MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE JOINT SENATE-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY TWENTY-SEVENTH, 1966, AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE (S-230) OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

Chairman Bliss Senators Dirksen, Hickenlooper, Saltonstall Congressmen Ford, Arends, Laird, Smith, Goodell

Absent:

Senators Kuchel, Morton Congressmen Rhodes, Wilson

Also Present:

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

Chairman Bliss called the meeting to order at 2:12 P.M. and first recognized Congressman Ford for the reading of his prepared statement and then, Senator Dirksen. Both statements were on the subject of Inflation.

After minor changes both statements were approved and copies are attached.

Senator Dirksen raised a question as to House action on the Civil Rights Bill and was told that up to this time there had been no significant change, that the bill would probably be continued over until next week and that at the present time a check was being made of the position of Republicans.

Chairman Bliss raised a question about the setting up of a committee on Defense and it was suggested that he go ahead with the membership of the committee with the idea of releasing it at the time of the next meeting of the Coordinating Committee on October third.

It was also suggested that Maurice Stans work on an Inflation statement for use at the October meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:47 P.M.

Acting Secretary