

MINUTES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE JOINT SENATE-  
HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1965,  
AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE (H-202) OF THE HOUSE MINORITY  
LEADER, THE HONORABLE GERALD R. FORD, JR.

Present:

Congressmen Ford, Arends, Rhodes, Laird, Brown, Wilson  
Senators Dirksen, Kuchel, Hickenlooper

Absent:

Chairman Burch  
Senators Saltonstall, Morton

Also Present:

Robert Humphreys, Bryce Harlow, Harry Brookshire, Mark Trice

In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was called to order by  
Senator Dirksen at 9:45 A.M. and the agenda of the meeting is as follows:

Coordinating Committee  
The "Great Society"  
Other Legislative Matters

COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Bob Humphreys spoke of receiving a memorandum from Richard Nixon concerning news coverage of the first meeting of the Coordinating Committee. It was generally agreed that any releases by the Task Force would receive better coverage if the releases were made on Monday morning.

THE "GREAT SOCIETY"

Congressman Ford read the previously-prepared press release on this subject and Senator Dirksen then read his proposed release as the two releases were related. The releases were approved with minor changes.

OTHER LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Congressman Brown discussed briefly the Education Bill. Congressman Ford stated that he would have a better idea tomorrow in regard to the timing on the part of the House re the Voting Rights Bill.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

*J. Mark Trice.*  
Acting Secretary