

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE JOINT REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR THURSDAY, JULY 11, 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, Saltonstall, Kuchel, Hickenlooper, Morton
Congressmen Halleck, Arends, Byrnes, Brown, Ford, Wilson

Absent: The Presiding Officer, Congressman William E. Miller

Also Present:

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

In the absence of the Chairman, Senator Dirksen called the meeting
to order at 9:10 A.M. and the agenda for today is as follows:

American University Speech

Test Ban Negotiations Will Be Resumed

Railroad Strike

Other Legislative Matters

American University Speech

Senator Dirksen proceeded to read the prepared press release in
regard to this subject. There was brief discussion and several minor
changes were made. A copy is attached.

Test Ban Negotiations Will Be Resumed

Congressman Arends asked the question as to whether or not the
Republicans had been consulted in regard to the Harriman trip. Senator
Dirksen responded with a statement to the effect that so far as he knew
they had not but that Mr. Foster was coming up to see him this afternoon.

Congressman Halleck then read his proposed press release on this
subject and after several minor changes the statement was approved and a
copy is attached.

Railroad Strike

Congressman Halleck informed the Membership of several meetings which had been taking place in the last day or two as to what might be the best procedure in regard to any statements to be made concerning the railroad situation. He called to the attention of the Members several statutes passed by the Republicans, namely, the Petrillo Act and a compromised provision in the Taft-Hartley Act. He stated that after discussion it was thought best that the Republicans should not get out in front too far in regard to this matter.

After brief discussion it was resolved that if any statement were made it would be to the effect that a supreme effort would be made to work out something with the Republican Members of the respective Committees and the Minority Staffs.

Senator Dirksen stated that he had been informed that there would be no further extension of time on the part of the Railroads after the 29th and that Congress would be faced with some kind of decision once they had received word from the President. It was his recommendation that the Republicans wait for the President to make his recommendations.

Congressman Byrnes suggested that the Committees of Congress should start right now to cope with this situation and it should not be said we were waiting for the President to do something about it.

Senator Hickenlooper cautioned that it was solely a Democratic problem and they are the ones who control the Congressional and Executive branches and therefore it was solely their responsibility.

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

J. Mark Price.
Acting Secretary