

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH MEETING OF THE
JOINT SENATE-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR
THURSDAY, AUGUST TWENTY-SIXTH, 1965, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE
CAPITOL OFFICE (S-230) OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER,
THE HONORABLE EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

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

Absent:

Chairman Bliss
Senator Morton

Also Present:

Bill Pendergast, Bryce Harlow, Arthur Peterson,
Harry Brookshire, Mark Trice

In the absence of the Chairman, Senator Dirksen called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M. He announced that Chairman Bliss could not be present because of a meeting with Negro leaders at Republican National Committee headquarters.

He suggested that a resolution be adopted expressing regrets of the Leadership because of the death of Clarence J. Brown, Representative from Ohio. The motion was made and agreed to and Senator Dirksen requested that Mark Trice prepare the resolution. A copy is attached.

Senator Dirksen also stated that on Monday, August thirtieth, there would be an all day meeting of the Coordinating Committee in the Cabinet Room of the Washington Hilton, commencing at 10:30 A.M. Dr. Peterson said that he expected all the Members to be present except Messrs. Goldwater, Nixon and Landon. There would be a press conference after the morning session.

Senator Dirksen discussed the legislative picture in the Senate and reviewed the legislative situation on the Farm Bill, Immigration, Repeal of 14-b, Higher Education, Agriculture, Reapportionment and Appropriations.

Congressman Ford asked concerning the Canadian Automobile Parts Bill and Senator Dirksen said that the matter was dormant in the Senate due to hearings on other legislation in the Finance Committee.

Questions were raised concerning the cost of the war in Vietnam and the withholding of the true costs until next January.

Congressman Ford said that the House had started hearings on the Sugar legislation. Senator Dirksen mentioned a specific instance which should be taken care of.

Senator Dirksen raised a question concerning the establishing of some method of keeping former President Eisenhower advised as to the thinking on the part of the Senate and House Republican Leadership on major matters. It was suggested that Dr. Pendergast prepare notes on the discussions which took place at the Leadership meetings and then Senator Dirksen would incorporate other matters and have the memorandum delivered to General Eisenhower at Gettysburg.

Congressman Ford said that action on the seating of the Mississippi Delegation in the House would commence around September twenty-first, and he expressed the hope that the House Republicans would not go along with the Southern Democrats. He felt it was necessary to have some Liberals join with them.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

J. Mark Trice
Acting Secretary