

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE JOINT
REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 20, 1964, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE
(S-230) OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE
EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

Members: Senators Dirksen, Saltonstall, Kuchel
Congressmen Halleck, Byrnes, Arends, Ford, Wilson

Absent: The Presiding Officer, Congressman William E. Miller
Senators Hickenlooper, Morton
Congressman Brown

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

Due to the icy conditions of the streets which caused a delay in the attendance of the members, Congressman Halleck called the meeting to order at 9:25 A.M.

The agenda was as follows:

Wheat Deal Effect on Foreign Policy
Wheat Deal Effect on Domestic Economy
Other Legislative Matters
Rules Committee

WHEAT DEAL EFFECT ON FOREIGN POLICY AND DOMESTIC ECONOMY

Mr. Halleck read for the information of those present the fact sheet in regard to the wheat deal. He then asked Senator Kuchel if he would like to read the previously-prepared statement which was to be presented by Senator Dirksen, the latter having been temporarily detained due to the weather. Senator Kuchel read the statement and then Congressman Halleck read his previously-prepared statement on the same subject. Senator Saltonstall suggested that Congressman Halleck might strengthen his statement by adding a sentence in regard to freight rates and one in regard to the weakness on the part of the Administration in not holding the Allies together economically. Both statements were then approved.

OSWALD HEARING

Congressman Ford spoke briefly concerning the Oswald hearing and he stated that a maximum effort would be made to get all the facts in the

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report. He also stated that he will write separate views if necessary.

RULES COMMITTEE

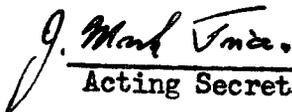
At approximately 9:55 A.M. Senators Curtis, Scott and Cooper, Minority members of the Senate Rules Committee, were asked to join the group. They had been invited to sit in with the Leadership for a discussion of the Baker case. Also present from the House were Congressmen Springer and Arch Moore.

There was discussion concerning meetings of the Rules Committee while the Civil Rights debate was on and an apparent effort on the part of the Democrat members to bring the investigation to a close as soon as possible.

The general consensus was that two or three morning hearings a week should be held and that sufficient time be allowed in order that the Republican members might digest all of the evidence.

There was discussion concerning what should be done so far as Republican members of the House were concerned and it was generally agreed that there would be no objection on the part of the Senators but that the House members should start with the McLeod involvement and go on from there.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.


Acting Secretary