

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND MEETING OF THE  
JOINT SENATE-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR  
THURSDAY, JULY FIFTEENTH, 1965, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE  
CAPITOL OFFICE (H-202) OF THE HOUSE MINORITY LEADER, THE  
HONORABLE GERALD R. FORD

Present:

Congressmen Ford, Arends, Laird, Rhodes, Wilson  
Senator Dirksen, Kuchel, Saltonstall, Morton

Absent:

Chairman Bliss  
Congressman Brown  
Senator Hickenlooper

Also Present:

Bill Pendergast, Bryce Harlow, Harry Brookshire, Mark Trice

In the absence of Chairman Bliss, Senator Dirksen called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.

There was general discussion concerning reapportionment legislation, discussion as to whether or not Senator Mansfield's speech on the Senate Floor violated any rule in reference to Members of the House, and Secretary McNamara's committee appearance yesterday in regard to the cost of the war in Vietnam.

Congressman Ford read a previously-prepared statement in regard to the military situation in Vietnam and after several corrections it was approved. A copy is attached.

Senator Dirksen then read his previously-prepared press statement on bipartisanship in foreign policy and after several corrections it was approved. A copy is attached.

During the course of the discussion Senator Morton suggested that perhaps better liaison might be set up between the Joint Leadership and President Eisenhower. It was suggested by Senator Saltonstall that the

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Leadership might invite the former President to meet with them. There was no definite decision in regard to the suggestion.

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

  
Acting Secretary