

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE JOINT REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR AUGUST 31, 1961 AT 8:30 A.M.
IN THE OFFICE OF SENATE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE
EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Members Present:

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

Member Absent:

Senator Bridges

Also Present:

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

Chairman William E. Miller, the Presiding Officer, was briefly de-
tained and Senator Dirksen called the meeting to order at 8:37 A.M. The
following agenda was presented for consideration:

U. N. Recognition of Outer Mongolia

Hanford, Foreign Aid and Aid to Education Victories

Other Legislative Matters

Senator Dirksen then read the proposed press statement in regard to the
first item on the agenda, United Nations Recognition of Outer Mongolia
which was approved after consideration. A question was raised by Senator
Saltonstall as to the timing of the Mongolian statement.

There was general discussion regarding the submission of a statement
in regard to Nuclear Testing but it was thought best to make no comment on
the subject as the group would be better advised on the subject within the
next two weeks.

Congressman Halleck then read a proposed statement on the second item
on the agenda, Hanford, Foreign Aid and Aid to Education Victories which
related to spending in general. After discussion the original statement was
changed in several particulars and approved.

Chairman Miller raised a question concerning the reaction to the vote in the House of Representatives on yesterday which again killed the School Aid legislation.

It was suggested that at the press conference a point be made that from the Impacted Area standpoint the present bill spread the total amount to be appropriated much thinner, and that the formula and criteria in the school construction section of the bill was also different. Also stressed was the fact that the National Education Association had strongly opposed the legislation.

There are attached hereto copies of both approved statements.

Senator Dirksen informed the group that he had just received word that a White House meeting had been scheduled for 10:45 A.M. on Nuclear Testing to which the Republican Leadership had been invited.

In regard to the third item on the agenda, Congressman Halleck stated that the House would probably consider the Foreign Aid Bill next Tuesday and that once the Hanford Reactor question was settled and the one or two other appropriation bills passed, the Speaker hoped that Congress could adjourn sine die around the 14th of September.

Senator Dirksen then read the list of bills which Senator Mansfield had mentioned in his legislative program the day previously and he suggested that to the list might be added the Conflict of Interest Bill and several Crime Bills, and that it looked to him that September 23 would be a possible adjournment date.

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



Acting Secretary

Approved by the
Presiding Officer
September 12, 1961