

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF  
THE JOINT SENATE-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH NINTH, 1966, AT 1:30 P.M. IN THE CAPITOL  
OFFICE (H-202) OF THE HOUSE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE  
GERALD R. FORD

Present:

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

Absent:

Senators Kuchel, Morton

Also Present:

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

Chairman Bliss called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M. and Congressman Ford proceeded to read his previously-prepared statement on the Spending Program of the Johnson-Humphrey Administration.

Senator Dirksen then proceeded to read his previously-prepared statement on Inflation and Future Tax Programs.

After minor changes both statements were approved and copies are attached.

The Chairman expressed words of welcome to John Fisher who for the first time after his accident attended the Leadership meeting.

Congressman Laird called to the attention of the Leadership a letter from former Congressman Jim Auchincloss of New Jersey in which he stated it would be helpful if the Joint Leadership showed interest in the proposed new building program of the Capitol Hill Club. He then read a proposed resolution which had been drafted by Mr. Auchincloss. After discussion Senator Dirksen suggested that a simple resolution be prepared merely stating that the Joint Leadership expressed interest in an efficient and coordinated effort of the Republican Party to be concentrated in a permanent

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place, and that the Joint Leadership looks with favor on such a venture. The Chairman suggested that words to the effect "that it would be advantageous to be in one building" be included. There was no objection on the part of the Joint Leadership to a resolution of this type.

Senator Dirksen spoke of the recent operation of Senator Thomas H. Kuchel and moved that a resolution be drafted and sent to him. The motion was seconded by Congressman Ford and Chairman Bliss and unanimously adopted.

Congressman Smith briefly mentioned the action taking place in the Rules Committee on the Situs Picketing Bill.

The Chairman stated that the next meeting of the Joint Leadership would be on Wednesday, March sixteenth, at 3:00 P.M.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:14 P.M.

*J. Mark Fries.*  
Acting Secretary