

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE JOINT REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR JANUARY 18, 1962, AT 8:30 A.M.
IN THE OFFICE OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE
EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Members Present:

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

Member Absent:

Senator Hickenlooper

Also Absent: The Presiding Officer, William E. Miller

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

In the absence from the city of the Presiding Officer, the Honorable
William E. Miller, the meeting was called to order at 8:40 A.M. by

Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen and the following agenda was presented
for consideration:

 GOP 1962 Posture

 State of the Union and Budget Messages

 Executive Encroachment on Congress

GOP 1962 POSTURE

Senator Dirksen immediately proceeded to read a previously prepared
statement in regard to Foreign Policy Posture for the information of the
members present and at the conclusion thereof, with one slight modification
in the last paragraph, it was approved as an excellent statement. The
statement was to be presented as coming from the entire Leadership group
and not just Dirksen and Halleck. A copy of the statement as released is
attached hereto.

STATE OF THE UNION AND BUDGET MESSAGES

Senator Dirksen then read for the information of the members a back-
ground budget statement which had been previously submitted as well as the

fact sheet accompanying it. There was general discussion as to whether or not the statement was in sufficient detail but after discussion it was concluded that inasmuch as the budget message of the President had just been submitted the subject would be a continuing one and would be subject to comments and statements from time to time.

There was also some discussion concerning the Military budget and the advisability of holding private meetings on the subject with persons having intimate knowledge thereof.

Congressman Byrnes suggested additional words for the fourth paragraph of the statement in regard to future costs and after agreement on the language the statement was approved. A copy of the release is attached hereto.

EXECUTIVE ENCROACHMENT ON CONGRESS

Congressman Halleck then read for the information of the membership the previously prepared statement dealing with this subject. After brief discussion it was suggested by Congressman Byrnes that the last paragraph be changed to more nearly reflect the need for the election of a Republican Congress. The statement was then approved and a copy of the release is attached hereto.

The meeting was informed that the House would probably take up for consideration next Tuesday the postal rate increase bill and that the members of the House Policy Committee would meet on next Monday to consider among other things the bill to establish a Department of Urban Affairs and Housing.

There was brief discussion concerning a story in today's Washington Post concerning a new suggested medical program by the Medical Association for the aged. Senator Dirksen called attention to the fact that he had introduced in the Senate a bill benefiting the aged in regard to tax-free treatment in the sale of their homes.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Congressman Halleck said that prior to the convening of the Congress his attention had been called to a statement by Congressman Miller dealing with the subject of a new declaration of Republican principles. After the matter was discussed with Senator Dirksen it was concluded that it would not be wise for such a statement to be issued then. There was a general conclusion reached that in due time a Republican statement would be issued, perhaps following the line of the format of the previous declarations in 1945 and 1950, and that probably a small group of Republicans from the House and Senate would be selected to prepare such a statement. There seemed to be agreement that when the statement was made it should come from the Congress and that in due time one would be made.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Mark T. ...

Acting Secretary

Approved by the
Acting Presiding Officer
January 25, 1962