

MINUTES OF THE SIXTIETH MEETING OF THE JOINT REPUBLICAN  
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1963,  
AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE (H-202) OF THE HOUSE  
MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE CHARLES A. HALLECK

Present:

Members: Senators Dirksen and Saltonstall  
Congressmen Halleck, Arends, Byrnes and Ford

Absent: The Presiding Officer, Congressman William E. Miller  
Senators Kuchel, Hickenlooper and Morton  
Congressmen Brown and Wilson

Also Present:

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

In the absence of the Chairman, Congressman Halleck called the  
meeting to order at 9:13 A.M. and the following agenda was presented:

Foreign Policy

- a. Dirksen
- b. Halleck

Wheat Referendum

Other Legislative Matters

Foreign Policy

Senator Dirksen suggested that the Members present look at Page 3  
of the material submitted and he then read the prepared press release.  
After brief discussion and several suggested changes, the statement was  
approved as read.

Congressman Halleck then read the suggested press release on the  
same subject and after discussion several slight changes were made and the  
statement was approved.

Copies of the statements are attached.

Wheat Referendum

For the information of the Membership a percentage by States of the  
"yea" vote taken on the Wheat Referendum was submitted. There was a

brief discussion of this matter and it was deemed wise not to take at this time any firm position. A question was raised as to whether or not demands should be made for Secretary Freeman's resignation in the light of his repudiation by the farmers. No definite decision was reached.

Legislative Matters

Congressman Halleck raised a question about his check for Federal tax payment not being cashed and suggested that other Members check to see if there was an undue delay on the part of the Internal Revenue Service in cashing checks promptly, which might show a smaller cash position on the part of the Government.

Senator Dirksen asked some questions about procedure in the House when the Debt Ceiling Bill was up. Congressman Byrnes informed him of the position taken by the Republicans there.

Congressman Halleck spoke of a recent conversation with Judge Smith about the Area Redevelopment Bill and was of the opinion that there might be a close vote on this legislation.

There was brief comment on the Equal Pay Bill with the opinion expressed that the Bill was fairly well amended.

Congressman Ford stated that there was soon to be a mark-up of the Military Appropriation Bill and that the Republicans on the Committee were aiming for a \$1 billion cut. The opinion was expressed that the cut should be greater. It was suggested that further amendments might be offered on the Floor when the bill was taken up, June 20. Congressman Arends suggested that inquiry be made concerning monies appropriated for Research and Development.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.