

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE JOINT  
REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR THURSDAY,  
MAY 9, 1963, AT 8:30 A.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE  
(H-202) OF THE HOUSE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE  
CHARLES A. HALLECK

Present:

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

Absent: The Presiding Officer, Congressman William E. Miller  
Senator Kuchel

Also Present:

Guest: Paul Theis, Publicity Director, Republican Congressional  
Campaign Committee

Staff: Robert Humphreys, Bryce Harlow, Harry Brookshire,  
Robert Allett, Mark Trice

In the absence of the Chairman, Senator Dirksen called the  
meeting to order at 8:45 A.M. and announced the agenda for the meeting  
as follows:

Political Outlook for 1964

- a. Senator Morton
- b. Representative Wilson

Legislative Matters

Political Outlook for 1964

Senator Dirksen then recognized Congressman Wilson who proceeded  
to read the previously-prepared proposed statement on this subject.

Several minor changes were suggested and the statement was approved.

A copy is attached.

Senator Dirksen, in the temporary absence of Senator Morton, then  
read the proposed statement which the Senator would later make. Several  
changes were suggested and the statement was then approved. A copy is  
attached.

Legislative Matters

There was general discussion as to what subjects might be raised at the press conference and the recent Rockefeller marriage, the tense situation in Birmingham, Alabama, the feed grains bill and the debt ceiling legislation were briefly discussed.

It was agreed that Senators Dirksen and Morton and Congressmen Halleck and Wilson would appear before the press and that either Senator Dirksen or Congressman Halleck would introduce Senator Morton and Congressman Wilson who would make their respective statements.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 A.M.

  
Acting Secretary