

MINUTES OF THE FORTIETH MEETING OF THE JOINT REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR MONDAY, MAY 28, 1962,
AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE (HE 203) OF THE HOUSE
MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE CHARLES A. HALLECK

Present:

Members:

Congressmen Halleck, Hoeven
Senators Dirksen, Hickenlooper

Staff:

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

Absent:

Members:

Congressmen Arends, Brown, Byrnes
Senators Saltonstall, Kuchel

The Presiding Officer, Congressman William E. Miller

The following agenda was presented for consideration:

JFK Economic Promises

Other JFK Promises

Medicare, taxes and other

In the absence of Chairman Miller the meeting was called to order at
9:35 a.m. by Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen.

JFK Economic Promises

Congressman Charles A. Halleck was recognized for the purpose of
reading a previously-prepared press statement in regard to JFK Economic
promises.

Other JFK Promises

Following brief discussion on the suggested Halleck statement Senator
Dirksen read a previously-prepared press release in regard to Other JFK
Promises.

There was general discussion on the two statements and several minor changes were recommended.

It was suggested that a check be made in regard to automobile production figures and that more emphasis should be put in the statement to place the blame on the Democratic Congress. It was also suggested that in the statement of Senator Dirksen where specific pledges were mentioned they should be omitted.

Both statements, as well as the fact sheet, were approved and a copy of each as approved is attached.

Legislative Situation

The legislative situation was briefly discussed with emphasis on laws expiring June 30 such as Reciprocal Trade and Excise Taxes.

Senator Hickenlooper raised a question concerning the introduction of a Sense of the Senate resolution or a Concurrent one in regard to putting the Administration on notice of Republican opposition to the contemplated \$8 billion increase in the debt limit. No specific action was taken but the consensus of opinion was that the idea was a good one.

Medicare, taxes and other

Comments were also made concerning the volume of mail received by Congressional offices against the medicare program since the President's New York speech on the subject.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Leadership would be held in the office of Senator Dirksen.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.



Acting Secretary

Approved by the
Acting Presiding Officer