

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH MEETING OF THE
JOINT SENATE-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR
THURSDAY, AUGUST FIFTH, 1965, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE CAPITOL
OFFICE (S-230) OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER, THE
HONORABLE EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

Chairman Bliss
Senators Dirksen, Saltonstall, Morton
Congressmen Ford, Arends, Wilson, Goodell

Absent:

Senators Kuchel, Hickenlooper
Congressmen Laird, Rhodes, Brown

Also Present:

Bill Pendergast, Bryce Harlow, Arthur Peterson,
Harry Brookshire, Mark Trice

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.

Senator Dirksen spoke briefly about a meeting he had with
Bob Humphreys and stated that his physical condition looks good. He now
plays tennis and the opinion of his doctor is that his case has been
arrested. He thought it might be possible for him to return to his
duties here January first. It was suggested that the matter be reappraised
in November.

Senator Dirksen asked Dr. Pendergast to furnish him all of the state-
ments made by the Joint Leadership since publication last year so that
he might have them printed at the end of the session as a public document.

Two subjects were on the agenda:

1. Unemployment
2. Cost of Living

UNEMPLOYMENT

Congressman Ford was recognized and he read the previously-prepared
statement on Unemployment. After several changes the statement was
approved. A copy is attached. 1

COST OF LIVING

Senator Dirksen then read his previously-prepared statement on the Cost of Living and a question was raised about the advisability of a statement on this subject. After a number of changes it was agreed that it be rewritten and presented. It was approved and a copy is attached.

MISCELLANEOUS

Congressman Ford informed the group of information he had concerning a visit over this week-end of a group known as the Assembly of Unrepresented People and stated that he was informed that there might be some trouble arise as a result of their visit to the House of Representatives on Monday.

Senator Saltonstall spoke of the bill shortly to be considered by the Senate creating a Department of Housing and Urban Development. He thought that several provisions of it should be cured. He also expressed the hope that the House of Representatives would cure some of the provisions in the D.C. Home Rule Bill previously passed by the Senate.

Congressman Ford informed the Membership of a letter which he had received from Sam Shaffer relating to the Congressman's press conference and the statement thereafter made by President Johnson. It was the consensus of the Members present that the letter should be released at the 2:00 P.M. press conference, together with a copy of the Congressman's letter he was sending to the President.

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

J. Mark Trice
Acting Secretary