President was particularly interested in foreign aid funds in that area and that he suggested the President hold a series of White House meetings to acquaint the Members with the need.

Findings of Members During Easter Vacation

There was not much time left for discussion on this subject but Congressman Hoeven stated that during a trip to Iowa he found the farmers very much disillusioned and that as far as he could see "the honeymoon" was over in Iowa. He also stated that there is a state of flux insofar as the feed grain situation was concerned.

The Chairman stated that on a visit to Kentucky he had found that a TVA matter was causing some difficulty.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:42 A.M.

J. Mark Frie.
Acting Secretary

Approved by the
Presiding Officer
April 14, 1961