

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH MEETING OF THE
JOINT SENATE-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER SECOND, 1965, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE
CAPITOL OFFICE (H-202) OF THE HOUSE MINORITY LEADER,
THE HONORABLE GERALD R. FORD

Present:

Chairman Bliss
Congressmen Ford, Arends, Rhodes, Smith, Goodell
Senators Dirksen, Morton

Absent:

Congressmen Laird, Wilson
Senators Kuchel, Hickenlooper, Saltonstall

Also Present:

Arthur Peterson, Harry Brookshire, Mark Trice

Chairman Bliss called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. and stated that two position papers by the Coordinating Committee would be released to the Press, "Human Rights" this Friday and a paper relating to "Gold" next Wednesday.

After the question was raised the Chairman stated that a different arrangement would be made regarding press conferences and releases following Coordinating meetings.

The Chairman recognized Congressman Ford who stated that the House would consider Foreign Aid next week and minor bills under suspension on the calendar on Tuesday; that on September 13 six or seven bills would be taken up under the 21 day rule and that the Speaker would probably attempt to get up the Pay Bill. He said that there are approximately 190 signatures to date on the Home Rule petition and that there was a possibility of obtaining the necessary number of signatures. Also, that no adjournment date had been fixed.

The Chairman recognized Senator Dirksen who talked about the legislative matters still to be passed by the Senate, namely, Agriculture

Appropriation Bill, Immigration, Foreign Aid and of his recent effort to get the Reapportionment Bill out of the Committee and on the Calendar. He asked Congressman Ford concerning Sugar legislation and Congressman Ford said he believed it was in the mark-up stage.

Senator Dirksen also said that the Finance Committee had a number of amendments added to the tax bill which was before them. Senator Dirksen also asked about the Bank Merger bill which the Senate had passed and Congressman Ford said he thought that pressure would be needed to get the bill out.

Senator Dirksen said he thought that there were the votes necessary in the Senate to keep in the Immigration Bill the amendment relating to Western Hemisphere quotas.

There was general discussion concerning 14 (b) and Senator Dirksen said he would shortly have a meeting of his team to talk over strategy. He also stated that the Higher Education Bill would be debated in the Senate today.

Congressman Ford said that Dr. Pendergast could not be present because he was ill with the flu. He also stated that he had recently seen Bob Humphreys who looked very well but Senator Dirksen said he understood that he had had a temporary setback.

In response to questions, Congressman Ford stated that a special election would be held in November to fill Congressman Brown's vacancy and that there would be a primary contest for the seat.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 A.M.


Acting Secretary