

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE  
REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP OF THE CONGRESS CALLED FOR THURSDAY,  
JUNE FIFTH, 1968, AT 1:30 P.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE  
(S-230) OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE  
EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

Senators Dirksen, Smith, Young, Murphy  
Congressmen Ford, Poff, Cramer

Absent:

Chairman Bliss  
Senators Kuchel, Hickenlooper, Scott  
Congressmen Arends, Laird, Rhodes, Smith, Wilson, Goodell

Also Present:

John Fisher, Bryce Harlow, Robert Hartman, Harry Brookshire,  
J. Mark Trice

In the absence of the Chairman, Senator Dirksen called the meeting  
to order at 1:40 p.m.

It was universally agreed that in the light of the Kennedy tragedy  
it was best not to hold a press conference on Thursday and, therefore, it  
was suggested that the statements be deferred until next week.

The proposed statements were on the subject of "Inflation" and it  
was thought that they might be substituted with a subject of greater  
impact.

Foreign Aid Authorization, Water Pollution and Highway Legislation  
were briefly discussed. Senator Dirksen thought that the Foreign Aid  
authorization would be taken care of by amendment or continuing resolution  
if necessary.

Bryce Harlow suggested that perhaps statements might be worked up on  
the reasons for the shooting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

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