

MINUTES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE JOINT
SENATE-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR TUESDAY,
MARCH 9, 1965, AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE
(H-202) OF THE HOUSE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE
GERALD R. FORD, JR.

Present:

Congressman Ford, Arends, Rhodes, Laird
Senators Dirksen, Kuchel, Saltonstall

Absent:

Chairman Burch
Congressmen Brown, Wilson
Senators Hickenlooper, Morton

Also Present:

Robert Humphreys, Harry Brookshire, Mark Trice

In the absence of the Chairman, Dean Burch, Senator Dirksen called the meeting to order at 9:45 A.M. Prior to consideration of the revised suggested draft for the Coordinating Committee meeting, Bob Humphreys asked whether or not copies of the proposed statement might be given to the Governors. After general discussion it was suggested that five copies be given to them just prior to their breakfast meeting in the morning.

Mr. Humphreys also raised a question about the request on the part of other persons to be present at the meeting and it was decided to confine the list to those persons who are already on the list. It was suggested, however, that an area adjacent to the meeting room be designated as a working and meeting place for the other persons interested.

It was also suggested that Mrs. Pat Hutar, Assistant Chairman of the Republican National Committee, be allowed to substitute for an eligible member who is absent.

Also, a question was raised as to whether or not a meeting might be held at Hershey, Pennsylvania, and it was decided that meetings should be held in Washington, D. C. Tuesday, June 1, 1965, was suggested as the date for the next meeting of the Coordinating Committee to receive reports from its various committees.

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It was suggested that the proposed report be made more positive and that certain language suggested by Senator Saltonstall be included, as well as Congressman Arends' suggestion that the words "they need us" also be included.

Senator Saltonstall suggested that Senator Dirksen and Congressman Ford be given authority to decide on matters so far as procedure and staff are concerned. There was no objection.

Congressman Ford raised a question on the advisability of some other title for the "Task Forces" to be set up due to a possible conflict with the same designation now used by task force groups set up by the Republicans of the House of Representatives.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 A.M.

J. Mark T. ...
Acting Secretary