

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE JOINT REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR TUESDAY, JULY 31, 1962,
AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE (HE 203) OF THE HOUSE
MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE CHARLES A. HALLECK

Present:

Members:

Senators Dirksen, Saltonstall, Hickenlooper
Congressman Halleck, Hoeven, Arends

Absent:

The Presiding Officer, Congressman William E. Miller

Members:

Senator Kuchel
Congressmen Brown, Byrnes

Also Present:

Staff: Robert Humphreys, Bryce Harlow, Robert Allett,
Harry Brookshire, Mark Trice

In the absence of the Presiding Officer, Senator Dirksen called the
meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

The following agenda was presented for consideration:

Laotian Question
Economic Squeeze
Legislative Matters

Economic Squeeze

Congressman Halleck read the proposed press release on this subject
for the information of the Members. Senator Saltonstall suggested that
there be a switch in the emphasis of paragraph 5 to stress Federal spending
and Senator Hickenlooper suggested that the reference to the Hanford power
project be eliminated.

After the suggested minor changes were made the release was approved
and a copy is attached hereto.

Laotian Question

Senator Dirksen then read the proposed press release for the information of the Members and the release was approved. A copy is attached hereto.

Congressman Halleck called to the attention of the Members a recent article by Joe Alsop on this subject which incorrectly stated the facts. Mr. Halleck stated that at a White House conference no commitments were asked and none were given by the Republicans and it was suggested that a question be asked by the press in order that an answer might be elicited in order to set the record straight.

Legislative Matters

Senator Dirksen asked as to what might be the legislative picture in the House at this time and there was brief discussion involving the House vote on Aid to Communist Countries. The next order of House business will probably be the U. N. bond issue and there was a brief discussion of the \$900 million Public Works Bill which was referred to as another Depressed Area proposition, with the President able to spend the money wherever he wanted. There was also brief discussion on the Farm Bill.

Senator Hickenlooper raised a question concerning recent statements "from the hip" by General Eisenhower to which Mr. Harlow replied that in his opinion it was merely a matter of a staff problem and the situation would soon be corrected.

Senator Hickenlooper referred also to the recent stupid action on the part of the State Department in regard to Peru.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

J. Mark Fince.
Acting Secretary