

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE JOINT REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR MARCH 28, 1962, AT 9:00 A.M.
IN THE OFFICE OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE
EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Members Present:

Senators Dirksen, Saltonstall, Hickenlooper
Congressman Halleck, Arends, Byrnes, Hoeven

Members Absent:

Senator Kuchel
Congressman Brown

Also Absent: The Presiding Officer, William E. Miller

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

In the absence of the Presiding Officer, William E. Miller, the
Honorable Everett McKinley Dirksen called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

The following agenda was presented for consideration:

Liberal Papers
Phantom Farm Acres
Other legislative matters

LIBERAL PAPERS

Senator Dirksen read for the information of the Members present the
previously prepared press statement. After several minor changes were made
the statement was approved. It was agreed that there should be included as
part of the statement certain back-up papers which included the names of
present and former members of the ADA. Copy of approved statement attached.

PHANTOM FARM ACRES

Congressman Halleck read for the information of the Members the previously
prepared fact sheet as well as the previously prepared press statement.
After discussion the press statement was changed to show that the letter
quoted was not an isolated one and that there were many others. It was also
suggested that the first paragraph be rewritten to show a general mismanagement
of the farm program.

Congressman Hoeven stated that he hoped to prepare an amendment to the farm bill to take care of the Phantom Farm Acre issue.

Senator Hickenlooper stated that the Administration was backing away from their general Farm Program and that they now have a back-up program.

The changed statement was then approved and a copy is attached hereto.

OTHER LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Senator Dirksen informed the group that the United Nations Bond Issue would shortly be up in the Senate.

Congressman Halleck said that he was not sure what the House was doing in regard to the matter because there has been very little consideration of it so far.

Senator Hickenlooper stated that the Administration claims they had 64 votes to pass the measure as reported and that there may be 8 or 9 votes on the Republican side for it. He stated that the Administration was prepared to work out a compromise. He also briefly discussed the Russell amendment and spoke of the difficulty by reason of various positions of receiving a total opposition vote on any one proposition.

The action to be taken in the House on the tax bill was briefly discussed and Congressman Byrnes stated that a motion will be made to strike out the provisions of the bill relating to tax credits and the withholding of dividends.

Mr. Halleck raised the question of the recent Supreme Court decision in regard to re-districting and it was agreed that if the matter is raised at the press conference that the statement would be made that the matter had not come up for discussion.

Senator Dirksen stated that so far as he could see the decision laid down no guide lines nor does it indicate how the Court would finally enforce it.

Congressman Halleck stated that a meeting of the Committee next month could be held in his new Capitol room, HE 203.

Mr. Humphreys informed the Members that he had ascertained that President Eisenhower would return to this area in May and that there was a possibility he could arrange to meet the Leadership group here on May 10 or May 8 or 9 in Gettysburg. It was generally agreed that he should press for the May 10 date in Washington.

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


Acting Secretary

Approved by the
Acting Presiding Officer
March 28, 1962