

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE JOINT
REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR THURSDAY,
AUGUST 22, 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, Kuchel, Morton
Congressmen Halleck, Arends, Byrnes, Brown, Ford, Wilson

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

Also Present:

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

Senator Dirksen called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M. in the
absence of the Chairman, Congressman William E. Miller.

The group sang "Happy Birthday" to Congressman Halleck in celebration
of his birthday and a small cake with one candle was placed on the table
in front of him.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Balance of Payments
Phantom JFK "Savings"
Foreign Aid and other
Legislative Matters
Meeting with Wheat Group

Balance of Payments

Senator Dirksen read a statement previously prepared and after comments
and several minor changes it was approved.

Phantom JFK "Savings"

Congressman Halleck then read a previously-prepared statement and after
brief discussion the statement was approved.

Copies of both statements are attached hereto.

Foreign Aid and other Legislative Matters

The action of the House in regard to the Foreign Aid bill was briefly discussed. Congressman Halleck stated that if the amount of the bill, namely, \$4.1 billion, was not cut then he would probably vote against it for the first time.

There was a brief discussion of the Presidential request in regard to tax legislation on foreign investments. It was suggested by Senator Kuchel that a statement should be put out on the subject of inflation, to which Senator Dirksen replied that later a statement might be made on the subject of balance of payments.

There was a brief discussion of the events on the 28th.

Congressman Brown stated that the Tax Bill would not be before the Rules Committee until the 10th of September.

The Railroad Strike situation was briefly discussed and it was stated that if any legislative action was taken the Senate would act first.

Meeting of Wheat Group

At 9:50 A.M. Congressmen Bob Dole, Albert Quie, Don Short together with Senator Hruska appeared before the group and Congressman Dole read a previously-prepared statement with regard to Wheat Legislation. Several minor changes were made and the statement was approved. A copy of the statement is attached.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.


Mark Price
Acting Secretary