

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE JOINT REPUBLICAN  
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1964, AT  
9:00 A.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE (H-202) OF THE HOUSE  
MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE CHARLES A. HALLECK

Present:

Members: Senators Dirksen and Kuchel  
Congressmen Halleck, Arends, Ford

Absent:

The Presiding Officer, Congressman William E. Miller  
Senators Saltonstall, Morton, Hickenlooper  
Congressmen Brown, Byrnes, Wilson

Also Present: Robert Humphreys, Bryce Harlow, Harry Brookshire,  
Robert Allett, Mark Trice

Senator Dirksen called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M. and stated  
that the agenda was as follows:

Lack of Viet Nam Policy

LBJ Economy "Snow Job"

Other Legislative Matters

LACK OF VIET NAM POLICY

Senator Dirksen proceeded to read the prepared press release on this  
subject. Several minor changes were made and the statement was approved.  
A copy is attached.

Congressman Arends stated that he had concluded from Secretary  
McNamara's statements before his Committee that the Administration will  
play the situation by ear until after November. He thought that the  
last sentence should include words to the effect that the Administration  
should tell the truth and the facts to the American people.

LBJ ECONOMY "SNOW JOB"

Congressman Halleck then read for the information of the Members a  
previously-prepared fact sheet on this subject. After minor changes the  
statement was approved as read. A copy is attached.

OTHER LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Congressman Halleck stated he had talked with the Speaker regarding when the House might recess for the Republican National Convention and from what he had gathered it looked as though it might be possible to recess from July 3 until July 20.

Congressman Halleck stated that the House had only two appropriation bills remaining, namely, Foreign Aid and Public Works.

Congressman Halleck raised a question as to how best the Republicans in the House might present their side of the story to the Resolution Committee of the Republican National Committee. After discussion it was agreed that a special meeting of the Membership would be called for next Tuesday morning at which time Congressman Laird would be invited.

The Civil Rights bill was briefly discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

*J. Mark Fince.*  
Acting Secretary