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[February 19, 1963]

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE CALLED BY THE CHAIRMAN, THE HONORABLE LEVERETT SALTONSTALL, FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1963, AT 11:15 A.M., ROOM 335, SENATE OFFICE BUILDING

The Chairman, the Honorable Leverett Saltonstall, called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m. and asked the Secretary, Senator Milton R. Young, to call the roll.

Present 21:

Aiken	Curtis	Mundt
Allott	Dirksen	Pearson
Beall	Dominick	Prouty
Bennett	Goldwater	Saltonstall
Boggs	Javits	Smith
Case	Jordan	Williams
Cooper	Keating	Young.

Also present were J. Mark Trice, William Brownrigg III and David S. Teeple.

The Chairman announced that a quorum was present and recognized Senator John J. Williams, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Committees, who was serving because of the absence from the city of Senator Frank Carlson. Senator Williams read the changes in the committee assignments recommended by the Committee on Committees. There had been distributed to the Members present two memorandums containing the recommended changes.

The Chairman asked if there was any objection and there being none he stated that without objection the report of the Committee on Committees would be accepted and the Conference would confirm the appointments. There was no objection. Copy of assignments as approved attached hereto.¹

The Chairman then asked if the Minority Leader, Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen, wished to make any remarks. Senator Dirksen explained the problems which had faced the Leadership and the Committee on Committees in making the recommended changes and assignments, and spoke of the experience, hard work and knowledge of Mark Trice in helping iron out the problems.

A motion was made and seconded that the Conference go on record in extending to Mark Trice its appreciation for the work that he

¹[Not included here because they exactly duplicate the lists on pages 955-57.]

had done. The Chairman put the question and the motion was agreed to.

The Chairman recognized Senator Jacob K. Javits who asked that he might interrupt Senator Dirksen in order to ask why the ratio was changed on the Committee on Appropriations. Senator Dirksen stated that he had made the request of the Majority that the existing ratio be retained on Appropriations and that he thought it had been agreed to until the Democratic Steering Committee meeting when, because of objection by Senator Richard B. Russell, the committee refused to accept the recommendation. Also involved in the matter was the desire of some Democrats to increase the membership on Finance by two.

Senator Dirksen also stated that every effort had been made to seek possible changes in order that Senator Peter H. Dominick would not have to serve on the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs in violation of the precedent that no two Senators of the same party from the same State shall serve on the same Committee. He stated that this could not be worked out and that it should be treated as a temporary assignment until the matter could be adjusted at the first opportunity.

The Chairman recognized Senator Kenneth B. Keating who stated that he thought the action taken by the Democrats was a direct slap at his colleague but that he believed that the matter would ultimately work in favor of the Republicans.

Senator Dirksen then informed the group of the White House briefing that had taken place the evening before. He stated that the President seemed to be very nervous and that in the latest correspondence between the President and Mr. Khrushchev there was a hope that in early March there would be a pull out of some additional troops, "those not needed for certain service assignments."

The Senator stated that he called to the attention of the President certain figures as to the troops, missiles, planes and other material which had been set forth in a recent article by Roscoe Drummond. He said that nobody quarreled with those figures and that the President stated that the summary was practically correct. In response to a question which he asked as to "what is down the road," the President did not disclose anything but merely said "We do the best we can."

Senator Dirksen said that he called to the attention of the President the Platt amendment of 1901 and the action which President Lincoln had taken in regard to the Mexican situation.

The Chairman then recognized Senator Allott who stated that at the meeting of the Committee on Committees this morning he had raised certain questions as to procedure; namely, the release of information prematurely, the lack of knowledge as to the changes

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which might be contemplated on committees and the non-participation by the members of the Committee on Committees.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

[signed] Milton R. Young
Secretary of the Conference

Approved by the Chairman of the Conference on February 20, 1963

[signed] J. Mark Trice
Secretary for the Minority

On Thursday, February 21, Senator Tower decided to remain on Banking and Currency and not take an assignment to the Committee on Government Operations. Senator Pearson being next in line took the assignment to the Committee on Government Operations and released Banking and Currency. This change affected no other places. Senators Dirksen and Saltonstall approved the rearrangement.

[April 2, 1963]

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE CALLED BY THE CHAIRMAN, THE HONORABLE LEVERETT SALTONSTALL, FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1963, AT 9:30 A.M., ROOM 335, SENATE OFFICE BUILDING

The meeting was called by the Chairman, the Honorable Leverett Saltonstall, but due to his absence from the city he requested Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen to act as Chairman.

Senator Dirksen called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and suggested that the call of the roll be dispensed with. There was no objection.

The following Senators were present:

Aiken	Dominick	Morton
Allott	Fong	Mundt
Beall	Hruska	Prouty
Bennett	Javits	Scott
Boggs	Jordan	Simpson
Carlson	Keating	Smith
Case	Kuchel	Tower
Cooper	Mechem	Williams
Cotton	Miller	Young
Dirksen		

Also present were J. Mark Trice, William Brownrigg III and David S. Teeple.