

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE
REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP OF THE CONGRESS CALLED FOR WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH, 1968, IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE (S-230) OF
THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN

Present:

Chairman Bliss
Senators Dirksen, Murphy
Congressmen Ford, Arends, Laird, Smith, Poff, Cramer

Absent:

Senators Kuchel, Hickenlooper, Smith, Young, Scott
Congressmen Rhodes, Wilson, Goodell

Also Present:

John Fisher, Robert Hartman, Harry Brookshire, J. Mark Trice

Chairman Bliss called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M. and, at the request of Congressman Ford who had a cold, Congressman Arends read his prepared statement. After the reading, Congressman Ford submitted a redraft of the last paragraph. The statement on Crime was then approved. A copy is attached.

Senator Dirksen then read his prepared statement in regard to the Party Platform in 1968. After the reading of the statement it was approved with the suggestion that the last paragraph be rewritten. A copy is attached.

Senator Dirksen said that the Committee on Judiciary expected to vote on the Fortas nomination at 11:00 o'clock next Tuesday.

Chairman Bliss expressed his appreciation to the Members of the Joint Leadership for their efforts at the Republican Convention. He called to their attention a National Committee publication on Humphrey quotes.

Due to a roll call in the House it was necessary to adjourn the meeting at 2:03 P.M.

J. Mark Trice
Acting Secretary