

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE JOINT REPUBLICAN  
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR AUGUST 15, 1961 AT 9:00 A.M.  
IN THE OFFICE OF SENATE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE  
EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Senator Bridges  
Representative Miller

Also Present:

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

In the absence of the Presiding Officer, Chairman William E. Miller,  
the meeting was called to order at 9:08 A.M. by Senator Everett Dirksen  
and the following agenda was presented for consideration:

Nuclear Test Ban

Loose Democrat Statements

Legislative Matters

Mr. Halleck was recognized and read a prepared fact sheet in regard  
to Nuclear Testing after which the proposed press statement was read.  
There was discussion concerning several changes to be made in the text  
and after mutual agreement the statement was approved.

Senator Dirksen called to the attention of the membership the prepared  
fact sheet in regard to conflicting Democrat statements on foreign policy  
and then read the proposed press statement. There was discussion on  
certain suggestions in the text after which the statement was approved.

Copies of statements as released are attached hereto.

Congressman Halleck stated that the House was ready to start the  
Foreign Aid Bill and also spoke concerning the recent action of the House  
in regard to the Hanford Nuclear Power Project.

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There was a brief discussion concerning the Impacted Areas and the Defense Education Act.

After brief discussion it was generally agreed that the Republicans should take the position that the Congress should adjourn sine die the weekend before Labor Day.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 A.M.

  
Acting Secretary

Approved by the  
Presiding Officer  
August 18, 1961