

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE JOINT REPUBLICAN  
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1962,  
AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE (P-48) OF THE SENATE  
MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE EVERETT MCKINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

Members:

Senators Dirksen, Saltonstall, Kuchel, Hickenlooper  
Congressmen Halleck, Hoeven, Arends, Byrnes, Brown

Also Present:

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

Absent:

The Presiding Officer, Congressman William E. Miller

In the absence of the Presiding Officer, Senator Dirksen called the  
meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

The following agenda was presented for consideration:

Public Works  
Test Ban  
JFK Recovery Rate  
Other legislative matters

Public Works

Congressman Halleck read the prepared fact sheet to the Members on  
this subject and then read the prepared statement to be made to the Press.  
Congressman Halleck stated that he could see no necessity for the legislation  
and that an all-out effort would be made to defeat it as a result of the  
action taken by the House Policy Committee. Congressman Brown expressed  
the opinion that the House was holding up action on the omnibus public  
works bill in order to obtain support for this legislation.

Several changes were made in the phraseology of the proposed statement  
and the sentence relating to "impact on unemployment" was stricken. The  
proposed press release was then approved and a copy is attached hereto.

Test Ban

Senator Dirksen then read the proposed press release on this subject for the information of the Members present and it was suggested that the fact sheet be read for their information as well. After several suggested word changes the statement was approved and a copy is attached hereto.

Senator Hickenlooper stated that in regard to recent technical advancements in the field of detection, it could be stated that it was possible to ascertain detection but as far as identification was concerned the answer was still "no". He also stated that in his opinion the Soviets have also been testing and are not going to have free access to their country.

Senator Dirksen stated that in his opinion Arthur Dean is becoming weary and he was afraid that because of all the pressures the Administration might be tempted to give up.

It was suggested that the fact sheet might be attached to the Press statement for distribution.

Legislative Situation

Congressman Halleck stated that the House only had before it minor legislation but that in the picture was United Nations Bonds, Youth Opportunities that they were hopeful of killing, and the Public Works Bill. The Anti Poll Tax Constitutional Amendment was briefly discussed and Congressman Halleck intimated that additional votes were needed to get it out of the House Committee on Rules.

Congressman Brown stated that the Chairman of the Committee did not wish the Joint Resolution reported.

It was also briefly discussed the question of the future meetings of the Committee from the standpoint of equal time being demanded by opponents on TV and radio.

JFK Recovery Rate

Mr. Humphreys called attention to the release on this subject which the Leadership might release this weekend.

After a brief discussion of this matter it was thought best that the press release might be made at a later date and then perhaps it might be best to have it handled through some financial writer.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

  
Acting Secretary