

MINUTES OF THE NINETY-FIRST MEETING OF THE JOINT REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1965,
AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE (H-202) OF THE HOUSE
MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE GERALD R. FORD, JR.

Present:

Chairman Dean Burch

Senators Dirksen, Saltonstall, Kuchel, Morton, Hickenlooper
Congressmen Ford, Laird, Brown, Byrnes, Arends

Absent:

Congressman Wilson

Also Present:

Robert Humphreys, Bryce Harlow, Harry Brookshire, Fred B. Rhodes,
Mark Trice

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dean Burch, at 9:10 A.M.

The agenda is as follows:

Background on Party Superstructures Proposals

Coordinating Committee Proposal

Statement on Philosophy of Coordinating Committee Proposal

Statement on Details of Coordinating Committee Operation

Legislative Matters

BACKGROUND ON PARTY SUPERSTRUCTURE PROPOSALS

The Chairman recognized Bob Humphreys for the purpose of giving background information in regard to the press clippings and the organization chart. He also read for the information of the Membership the sheet prepared on questions and answers. This background information was attached to the prepared press releases.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

A number of questions were asked in regard to publicity which might be given to task force reports before approval by Senator Dirksen and Congressman Ford.

There was some difference of opinion as to how this question should be handled. It was stated that if the Committee could agree on the structure of the committee, the question of control could be worked out later.

It was generally thought that if the appointments to the respective committees were properly handled there would be no loss of control by the legislative group.

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

The Chairman then recognized Senator Dirksen who read a previously-prepared speech on this subject. After several minor changes the statement was approved.

STATEMENT ON DETAILS OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE OPERATION

The Chairman then recognized Congressman Ford who read a previously-prepared statement on this subject. After several minor changes the statement was approved.

Senator Morton suggested on behalf of Congressman Bob Wilson that the title of the group be changed to "Republican Leadership Council" but the word "Council" did not meet with general approval. It was thought that later on the name could be changed if necessary.

Chairman Burch stated that \$250,000.00 had been allocated to this project by the National Committee but that this amount has not yet been raised.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

There was no discussion on legislative matters at the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Attached hereto are approved statements plus the chart, clippings and question and answers submitted.


Acting Secretary