

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE JOINT
REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED, OFF THE
RECORD, FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1963, AT 10:30 A.M.
IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE (H-202) OF THE HOUSE MINORITY
LEADER, THE HONORABLE CHARLES A. HALLECK

Present:

Members: The Presiding Officer, William E. Miller
Senators Dirksen, Saltonstall, Kuchel, Morton, Hickenlooper
Congressmen Halleck, Arends, Byrnes, Ford, Brown, Wilson

Also Present: Robert Humphreys, Bryce Harlow, Harry Brookshire,
Robert Allett, Mark Trice

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M. and recognized Mr. Halleck who referred to his conference with Speaker McCormack and Mr. Cannon concerning the Continuing Resolution re Appropriation Bills which would be taken up in the House today. No decision had been arrived at but under consideration was an extension to December 31 or January 31. He expressed the opinion that efforts should be made to pass the pending appropriation bills and he could not see, because of current circumstances, how any opposition could be interposed to the Continuing Resolution.

Senator Dirksen spoke of the legislative program in the Senate for the rest of this week and of the Thanksgiving recess from Wednesday to Tuesday. He stated that Senator Mansfield hoped to shorten the session by adjournment on either December 13 or 14 with the alternative of returning on January 2 or January 7 or 8.

Congressman Halleck expressed the hope that the Congress would adjourn sine die on December 13 or 14 and not return until January 7 or 8. Senator Dirksen agreed with him.

There was discussion as to the specific appropriation bills and conference reports yet to be considered.

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Discussion ensued as to what approach the Republicans might take in regard to political speeches. Various opinions were expressed and the consensus was that if the Democrats themselves agreed to a moratorium on things that disunite the Country, then there would be reason for Republicans to do likewise.

It was also the consensus of opinion that the contents of the President's speech tomorrow would determine what would be the best solution to the problem and thereafter the Leadership might reassemble for further discussion of the matter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

J. Mark Trice
Acting Secretary