

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING  
OF THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP OF THE CONGRESS CALLED FOR  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY TWENTY-THIRD, 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  
Senator Dirksen  
Congressmen Ford, Arends, Laird, Rhodes, Poff, Cramer

Absent:

Senators Kuchel, Hickenlooper, Smith, Young, Murphy, Scott  
Congressmen Smith, Wilson, Goodell

Also Present:

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:15 P.M.

Senator Dirksen asked Congressman Ford what legislation the House was considering. Congressman Ford reported that next Wednesday they expected to take up the conference report on the Debt Ceiling Bill and the Committee report on Congressman Powell.

In response to another question by Senator Dirksen, Congressman Ford stated that at this time the feeling in the House was to let the Senate act first in the Civil Rights Bill.

The Chairman then recognized Senator Dirksen who read his previously-prepared press statement on the subject of "Sharing of Tax Credits and Tax Revenues between the Federal Government and the States". Congressman Ford was then recognized to read his previously-prepared statement on the same subject. Corrections were made in both statements and they were approved. Copies are attached hereto.

It was thought that at some time in the future papers might be prepared on the subject of controls and weapons in the hands of the Administration which

could be used in regard to price and wage controls. Senator Dirksen called attention to the editorial in the Washington Post today and also to an article by Wilson in last night's Washington Star on this subject.

He thought that next week might be a good time to prepare something on the Kennedy round as the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act will shortly expire.

It was decided to release on Monday a press statement relating to the establishment of a National Commission on Public Management. The last paragraph on page 1 was stricken.

The Chairman asked if it might be wise to name two members on the Committee to study campaign contributions and suggested that Mr. Scribner and Mr. Ross be named. There was general discussion and the thought expressed that the Chairman be certain of their respective positions on the subject.

Senator Dirksen suggested that the best way to handle the matter in regard to campaign contributions would be to offer an amendment to repeal the provision of law by offering it to some legislation which is before the Senate and which the President would not veto.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:22 P.M.

*J. Mark Tice.*  
Acting Secretary