

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE JOINT REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR MONDAY, JUNE 11, 1962, AT
9:30 A.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE (P-48) OF THE SENATE MINORITY
LEADER, THE HONORABLE EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

Members:

Senators Dirksen, Hickenlooper, Kuchel
Congressmen Halleck, Arends, Brown, Hoeven

Staff:

Robert Humphreys, Robert Allett, Mark Trice

Absent:

Members:

Senator Saltonstall
Congressman Byrnes

The Presiding Officer, Congressman William E. Miller

The following agenda was presented for consideration:

Market and economic conditions

Tax cut

Other legislation

In the absence of the Chairman, William E. Miller, the meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen.

Economic Conditions

Prior to the reading of the prepared statement for release to the press, Senator Dirksen stated that it was based on recent remarks of Secretary Dillon regarding money plowed back by industry. Several minor word changes were suggested and the statement was approved, a copy of which is attached.

Congressman Brown spoke of a number of machine tool plants moving to Europe and stated that the prosperity statements being put out by the White House were similar to those used in the Hoover days.

It was suggested that the Members read a recent article in the Washington Star titled "Black Monday at the White House".

In regard to a recent press story about Congressman Byrnes which implied that he favored suggested tax cuts, Congressman Halleck stated that a quote which the Congressman had made had been left out of the story and it read as though he was for tax cuts when he was not.

Tax Cut

Congressman Halleck read the previously-prepared fact sheet for the Members present and then read the previously-prepared press release on the subject. After several minor word changes the statement was agreed to and a copy is attached.

Senator Hickenlooper stated that he was having a study made to determine where cuts might be made.

Congressman Arends stated that not one amendment had been offered in the House to cut the five appropriation bills which have been passed to date.

Senator Dirksen stated that he intended to offer a motion to recommit the pending Interior appropriations bill with instructions to report it back with the House figures.

Mr. Humphreys asked if there was any objection to putting on the ticker the subjects of the two items which would be released at the afternoon press conference. There being no objection, permission was granted.

It was suggested that inquiry be made as to the two cancellations of recent Meet the Press programs, one yesterday and one the week before. The previous one concerned the American Medical Association and the one yesterday was to have presented Senator Hickenlooper and Congressman Laird. Both programs had been replaced by golf matches.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

J. Marshall Fince.
Acting Secretary