

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST MEETING OF
THE JOINT SENATE-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER FOURTEENTH, 1966, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE
CAPITOL OFFICE (S-230) OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER, THE
HONORABLE EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

Chairman Bliss
Senators Dirksen, Kuchel, Hickenlooper, Saltonstall
Congressmen Ford, Arends, Laird, Rhodes, Smith, Wilson, Goodell

Absent:

Senator Morton

Also Present:

John Fisher, Robert McCormick, William Pendergast,
Harry Brookshire, J. Mark Trice

Chairman Bliss called the meeting to order at 3:15 P.M.

He called attention to a meeting of the Coordinating Committee on
October third and expressed the hope that all Members would be present.

It was his recommendation that more emphasis be placed on the
responsibility of the Democrat Members of Congress and tie them in more
closely with the Johnson Administration.

The Chairman recognized Senator Dirksen who read his prepared statement
dealing with six vital areas of domestic concern. Congressman Ford then
read his statement on the same subject. After minor changes they were
approved.

Mr. Fisher suggested that he go over the statements, tying in where
necessary references to the Democratic Congress. This was agreed to.

Approval was given for the Joint Leadership to issue statements on
important issues when they arise without a formal meeting. The Chairman
suggested that before issuance that all Members be consulted and approval
given.

Congressman Ford raised a question concerning a section of the Civil Rights Bill dealing with riots being introduced as a separate measure. After discussion it was thought best not to press for action at this time.

Congressman Laird called to the attention of the Leadership ABC's offer of one-half hour for Republican use. He stated it was Mr. Haggerty's recommendation but it had not been formally approved by the network at this time. It was suggested that the other networks be contacted in an attempt to receive similar time.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:18 P.M.


Acting Secretary