

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SECOND MEETING OF  
THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP OF THE CONGRESS CALLED FOR  
WEDNESDAY, MAY TENTH, 1967, 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, Smith, Wilson, Goodell, Poff, Cramer  
Senators Dirksen, Kuchel, Hickenlooper, Young, Scott

Absent:

Congressmen Arends, Laird, Rhodes  
Senators Smith, Murphy

Also Present:

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M. but prior thereto Senator Dirksen asked Congressman Ford about the Powell case. Congressman Ford answered that no action would be taken unless Powell personally appears. He said that if a decision was sought by another Member, then a certain day would be set.

Senator Dirksen then asked about the Quie amendment to the Education Bill to which Congressman Ford responded that apparently the Democrats do not have the votes at this time and that apparently it would be some time before the bill would be taken up. He said that he had wired all twenty-five Republican Governors asking for their endorsement.

Congressman Ford stated that a Railroad Labor Bill will be considered but in his opinion it will not be the Administration bill.

Congressman Ford asked about the Redistricting Bill passed by the House and presently bogged down in the Post Office and Civil Service Committee. Senator Dirksen said he would look into the matter.

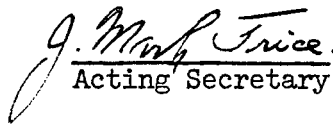
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Chairman Bliss spoke of recommendations recently made in regard to tax deductible gifts to political parties. It was agreed that Congressman Ford would talk with Congressman Byrnes and have him look into it with the idea of introducing the measure.

The Chairman also spoke of obtaining quotes for possible use in the pamphlet on the Poverty Program and he was told that most of the information would be available in the hearings which no doubt would be printed. It was recommended that such a pamphlet be printed.

The Chairman also called attention of the Membership to the next Coordinating Committee meeting on July 24 and 25. He stated that Neil McElroy had consented to be Chairman of the Committee on Defense and that presently they are trying to find the services of a staff man. He also stated he had not been able to find a Chairman for a Committee on Labor.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:18 P.M.

  
Acting Secretary