

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE JOINT REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 27/6 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, Hickenlooper
Congressmen Halleck, Arends, Byrnes, Brown

Absent:

The Presiding Officer, Congressman William E. Miller

Members:

Senator Kuchel
Congressman Hoeven

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 9:35 a.m.

The following agenda was presented for consideration:

Test Ban Treaty or Executive Agreement?

Why Not a Tax Message Now?

Other Legislative Matters

Why Not a Tax Message Now?

Congressman Halleck read the previously-prepared fact sheet on this subject. Following the reading of the fact sheet Congressman Halleck read the proposed press release statement. Several minor changes were made in the phraseology.

Congressman Byrnes stated that a tax program had been promised for over a year and the latest information was that the staff work had been done but that it had not as yet gone to the policy group to consider it.

The release was agreed to and a copy is attached hereto.

Test Ban Treaty or Executive Agreement?

Senator Dirksen read the proposed press statement and after several minor changes the statement was approved. A copy is attached hereto.

Senator Hickenlooper commented briefly on information he had received that Arthur Dean at the recent conference had made statements beyond his instructions and had been called to task.

Congressman Brown referred to the Netherlands agreement concluded yesterday and the particular emphasis on the press release that they "Could not depend on their Allies".

Other Legislative Matters

Congressman Halleck said that he had a suggested amendment to the bill for Equal Pay for Women and it was recommended by Senator Dirksen that it be sent to either Senator Tower or Senator Goldwater.

Congressman Halleck said there was not much in the way of a legislative program scheduled in the House next week, that he expected that the U. N. Bond Bill would be considered week after next, to be followed by the Foreign Aid Appropriations Bill.

Senator Hickenlooper stated that in his opinion a real effort would be made to keep controls in the Farm Bill.

Extension of Unemployment Benefits, Higher Education and the Youth Opportunities Bill were briefly mentioned.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.


Acting Secretary