

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTIETH MEETING OF THE
REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP OF THE CONGRESS CALLED FOR TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY TWENTIETH, 1968, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE
(S-230) OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE
EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

Senators Dirksen, Murphy, Scott
Congressmen Ford, Arends, Laird, Wilson, Goodell, Poff

Absent:

Chairman Bliss
Senators Kuchel, Hickenlooper, Smith, Young
Congressmen Rhodes, Smith, Cramer

Also Present:

John Fisher, Bryce Harlow, Harry Brookshire, J. Mark Trice

In the absence of the Chairman, Senator Dirksen called the meeting to order at 4:20 P.M. and he proceeded to read his previously-prepared press statement. After several changes it was approved.

In the temporary absence of Mr. Ford, Congressman Arends read Mr. Ford's previously-prepared statement and after minor changes it too was approved.

Congressman Poff called attention of the Membership to a possible constitutional amendment which he had in mind for the purpose of stopping Governor Wallace. It relates to a change of voting in the House of Representatives if the Presidential election should be thrown there. His idea was to have each Member of the House entitled to one vote and that the vote be restricted to the two top candidates. It was thought that the matter might be studied further and that the approach to the problem seemed to be a good one.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:57 P.M.

J. Mark Trice
Acting Secretary