

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE JOINT
REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1963, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE CAPITOL
OFFICE (S-230) OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER, THE
HONORABLE EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

Members: Senators Dirksen, Hickenlooper, Saltonstall
Congressmen Halleck, Brown, Byrnes, Wilson

Absent: The Presiding Officer, Congressman William E. Miller
Senators Kuchel and Morton
Congressman Ford

Staff: Robert Humphreys, Harry Brookshire, Robert Allett, Mark Trice

In the absence of the Chairman, Senator Dirksen called the meeting
to order at 9:15 a.m. and announced the agenda for the meeting as follows:

Congressional Intimidation

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Other Legislative Matters

Congressional Intimidation

Senator Dirksen stated that Congressman Halleck had the first proposed
statement. Congressman Halleck was recognized and he read for the information
of those present the proposed release. After reading the statement, Congress-
man Halleck called attention to the Congressional Record statement made by
Congressman Carl Albert re Republican budget cuts and said that undoubtedly
such a compilation could only have been done downtown. After minor changes
were suggested in phraseology, the statement was approved, a copy of which
is attached.

The Ribicoff Code

Senator Dirksen then proceeded to read for the information of the
Members present the proposed press release on this subject. There were
several minor changes and the statement was approved as read. A copy is
attached hereto.

Other Legislative Matters

Senator Dirksen mentioned the attendance of thirteen Senators and three Congressman at a testimonial dinner for Senator Hruska in Omaha on Saturday at which 2,202 people were present and the night before in Topeka at which 1,800 were present.

He asked if the situation was the same in the House in regard to the Easter recess and he was advised that it was and that today a Resolution would be sent over.

Senator Dirksen also spoke of the possible attempt by Senator Thurmond to put back in the Military Procurement Bill the \$190 million item pertaining to the Nike-Zeus anti-missile program.

Senator Dirksen also stated that the Senate may or may not finish the Youth Conservation Program but if it did the chances were the Senate would recess for the Easter period for approximately ten days.

He then raised a question about the Oppenheimer award. Senator Dirksen recognized Senator Hickenlooper who went into the whole Oppenheimer background and stated that to him the matter was a nauseating and revolting situation. He also stated that he hoped to have a conference on the matter this afternoon for the purpose of deciding whether to submit to the Congress legislation to take away the tax free features of the award.

Senator Dirksen also informed the group of the passing of Mr. Joseph N. Pew, Jr. of Philadelphia and of his funeral arrangements.

Congressman Halleck stated that a good effort was being made to stand by the Committee cuts and he hoped that they could be sustained in the House tomorrow. He also expressed the hope that the Republicans in the Senate would not give up the fight.

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Congressman Byrnes spoke of certain Veteran benefits which needed to be cleared before the Easter recess in the Supplemental Appropriation Bill.

Congressman Halleck also stated that he had contacted Congressman Melvin Laird and that Congressman Laird would appear at the Press Conference with him later in the morning.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

J. Mark Trice
Acting Secretary