
Present:

Members: The Presiding Officer, William E. Miller
Senators Dirksen and Morton
Congressmen Halleck, Arends, Byrnes, Ford, Brown, Wilson

Absent: Senators Saltonstall, Kuchel, Hickenlooper

Also Present: Robert Humphreys, Harry Brookshire, Robert Allett, Mark Trice

The Chairman, Congressman Miller, called the meeting to order at 9:09 A.M. and the following agenda was presented for consideration:

Political Evaluation of LBJ

Three-year Democrat Foreign Policy Record

The Domestic Record

Senate Rules Committee

POLITICAL EVALUATION OF LBJ

Chairman Miller read a prepared statement which he intended to give at the press conference in conjunction with Senator Dirksen and Congressman Halleck. A slight change was made in the wording of the statement and it was approved.

THREE-YEAR DEMOCRAT FOREIGN POLICY RECORD

Senator Dirksen then read for the information of those present his prepared press release. After a brief discussion the statement was approved as read.

The Senator informed the meeting that he heard from a reliable source that the White House had been told by competent authorities of the Panama situation some time before the uprising there.
THE DEMOCRATIC RECORD

Congressman Halleck read for the information of those members present his prepared press statement and after a slight change at the suggestion of Congressman Wilson that some mention be made of the recent wheat sale to Russia, it was approved.

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

Senator Dirksen read for the information of those members present the Senate resolution under which the committee is operating and he also went into detail in regard to the early meetings which were held by Democratic and Republican Senators. He expressed the opinion that nothing should be done at this time while the matter is still in the hands of the committee and before they report. He stated that he had made certain suggestions not only to the Republican members of the committee but to the Chairman as well.

There was a full discussion of the whole matter and it was suggested that it might be wise for the three Republican members of the committee to meet with the Leadership some time soon.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Acting Secretary