

Remarks, Release, Interviews Item-Level Listing

1964

1964	<p>"For Use as an Introduction, or for Biographical Reference, Everett McKinley Dirksen"</p> <p>Subject headings: Stands for Sound Fiscal Policies, Enlisted in the U.S. Army as Private, Began Political Career in 1927, Opposes New Deal Spending Plans, Has Been Called Prototype of Senator</p>
1964/1/4	<p>"Some Observations by the Honorable Everett McKinley Dirksen, Minority Leader of the Senate, on the Occasion of his 68th Birth Anniversary"</p> <p>Subjects: "History moves in parallels or it repeats after a certain pattern"; "One thing is eternal. That is change. One thing is certain—progress is the steadfast undramatic application of human life upon what is here"; how friendships influenced his life</p>
1964/1/10	<p>Release, "Everett McKinley Dirksen Center to be Part of New Pekin Library"</p> <p>Subjects: Building plans; committee members</p>
1964/1/20	<p>"The Making of a Tax Bill," Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents]</p> <p>Subjects: The incubation of the current tax bill, introduced by President Kennedy in January 1963; House and Senate committee and floor action on the bill</p>
1964/1/22	<p>Dirksen letter to J.G. Bell</p> <p>Subjects: Dirksen's advice to the youth of America ("Life is a matter of development or decay. You can either grow or you retrogress. There's no standing still. You go backward or forward. ...")</p>
1964/1/24	<p>"Dirksen Wants Identifying Tags on Spending Bills," <i>Congressional Action</i></p> <p>Subjects: Dirksen's amendment to H.R. 7406 (a bill to provide for increased U.S. participation in the Inter-American Development Bank) to insert the following language in all appropriations bills: "from funds supplied by the taxpayers"; he successfully amended S. 2214, a bill to increase U.S. participation in the International Development Association</p>
1964/1/27	<p>"The Problem of Presidential Inability and Succession," Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents]</p> <p>Subjects: Historical examples and constitutional issues</p>
1964/1/28	<p>Statement [Drafts included]</p> <p>Subjects: Video script for the Illinois Heart Association's 1964 Heart Fund</p>
1964/2/2	<p><i>Meet the Press</i>, NBC Radio and Television [Dirksen and Charles Halleck are the guests. Subjects listing restricted to Dirksen's remarks]</p> <p>Subjects: The 1964 presidential election; the Bobby Baker scandal and Dirksen's role in developing the resolution calling for an investigation; the situation in Vietnam; Dirksen states that there will be "no political truce"; a secret White House meeting on Panama</p>

1964/2/7	<p>Senate floor remarks [Senator Thruston Morton reads Dirksen's statement into the <i>Congressional Record</i>—Dirksen is ill]</p> <p>Subjects: Tax reduction bill and three Republican proposals to achieve the bill's goals had been defeated; "So perhaps you can imagine my bedridden amazement, my pajama-ruffled consternation, yes, my pill-laden astonishment ...; refers to the "Johnson treatment" as the "Texas twist"</p>
1964/2/10	<p>"What Is Congress Doing?" [Congressmen Arends, Collier, and Michel substitute for the ill Dirksen]</p>
1964/2/17	<p>"Lithuanian Independence Day," Senate floor remarks, [<i>Congressional Record</i> reprint]</p> <p>Subjects: Refers to his Concurrent Resolution 54 introduced on July 25, 1963, requesting the president to raise the issue of independence for the Baltic States before the United Nations</p>
1964/2/17	<p>"Tax Cuts and Jobs," Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents. Marked "Do not send this copy"]</p> <p>Subjects: His recent illness caused him to miss the Senate's final action on the tax bill; the case for the tax bill; Roger Freeman's testimony before the Senate committee; an analysis of employment statistics; the question of overtime vs. new job creation</p>
1964/2/17	<p>"Civil Rights: H.R. 7152, proposed Civil Rights Act," Senate floor remarks [<i>Congressional Record</i> reprint. Dirksen's first appearance in the Senate following his week-long hospitalization]</p> <p>Subjects: "Mr. President, I trust the time will never come in my public career ..."; "I trust I can disenthral myself from all bias, from all prejudice, from all irrelevancies, from all immaterial matters, and see clearly and cleanly what the issue is, and then render an independent judgment"; pickets will not influence him; the balance of powers and the law-making process; the Senate is up to the challenge; he has studied the bill while in the hospital and "some amendments have occurred to me"; appeals to the Senate to act in the national interest; "When the day comes that picketing, distress, duress, and coercion can push me from the rock of conviction, that is the day, Mr. President, that I shall gather up my togs and walk out of here and say that my usefulness in the Senate has come to an end"</p>
1964/2/24	<p>"The World We Live In Today," Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents]</p> <p>Subjects: Surveys the world, continent by continent, for sources of "trouble and fever and contagion"</p>
1964/2/24	<p>"Definition of Freedom," Cascade Television</p> <p>Subjects: "Freedom" as a moral climate with several attributes</p>
1964/2/24	<p>"Is the Direction of This Administration Healthy?" Alex Drier Radio Spot</p> <p>Subjects: The "efforts at control over farmers, over business, over labor, over nearly every human activity—control is, after all, just another name for socialism. That's a fever in the world. It's here. It's a contagium [sic] in government and it's not only unhealthy but it is dangerous to freedom"</p>
1964/3/2	<p>"Coffee May Make Headlines Some Day," Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents]</p> <p>Subjects: U.S. coffee consumption, importation, and prices; legislation to enforce the International Coffee Agreement has passed the House and is before the Senate; Dirksen's concerns about protecting U.S. interests in the matter of quotas</p>

1964/3/9	<p>"The Vexing Question of Federal Salaries," Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents]</p> <p>Subjects: The comparability formula to determine federal pay; congressional jurisdiction; Dirksen's role in providing for an increase in congressional salaries and the creation of a retirement system in the 1946 legislative reorganization act; later Dirksen authored a resolution to create a commission to study judicial and legislative salaries; Dirksen's negotiations with President Kennedy about increasing congressional pay; provisions of the current bill; Dirksen favors an increase</p>
1964/3/10	<p>Senate floor remarks</p> <p>Subjects: Introduces a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to modify certain contracts relating to the acquisition of mineral rights in the area to be inundated by the Carlyle Reservoir</p>
1964/3/16	<p>"Wheat Shapes History," Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents]</p> <p>Subjects: Thirty years of farm policy history includes "a good many contradictory and rather self-defeating things"; still no answer to the wheat surplus issue and wheat prices; the details of Soviet efforts to purchase surplus wheat; recalls a private meeting with the administration in which it was stated that the Soviets would pay cash and would not require a line of credit; the impact on a foreign aid bill in the last Congress of the Soviet requirement for credit; the maritime strike over the percentage of wheat to be transported in American ships; the confusion in American policy toward communism—is it containment or coexistence?</p>
1964/3/16	<p>WJRC Station Greeting</p> <p>Subject: Welcomes WJRC Radio Joliet as it goes on the air for the first time</p>
1964/3/16	<p>"Congressional Review," Radio Special for WIND</p> <p>Subjects: The legislative agenda; the two major pieces of legislation passed are the tax reduction bill and a bill for military procurement and military research and development; pending bills (civil rights, mass transit, housing, farm program [cotton and wheat], Medicare, federal pay raise, youth employment, International Coffee Agreement implementation, beef importation quotas, domestic peace corps, poverty, federal aid to education, foreign aid)</p>
1964/3/16	<p>"Voter Apathy," WLPO</p> <p>Subjects: Speculates on the causes of voter apathy and calls for research</p>
1964/3/24	<p>"War on Poverty," Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents]</p> <p>Subjects: Proponents of the tax reduction bill promised that it would solve unemployment; Roger Freeman's testimony challenged that assumption; administration efforts to force employers to pay double-time for overtime in order to discourage overtime in favor of hiring new employees; Dirksen believes that the poverty program also over-promises its ability to create jobs; provisions of the legislation aimed at youth (job corps, job training, work-study) will add 500,000 to the federal payroll; total cost including other poverty bill components to reach over \$250 million; there are two "job givers," government and private industry—the latter is the better source</p>
1964/3/30	<p>"Are We Becoming a Dumping Ground?" Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents]</p> <p>Subjects: The cotton and wheat bill currently in conference committee; efforts to reduce the meat quota; factors that have caused steel imports to exceed steel exports and to threaten the domestic steel industry</p>

1964/3/30	<p>"Law Day"</p> <p>Subjects: The importance of the respect for law as the foundation "which girds this Republic and gives us hope for the future"</p>
1964/4/6	<p>"What is Cloture?" Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents]</p> <p>Subjects: The civil rights filibuster; the cloture procedure; cloture on the Satellite Communications Bill in 1962</p>
1964/4/13	<p>"The President and the Republican Minority," Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents]</p> <p>Subjects: Dirksen chose this subject in response to a story about his comment following a Tuesday luncheon meeting of Republican senators that he had not been invited to the White House recently; President Johnson's reaction ("I hope you are my friend"); the history of Dirksen's relationship with Johnson; the role of the minority in foreign and domestic policy; bipartisan leadership meetings at the White House</p>
1964/4/16	<p>Senate floor remarks [<i>Congressional Record</i> reprint]</p> <p>Subjects: Introduces 10 amendments to the civil rights bill and may introduce others but will not call them up for consideration at this time; "I do not believe that these amendments ... would impair, weaken, or emasculate the pending measure. They are not so designed and they are not so inspired"; his interest in protecting states' rights against "the tendency of Federal agencies to dominate any field which they are authorized by Congress to enter"; lists each amendment with a brief description; the importance of letting the legislative process play out; "I do not wish to save any pockets of prejudice for the future. ..."; "I only hope ... that neither fear nor intimidation nor demonstrations nor evidences of violence or abuses will deter us or divert us from doing our full duty in preparing and bringing about the enactment of the right kind of civil rights bill, one that will be at once durable and of which we can be truly proud"</p>
1964/4/20	<p>WRMS "Radio Month" Spot</p> <p>Subjects: The importance of radio</p>
1964/4/20	<p>"Civil Rights and the Legislative Process," Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents]</p> <p>Subjects: The mail volume and visits to Dirksen on civil rights; the demand that the bill be passed without change; "I have to deal with words that go on paper, that become law, and apply to the whole country and ultimately those words will be interpreted by a federal commission or by a United States court and I must be very careful about this to make sure that what we do is practical, that it is workable, that it is equitable and that it is fair to all people"; reviews the legislative process and its application to the civil rights bill; Dirksen's ten amendments</p>
1964/4/21	<p>"J. Edgar Hoover Day"</p> <p>Subjects: Dirksen's testament to the F.B.I. Director</p>
1964/4/21	<p>Statements by Dirksen and Charles Halleck at a press conference following the Joint Senate-House Republican Leadership Meeting</p> <p>Subjects: U.S. casualties in Vietnam; excerpts from letters of the late Air Force Captain Edwin G. Shank, Jr.; the state of the economy</p>
1964/4/21	<p>News Release</p> <p>Subjects: The effort "to legislate the Republican Party out of existence in Mississippi ... parallels the Communist conception of the single-party state"</p>

1964/4/27	<p>"Rice and Human Destiny," Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents]</p> <p>Subjects: Various views in the Senate on Vietnam; a recent briefing for the congressional leadership at the White House on the current situation; U.S. policy appears to be to stay the course; U.S. spending on the war and support of South Vietnam; pressure in Asia, especially Red China, to expand to provide food for its growing population reminds Dirksen of the situation faced by Japan before World War II (he mentions that he voted against the Japanese peace treaty); what is the value of winning a war if the underlying problem of food supply remains unsolved?</p>
1964/4/30	<p>Acceptance Speech of the Good Government Award by the American Good Government Society</p> <p>Subjects: Dirksen's definition of "good government"; the need to resist group pressure and to consider the well-being of all; the last best hope of good government "lies in the hearts, the minds, and the souls of men who have been summoned either to appointive or elective office to give to government at every level durable purposes, attainable ideals, wholesome administration and devoted effort"</p>
1964/5/4	<p>"The Jury Trial Amendment to the Civil Rights Act," Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents]</p> <p>Subjects: The question of the right of an individual charged with contempt to a jury trial; constitutional and legal background; southerners have proposed an amendment to the pending civil rights bill that would guarantee the right to a jury trial; Mansfield and Dirksen offered a substitute which provides that as long as the aggregate fine assessed by the judge is not over \$300 and so long as the accumulated jail sentence is not over 30 days there would be no right to a jury trial</p>
1964/5/11	<p>"The 59th Day," Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents]</p> <p>Subjects: Summarizes the legislative history of the civil rights bill in the Senate; how the three groups of senators have organized a system to monitor the floor during the filibuster; the use of "live" quorum calls; the impact of the filibuster on Senate business; the May 5 vote on the jury trial amendment; Dirksen's 70 "suggestions" for changes are not an attempt to water down the bill ("I must say to you as a legislator who takes pride in his own craftsmanship that there are imperfections, there are deficiencies, there are holes in this bill and what we are trying to do is to develop an area of agreement on these particular proposals and I think we have gone a long ways")</p>
1964/5/18	<p>"Nothing is Eternal Except Change," Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents as a reprint of an insertion in the <i>Congressional Record</i> by Congressman Robert H. Michel]</p> <p>Subjects: Cites examples of issues that were resolved by law (e.g., civil service reform, the Australian Ballot, direct election of senators, federal income tax, the 8-hour work day, the Pure Food and Drug Act, etc.); mentions these as context for Victor Hugo's diary entry, "stronger than all armies is an idea whose time has come"; civil rights is an idea whose time has come; the contributions of Negroes in the military and civilian service; "And I fancy this idea's time has come and hence there can be no happiness, there can be no freedom from vexation, until the Congress has met this challenge"</p>
1964/5/19	<p>Senate floor remarks [<i>Congressional Record</i> reprint]</p> <p>Subjects: Supports an appropriation for the Calumet Harbor and River</p>

1964/5/23	<p>Remarks, Republican State Convention, Springfield IL</p> <p>Subjects: Recalls that the contested nomination of Abraham Lincoln in 1864 led to "a sense of defeatism" by Republicans and the president; senses that defeatism today; calls for "renewed dedication to Republican principles" and unity in the party</p>
1964/5/24	<p>"We Do Remember Or Don't We? Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents]</p> <p>Subjects: Recalls the June 1914 assassination of the Archduke and the beginning of World War I; summarizes history since then; wonders what the nation has learned from history; Memorial Day</p>
1964/6/1	<p>"The Long, Hard Furrow," Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents]</p> <p>Subjects: We have plowed the civil rights furrow for 177 years since 1787 when the Constitution makers dealt with the question of slavery; summarizes subsequent history; voting rights; desegregation of public schools; public accommodations; the issue is "founded in morals. And it is the moral force that is after all the motive power of human progress and we must carry this along"</p>
1964/6/8	<p>"The Cloakroom," Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents]</p> <p>Subjects: Describes the majority and minority cloakrooms; to dispel the mystery of the cloakroom, he describes the kinds of conversations that take place</p>
1964/6/10	<p>"CIVIL RIGHTS," Senate floor remarks [Annotated draft included. This is the speech Dirksen delivered before the cloture vote was taken on H.R. 7152]</p> <p>Subjects: Legislative history of the bill; the duty to perfect the bill; the filibuster and cloture; "an idea whose time has come"; the contributions of Negroes; examples of other ideas whose times had come ("Nothing is eternal except change"); the Republican Party's legacy; "I appeal to all Senators. We are confronted with a moral issue. Today let us not be found wanting in whatever it takes by way of moral and spiritual substance to face up to the issue and to vote cloture"</p>
1964/6/15	<p>"That Was the Year That Was," Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents]</p> <p>Subjects: Reviews the story of the civil rights bill from June 1963; the negotiations in Dirksen's office in May 1964</p>
1964/6/19	<p>Senate floor remarks [<i>Congressional Record</i> reprint. Dirksen's remarks before the final Senate vote on the civil rights bill]</p> <p>Subjects: Using the "that was the year that was" theme, Dirksen repeats, in essence, his June 15 radio and TV broadcast; "Then came the grinding of the legislative mill. That mill grinds slowly but it grinds exceedingly fine"; historical examples of the power of the moral force to resolve issues legislatively; "Someone once said that progress is the intelligent, undramatic application of life on what is here. It is a good definition"; "I am involved in mankind"</p>
1964/6/22	<p>"Significance of Independence Day," Voice of America Radio</p> <p>Subjects: The spirit of the day "is a reminder to every generation of its heritage and of the sacrifices which were made that that heritage became possible"</p>

1964/6/22	<p>"June 30—Most Significant Day in Federal Calendar," Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents]</p> <p>Subjects: June 30 is the end of the federal fiscal year, the date at which all appropriations bills should be passed, and the date many tariff and tax rates change or end unless extended; the public debt ceiling must be raised by June 30; the civil rights debate has created a backlog of required action</p>
1964/6/29	<p>"Significance of the 4th of July," WRMN, "Land of the Free" Program</p> <p>Subjects: See June 22</p>
1964/6/30	<p>"Final Report on the 88th Congress," Radio and TV broadcast [Text of his weekly broadcast to constituents]</p> <p>Subjects: A review of events and actions; legislative accomplishments; unresolved matters</p>
1964/7/2	<p>Statements by Dirksen and Charles Halleck at a press conference following the Joint Senate-House Republican Leadership Meeting</p> <p>Subjects: "The lack of policy in Viet Nam will be a campaign issue this year because President Johnson's indecision has made it one"; "When we weigh Communist promotion of subversion, violence and anti-American campaigns in Latin America, Africa and Southeast Asia against this Administration's capitulation to a 'coexistence' policy toward the Soviet Union, we must assert a grave issue has been raised"</p>
1964/7/13	<p>Herbert Hoover's Message to the Republican National Convention [Annotated draft and correspondence and reference material included. Dirksen read the remarks on Hoover's behalf and introduced the message with his own words]</p> <p>Subjects: Testament to Hoover; Hoover's assessment of the purpose of the party's platform</p>
1964/7/15	<p>"Goldwater Nomination" [Version marked "Typed by Senator Dirksen" and annotated. Reading copy, press release, and <i>Congressional Record</i> reprint autographed by Dirksen included]</p> <p>Subjects: Goldwater's biography as "the grandson of a peddler"; "There is today a strange and destructive cynicism which has fastened itself upon our thinking"; lists Goldwater's qualities as "moral courage," "a man of conscience," "competence," "contribution" to the Republican Party, "love of country," devoted to the Constitution; Goldwater offers the choice of conservatism</p>
1964/7/22	<p>"The Issues in 1964"</p> <p>Subjects: The purpose of a political party's platform; compares the 1960 Democratic platform with the administration's performance in domestic and foreign policy</p>
1964/7/22	<p>"The 1964 Platform of Republican National Convention" [<i>Congressional Record</i> reprint inserted by Dirksen]</p>
1964/7/23	<p>Release, Senate floor remarks</p> <p>Subjects: <i>Reynolds vs. Sims</i> regarding apportionment; the impact of the Court's decision on state apportionments; submits a Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution "to reserve to each State exclusive power to determine the composition of its legislature and the apportionment of the membership thereof"</p>

1964/8/19	<p>"The Dirksen Breather" [<i>Congressional Record</i> reprint of an article by Walter Lippmann]</p> <p>Subjects: Dirksen's proposed constitutional amendment dealing with apportionment</p>
1964/9/17	<p>Release</p> <p>Subjects: Dirksen accepts the gift of a piccolo following his recent disclosure that he had harbored a secret desire as a youth to play the instrument</p>
1964/10/2	<p>"A Record of Press Conference Statements made by Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen and Representative Charles A. Halleck for the Joint Senate-House Republican Leadership," Senate Doc. No. 107</p> <p>Subjects: Compilation of press conference statements organized by subject</p>
1964/10/2	<p>"The Republican Report of U.S. Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen ... for the Second Session, 88th Congress together with Digests and Analyses of Major Public Laws and Treaties," Senate Doc. No. 108</p> <p>Subjects: Comprehensive overview</p>
1964/10/2	<p>"Summaries of Laws and Treaties of General Interest," Supplement to The Republican Report ... (Senate Document No. 108)</p>
1964/12/10	<p>Statement</p> <p>Subjects: How to prepare for a career</p>