

MINUTES OF THE NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE JOINT REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR JUNE 22, 1961, AT 8:30 A.M.
IN THE OFFICE OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE
EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Members Present:

Senators Dirksen, Saltonstall, Kuchel
Representatives Halleck, Arends, Byrnes, Brown, Hoeven,
Miller

Also Present:

Robert Humphreys, Bryce Harlow, Mark Trice, Harry Brookshire

Members Absent:

Senator Bridges

The Presiding Officer, Congressman William E. Miller, called the
meeting to order at 8:36 A.M.

The following agenda was presented for consideration:

Demise of Tractors for Castro Project

House Prospects on Aid to Education

Other Matters

The Chairman, in deference to a request by Congressman Brown,
placed before the meeting the No. 2 item on the agenda, Aid to Education.
Congressman Brown spoke of the recent meeting of the House Committee on
Rules and stated that the membership of the committee was pretty much
in agreement not to consider one bill but all three so that hearings
might be held simultaneously on all. His opinion was that the committee
would take some action in two or three weeks. He estimated that the
Defense Education Bill might be ordered reported next Tuesday.

Congressman Halleck raised the question of trying to improve the
Aid to Education Bill by amendment but the consensus of opinion was
that this would not gain much due to the Democrat conferees having
complete control in any conference.

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Congressman Halleck then read two statements on the subject which had been previously prepared. After discussion of both statements and remarks by Senator Kuchel to the effect that care should be used not to pull the rug out from under the group who voted for the bill in the Senate, the second statement was re-drafted.

The present bill was compared with the previous Eisenhower program which was based on need, it was a temporary program, with no teachers salary and no magic formula.

Congressman Halleck called attention to a brochure published by the Office of Education of H.E.W., "A Federal Education Agency for the Future." Several paragraphs in the brochure were read which dealt with exercise of Federal control. The statement was approved with changes and is attached hereto.

The Chairman then called up for discussion item No. 1 on the agenda, Tractors for Castro.

Senator Dirksen suggested that the membership look at the chronology submitted and he then read a prepared statement which was approved, a copy of which is attached hereto.

The Chairman suggested that something should be done concerning the appointment of a Republican member to the Civil Service Commission. Senator Dirksen spoke of a number of applicants and referred to a recent conversation with the White House staff concerning the candidacy of Bob Hampton.

The Chairman spoke of the recent release by the State Department of the Roosevelt-Stalin papers of the Tehran Conference and stated that the Press gave little attention to it. The Chairman stated that an effort was to be made by the National Committee to tie the matter in with the

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Minority groups and to use the material on Polish radio stations later. All present thought that some analysis should be made and placed in the Congressional Record. It was agreed that Bryce Harlow might get the papers and Senator Dirksen would take care of the matter in the Senate and perhaps Congressman Judd might do it in the House.

The Chairman called to the attention of the group an article in today's Washington Post by Bob Albright dealing with the meeting of the leadership group when Congress is not in session. It was agreed generally that during the interim period, if the networks were willing, it would be desirable to have somebody continue to present the Republican position.

There was agreement that there should be a meeting of the leadership group next week.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M.



Acting Secretary

Approved by the
Presiding Officer
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