

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING  
OF THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP OF THE CONGRESS CALLED  
FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY FIRST, 1967, AT 2:00 P.M. IN  
THE CAPITOL OFFICE (S-230) OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER,  
THE HONORABLE EVERETT MCKINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

Chairman Bliss  
Senators Dirksen, Kuchel, Hickenlooper, Smith, Murphy, Scott  
Congressmen Ford, Laird, Rhodes, Goodell, Poff, Cramer

Absent:

Senator Young  
Congressmen Smith, Wilson

Also Present:

John Fisher, Bryce Harlow, Robert McCormick, Robert Hartman,  
Harry Brookshire, J. Mark Trice

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:08 P.M.

Senator Dirksen briefly spoke of the Debt Ceiling increase which would soon be facing both Houses of Congress. Congressman Ford stated that it would be coming up in the House next Wednesday.

Senator Dirksen also stated that the business before the Senate was the Reorganization Bill and that beginning tomorrow there would be a time limitation thereon.

The Chairman asked John Fisher to inform the Members concerning the Lincoln Day celebration ceremonies, which he did. He stated that Senators Morton and Dirksen and Congressmen Ford and Findley would participate in a program and that a color film would be made of the ceremony. It was decided to hold the ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial on Monday, February sixth at 3:00 P.M.

The Chairman called to the attention of the Members of the Committee a proposed draft of a letter to NBC concerning their coverage of the Republican State of the Union. The Chairman asked if there were any suggestions and there were none but it was suggested that the letter to ABC would need to be revised and the letter to CBS quite different.

The Chairman then recognized Senator Dirksen who read his previously-prepared press release on the subject of the Budget. Several changes were suggested and made and the statement was approved.

The Chairman recognized Congressman Ford who read his previously-prepared statement on the same subject and after several changes it too was approved.

The Chairman stated that Mr. Maurice Stans would be available this Saturday at 12:30 at the Metropolitan Club for discussion of the budget if there were any Members interested. It was suggested that Congressman Jonas and perhaps Senator Young of North Dakota might have luncheon with him or any other interested Members.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:58 P.M.

  
Temporary Secretary