

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH MEETING OF THE  
JOINT SENATE-HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CALLED FOR  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER THIRTIETH, 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, Laird, Rhodes, Smith  
Senators Dirksen, Kuchel, Saltonstall

Absent:

Congressmen Arends, Wilson, Goodell  
Senators Hickenlooper, Morton

Also Present:

William Pendergast, Bryce Harlow, Arthur Peterson,  
Harry Brookshire, Mark Trice

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.

Senator Dirksen called to the attention of the Members a letter which had been received from Clarence J. Brown, Jr., acknowledging receipt of the resolution of sympathy extended by the Joint Leadership in regard to the death of his father. The letter is attached.

Before proceeding with the statements on the agenda, quite a long discussion ensued as to what should be said at the press conference concerning the John Birch Society. In the press conference the day before, Senator Morton had in general terms taken the position of writing them out of the Republican Party. All members present expressed their individual opinions as to how best to answer any questions raised at the press conference.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AMERICANS

The Chairman recognized Senator Dirksen in regard to his statement pertaining to the Economic Opportunity For All Americans and it was approved.

ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAM

The Chairman then recognized Congressman Ford who read his statement on the Anti-Poverty Program and after several changes it was approved.

The Chairman recognized Congressman Laird who stated that it was quite necessary that Dr. Pendergast be relieved of his assignment with the Joint Leadership and expressed hope that some effort would be made to obtain a replacement. Senator Dirksen and Congressman Ford agreed to talk with Neil McElroy regarding Olive Gale.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 A.M.

*J. Mark Force.*  
Acting Secretary