

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH MEETING OF
THE JOINT SENATE-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY TWENTY-THIRD, 1966, AT 3:00 P.M. IN
THE CAPITOL OFFICE (S-230) OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER,
THE HONORABLE EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

Chairman Bliss
Senators Dirksen, Hickenlooper, Saltonstall, Morton
Congressmen Ford, Arends, Rhodes, Smith, Goodell

Absent:

Senator Kuchel
Congressman Laird, Wilson

Also Present:

William Hatch, Bryce Harlow, William Pendergast, Arthur Peterson,
Harry Brookshire, Mark Trice

Chairman Bliss called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M.

Senator Dirksen spoke of the White House meeting at 8:00 A.M.

on Thursday for the Leadership and another meeting at 9:00 A.M. for
Members of the various committees of the House and Senate to hear
Vice President Humphrey.

Senator Dirksen said that Senator Morse had refused to agree at
this time to a unanimous consent agreement to vote on the pending
Supplemental Bill.

Senator Dirksen raised a question as to what is the status of the
Situs Picketing Bill in the House and he was told by Congressman Smith
that it had been deferred temporarily. Senator Dirksen replied that
a long fight could be expected when it reached the Senate.

Senator Dirksen and Congressman Ford read their previously-prepared
papers on the subject of Inflation and after suggested changes both
statements were approved.

The Press Conference scheduled for 11:00 A.M. on Thursday was
not changed as both Leaders believe they would be through at the
White House by that time.

The Chairman stated that a report by Opinion Research would soon be available and that copies would be sent to the Members as well as a copy of Mr. Stans' statement on Inflation which is to be submitted to the Coordinating Committee.

The Chairman also suggested that a statement which was being prepared on Inflation might be sent to all interested parties with the suggestion that they use it in their pronouncements during the next two weeks. It was thought that the idea was a good one, not only for this but others as well.

Inquiry was raised as to what might be the subject of the next release by the Joint Leadership and it was thought that the coming votes in the Senate might furnish the basis for the next release.

Senator Morton spoke of the funds which the Democratic National Committee had been barred from using for political purposes and he suggested that it be turned over to the American Heritage Foundation. It was his recommendation that two Republicans join with two Democrats to decide how the money should be spent. Apparently he had talked with Congressman Bob Wilson and had not received a reply. Senator Morton requested that the House Members please let him know immediately as to their recommendations in the matter.

There was an inquiry as to the condition of John Fisher and it was stated that he would be back for full time duty on March seventh and begin work part time next week.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:13 P.M.

J. Mark Tice
Acting Secretary