

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST MEETING OF
THE JOINT SENATE-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR
WEDNESDAY, APRIL TWENTIETH, 1966, AT 2:30 P.M. IN THE CAPITOL
OFFICE (S-230) OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE
EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

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

Absent:

Senator Morton
Congressman Laird

Also Present:

John Fisher, William Pendergast, Arthur Peterson,
Robert Hartman, Harry Brookshire, J. Mark Trice

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:38 P.M.

There was brief discussion, prior to the reading of the previously-prepared statements, in regard to Senator Dirksen's response to the press in regard to Congressman Ford's remarks charging "shocking mismanagement" on the part of the Pentagon re Vietnam. It was agreed by Senator Dirksen that there was really no disagreement between Senator Dirksen and Congressman Ford and that at the press conference tomorrow the matter would be handled satisfactorily.

Senator Dirksen then read his previously-prepared statement on the subject of SPENDING and after several changes it was approved. A copy is attached.

Congressman Ford then read his previously-prepared statement on INFLATION and after one minor change it was approved. A copy is attached.

A proposed concurrent resolution which was submitted on the subject of MOUNTING INFLATIONARY FORCES was approved after a minor change and it is to be introduced in the respective Houses by Senator Dirksen and Congressman Ford. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:27 P.M.