

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE
REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP OF THE CONGRESS CALLED FOR WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST SECOND, 1967, AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE OF
THE HOUSE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE GERALD R. FORD

Present:

Chairman Bliss
Congressmen Ford, Arends, Laird, Rhodes, Wilson, Goodell, Cramer
Senators Dirksen, Young, Murphy, Scott

Absent:

Congressmen Smith, Poff
Senators Kuchel, Hickenlooper, Smith

Also Present:

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

Chairman Bliss called the meeting to order at 2:18 P.M. and recognized Senator Murphy for the purpose of reading a proposed statement of his own regarding Secretary Freeman. The Senator said he intended to release the statement and thought other Members would be interested in it.

The Chairman then recognized Senator Dirksen who read the substitute draft of his proposed statement on the recent civil riots. After several changes the statement was approved.

Congressman Ford then read his previously-prepared statement on the same subject and after minor changes it was approved.

Senator Murphy informed the Chairman that the Middle East statement prepared by the Coordinating Committee had now been approved and was ready for release. It was suggested that the release date be held for a day or two.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.


Acting Secretary