

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD MEETING
OF THE JOINT SENATE-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED
FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE EIGHTH, 1966, AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE
CAPITOL OFFICE (S-230) OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER,
THE HONORABLE EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

Chairman Bliss
Senators Dirksen, Hickenlooper, Saltonstall, Morton
Congressmen Ford, Arends, Rhodes, Goodell

Absent:

Senator Kuchel
Congressmen Laird, Smith, Wilson

Also Present:

John Fisher, Bryce Harlow, Robert Hartman, Robert McCormick,
Harry Brookshire, J. Mark Trice

Chairman Bliss called the meeting to order at 2:10 P.M.

John Fisher reported that the "Question of the Week" had received good coverage throughout the country, in stories as well as pictures, and thereby encouraging the use of it as a regular feature.

The Chairman then recognized Congressman Ford and Senator Dirksen who in turn read their prepared statements on the subject of Credibility and after minor changes they were both approved. Copies are attached.

Chairman Bliss spoke of the matters coming before the Coordinating Committee on Monday, June twenty-seventh, and asked for advice as to when press conferences should be held. It was decided that a press conference would be held at noon on Monday and another at 4:30 P.M. with a noon press conference the following day.

It was suggested that Senator Dirksen and Congressman Ford be prepared for questions from the press on the Meredith shooting and the results of the California race.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:53 P.M.

J. Mark Trice
Acting Secretary