

MINUTES OF THE NINETY-SECOND MEETING OF THE JOINT REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1965,
AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE (S-230) OF THE SENATE
MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

Senators Dirksen, Saltonstall, Hickenlooper
Congressmen Ford, Arends, Brown, Byrnes, Laird, Wilson

Absent:

Chairman Burch
Senators Kuchel and Morton

Also Present:

Robert Humphreys, Bryce Harlow, Harry Brookshire, Mark Trice

In the absence of Chairman Burch, Senator Dirksen called the meeting
to order at 4:08 P.M. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Reading of Discussion Paper

Discussion of Republican Coordinating Committee

READING OF DISCUSSION PAPER:

Senator Dirksen proceeded to read a prepared statement of six or seven
pages, setting forth facts in opposition to the total program of President
Johnson. The Senator stated that the purpose of the meeting was to decide
when and how to come to grips with the "Great Society".

There was general agreement that something had to be done but no
decision was made as to the correct or best approach. After general discussion
it was suggested that Bob Humphreys hold several conferences and bring in all
methods of the best way to present and lay out the program. It was suggested
that a meeting be held following the Lincoln Day period.

DISCUSSION OF REPUBLICAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE:

This subject was not discussed.

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Congressman Arends sought information as how best for the House to proceed on the Agriculture Supplemental Bill, containing Nasser and the Veterans Hospital amendments. Opinions were expressed but nothing definite was decided.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.


Acting Secretary