

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST MEETING OF THE JOINT  
SENATE-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR THURSDAY,  
JULY FIRST, 1965, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE  
(H-202) OF THE HOUSE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE  
GERALD R. FORD

Present:

Chairman Bliss  
Congressmen Ford, Arends, Laird, Rhodes  
Senators Kuchel, Hickenlooper

Absent:

Congressman Brown, Wilson  
Senators Dirksen, Saltonstall, Morton

Also Present:

Bill Pendergast, Bryce Harlow, Harry Brookshire, Mark Trice

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M. Before the reading of the previously-prepared statements on the economy, a question was raised as to whether or not this subject should be scrapped and new statements prepared on the Vietnamese situation in the light of comments made on the Senate Floor yesterday by Senator Mansfield, the Majority Leader.

After discussion it was agreed that the press conference be postponed from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. and that the economic statements be read and then a short statement be made by Congressman Ford on the Vietnam situation to the effect that after further study a press conference would be held on this particular subject next week.

It was also agreed that the five points recently made by House Republicans would be released.

Senator Dirksen did not attend the meeting due to a temporary upset, but Senator Hickenlooper and Congressman Ford talked with him over the telephone about procedures.

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Senator Hickenlooper read the previously-prepared press release in regard to the economy and after several changes it was agreed to. A copy is attached.

Congressman Ford read his previously-prepared press statement in regard to the domestic economy and after several changes it was approved. A copy is attached.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 A.M.

  
Acting Secretary