

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE JOINT
REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR THURSDAY,
JUNE 27, 1963, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE
(S. 230) OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE
EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

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

Absent: The Presiding Officer, Congressman William E. Miller
Congressmen Arends, Brown

Also Present:

Robert Humphreys, Bryce Harlow, Harry Brookshire,
Harold Rainville, Robert Allett, Mark Trice

In the absence of the Chairman, Senator Dirksen called the meeting
to order at 9:12 A.M. and the agenda for the meeting is as follows:

The President's Budget

Economic Conditions
Task Force Results

JFK Dependence on GOP Votes

Other Legislative Matters

The President's Budget

The Senator then proceeded to read the previously-prepared
statement after calling attention to the two fact sheets.

Congressman Byrnes suggested that care be used in what the
statement said about a tax cut as it looked to him as though the tax
bill had bogged down in the Ways and Means Committee, and that at best
the effective date of any law would be January 1, 1964. After this
sentence was rearranged and several other minor changes made, the state-
ment was approved.

Congressman Halleck then read his previously-prepared press release
and after several minor word changes the statement was approved.

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Senator Dirksen then stated he would like to get the opinion of those Members present concerning the proposed salary increase bill which the Administration has had under consideration for some time but as yet not formalized. He spoke of the suggestion he had made whereby the President would fix salaries of Members of Congress within a high and a low amount.

Congressman Halleck stated there was definitely no enthusiasm for it in the House of Representatives and general comment was to the effect that if Congress was not included then certainly there should not be an increase any other place. Also, the opinion was expressed that whatever gain had been made by budget cuts, this would be liquidated by any salary increase.

Legislative Matters

Senator Dirksen then read for the information of the Members present a prepared statement to be issued by the Members of the Leadership either Friday or this week-end. Several suggestions were made as to changes in the release and it was approved.

Copies of all three statements as approved are attached hereto.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 A.M.

Mark Free
Acting Secretary