

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH MEETING OF THE
JOINT SENATE-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR
THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1965, AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE CAPITOL
OFFICE (H-202) OF THE HOUSE MINORITY LEADER, THE
HONORABLE GERALD R. FORD

Present:

Congressmen Ford, Arends, Laird, Rhodes
Senators Dirksen, Saltonstall

Absent:

Chairman Bliss
Congressmen Brown, Wilson
Senators Kuchel, Hickenlooper, Morton

Also Present:

Bill Pendergast, Arthur Peterson, Harry Brookshire, Mark Trice

In the absence of Chairman Bliss, Senator Dirksen called the
meeting to order at 2:20 P.M..

The agenda consisted of two topics:

1. Vietnam
2. Staff Director

STAFF DIRECTOR

The second subject on the agenda was briefly discussed and several
names were suggested. Senator Dirksen informed the Membership that
Bob Humphreys was now able to take automobile rides and has been doing
some walking. There was conflicting opinion as to whether or not he
could resume his duties as Staff Director. Senator Dirksen thought that
it might be possible to have Bob drop by for a visit and have the Members
talk with him. It was the opinion of the House Members that
Bill Pendergast should be relieved of this assignment because of his
other pressing duties. It was suggested that Senator Dirksen and Congress-
man Ford have a talk with one of the persons mentioned and make a
recommendation to the Committee.

VIETNAM

Congressman Ford stated that the Members of the House had stayed away from comments on the Vietnam situation.

The subject was generally discussed with emphasis placed on the Preparedness Report of the Stennis Committee. Also, financing of the Vietnam operation was talked over.

At the suggestion of Senator Dirksen it was approved that a telegram be sent to Barry Goldwater because of his recent operation, the telegram to be signed by all Members of the Joint Leadership.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

J. Mark F. ...
Acting Secretary