

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE JOINT
REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 7, 1963, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE
(S-230) OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE
EVERETT MCKINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

Members:

Senators Dirksen, Saltonstall, Kuchel, Hickenlooper, Morton
Congressmen Halleck, Arends, Brown, Ford

Absent:

The Presiding Officer, Congressman William E. Miller
Congressmen Byrnes and Wilson

Also Present:

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

In the absence of the Presiding Officer, Senator Dirksen called the
meeting to order at 3:05 P.M.

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

Foreign Policy Statement

Photographers and still TV cameras photographing Leadership

Unemployment, Taxes and the Budget

Other Legislative Matters

Joint Leadership Operational Housekeeping

Foreign Policy Statement

Senator Dirksen read the previously-prepared statement on Foreign
Policy and after discussion one sentence was deleted and several changes
were made in the phraseology. The statement was approved for release at
a later date.

It was suggested that perhaps one might be released on Friday and the
other on Monday.

Unemployment, Taxes and the Budget

Congressman Halleck then read the previously-prepared statement relating to Unemployment, Taxes and the Budget. The last sentence was deleted and new language suggested by Senator Saltonstall. After minor changes were made in the phraseology the statement was approved.

Legislative Matters

Senator Dirksen stated that now that the Rules Change vote was out of the way, only token sessions would be held by the Senate next week, with no business scheduled. The membership of the legislative committees would be worked out the following week.

Congressman Halleck reported that the House committees were meeting on various matters and that the Farm Bill was "running into flack".

Joint Leadership Operational Housekeeping

Senator Dirksen raised the question about the financing of the Leadership operation and stated that he thought it possible to open an account within the operations of the two Campaign Committees. He stated that from funds available to him he would make a contribution to the account and thought it was possible to obtain funds from contributions around the country.

Mr. Halleck saw no need for a joint account and suggested that it would be best to leave the matter entirely in the hands of the Senatorial Campaign Committee.

A question was raised concerning the reporting of the funds and it was thought best to establish the account in the Senatorial Committee, if, after inquiry, it would be best to do so.

It was also suggested that a broader base of operation might be obtained by inviting Republican Governors and ranking Republican members of the various Committees to the meetings from time to time.

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The estimated cost of the operation was put at \$36,000.00, Mr. Humphreys to receive \$25,000.00, Zora Kukic, \$7,000.00 and an estimated cost of \$4,000.00 for stationery and duplicating work. The hope was expressed that the Republican National Committee would take care of the latter expense.

Photographers and Still TV Cameras Photographing Leadership

The Committee recessed at 3:15 P.M. in order that photographers could take still pictures of the Membership.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:03 P.M.

J. Mark Tria.
Acting Secretary