
Present:

Chairman Dean Burch

Senators Dirksen, Saltonstall, Kuchel, Morton, Hickenlooper
Congressmen Ford, Laird, Brown, Byrnes, Arends

Absent:

Congressman Wilson

Also Present:

Robert Humphreys, Bryce Harlow, Harry Brookshire, Fred B. Rhodes, Mark Trice

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dean Burch, at 9:10 A.M.

The agenda is as follows:

Background on Party Superstructures Proposals
Coordinating Committee Proposal
Statement on Philosophy of Coordinating Committee Proposal
Statement on Details of Coordinating Committee Operation
Legislative Matters

BACKGROUND ON PARTY SUPERSTRUCTURE PROPOSALS

The Chairman recognized Bob Humphreys for the purpose of giving background information in regard to the press clippings and the organization chart. He also read for the information of the Membership the sheet prepared on questions and answers. This background information was attached to the prepared press releases.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

A number of questions were asked in regard to publicity which might be given to task force reports before approval by Senator Dirksen and Congressman Ford.
There was some difference of opinion as to how this question should be handled. It was stated that if the Committee could agree on the structure of the committee, the question of control could be worked out later.

It was generally thought that if the appointments to the respective committees were properly handled there would be no loss of control by the legislative group.

**STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE PROPOSAL**

The Chairman then recognized Senator Dirksen who read a previously-prepared speech on this subject. After several minor changes the statement was approved.

**STATEMENT ON DETAILS OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE OPERATION**

The Chairman then recognized Congressman Ford who read a previously-prepared statement on this subject. After several minor changes the statement was approved.

Senator Morton suggested on behalf of Congressman Bob Wilson that the title of the group be changed to "Republican Leadership Council" but the word "Council" did not meet with general approval. It was thought that later on the name could be changed if necessary.

Chairman Burch stated that $250,000.00 had been allocated to this project by the National Committee but that this amount has not yet been raised.

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

There was no discussion on legislative matters at the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Attached hereto are approved statements plus the chart, clippings and question and answers submitted.

[Signature]
Acting Secretary
Rebuilding Agency Proposed

By JOHN D. MORRIS
Special to The New York Times

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He Wants Program By Governors, Committee, Congressmen

Washington, Nov. 10—Representative Halleck (R, Ind.) urged today the welding of congressional Republicans, GOP governors and Republican National Committee members into a united force to build a party record for the 1966 elections.

Halleck, the House minority leader, said in an interview that he regards it as inevitable that the development and exposition of the party's position will now occur mainly in Congress.

"But we must bring the Republican governors — and we've got some good ones — and the National Committee in on this," he said. "We've got to get the party united and working on a constructive program."

Goldwater Comments

Senator Goldwater, the defeated GOP Presidential nominee, said on his recent return from his Jamaica vacation that he looks to Halleck and Senator Dirksen (Ill.), the Senate minority leader, to take over party leadership. He called them "the leaders so far as I am concerned."

Recuperating in Florida from an illness, Dirksen is not expected to return to Washington until the first of the year.

At a news conference later in the day, Halleck said he doesn't regard President Johnson's landslide election as "any great mandate to change the course of the country."

Sees Medicare O.K.

However, he went on to say, "If you ask me, I guess Medicare will go through." His reference was to the Administration's plan for health care for the elderly under the Social Security System, a program long bottled up in the House Ways and Means Committee.

Halleck said also that he believes Mr. Johnson can obtain passage of the Appalachian program which was approved by the Senate in the last session but which was not brought up in the House.

Goldwater turned up at his office today to dismantle his equipment in preparation for his retirement from the Senate. He said he does not want to talk politics at this point.

Halleck said that while he has not had time yet to explore the possibilities, he thinks it might be wise for Republicans to consider drafting a statement of party principles such as they did in 1936 and 1950.

"Party Did Pretty Well"

"Bob Taft and I took the lead in whipping those statements into shape, and the party did pretty well in the elections those years," he recalled.

Halleck said that if any such statement is written, governors and National Committee members should share in its drafting.

The GOP leader said that before he makes any plans for Republican action in the new Congress he wants to complete a personal survey of "what happened to us." — specifically, House members — in the Democratic landslide.
Governors Act to Strengthen GOP

DENVER (AP) — Following the text of a policy statement made by the Republican Governors Association at the end of its two-day meeting.

Proposals by the Republican Governors Association toward a party task win elections and serve America.

The 1984 election made it abundantly clear that national party policies have a significant impact on the ability of the Republican party to win elections within the states. Republican governors, therefore, have a clear duty to participate with other leaders of the party in formulating positive policies with broad appeal to bring before all the American people.

To discharge this responsibility, the Republican Governors Association looks forward to working with representatives of the Republican National Committees, the Republican delegations of the House and Senate, and of various other Republican groups and organizations.

We need to appeal to all Americans. We need to become inclusive, rather than exclusive. We need to win elections and serve members as a great broad political party, for greater and far more effective than any narrow, exclusive political clique can ever hope to become.

Priorities Decided

Our experience as governors, and the Republican records of achievement in the various states clearly indicate that certain policies firmly anchored in the great Republican tradition and truly responsive to the modern needs of our nation, must be emphasized to make the Republican party once again a national majority. Here are some of the priorities:

1. Republican governors support all necessary actions, public or private, to root out discrimination and the effects of discrimination throughout the United States. We will not stop short of that goal. We are proud of the action of Republican leadership in civil rights since the latter of Abraham Lincoln.

2. Republican leadership conference.

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We call for a major, all-encompassing, bipartisan conference in the spring of 1985 to reflect the opinions of all elements of the party, including Republican public officials and party workers.

This conference should sharpen and restate our party's basic principles, develop positive Republican solutions to current problems of the nation, and undertake a major strengthening of our national party structure.

The Republican Governors Association will appoint several of its members to join with representatives of the Republican delegations in the House and Senate and the Republican National Committee to plan and call a national Republican leadership conference.

Executive Committee

A major responsibility of the conference would be to recommend needed strengthening of the organizational structure of the party. The Republican National Committee as the party's central core should include considerable representation of all the basic strengths of the party. For example: congressional, gubernatorial, state chairmen and vice-chairmen, young Republicans, women's federation, and finance committee members.

Required as an arm of the Republican National Committee as a representative executive committee, capable of expressing party policy, positions and programs promptly and constructively during the intervals between national conventions and meetings of the national committee. The executive committee should be as broadly representative as we have recommended that the Republican National Committee itself become.


The Republican Governors Association hereby adopts these new articles of association. The full text is appended to these resolutions. The major items for strengthening the service which our association can render the Republican party include appointment of two standing committees:

Washington Office

A committee on Republican party policy, which shall have the duty of developing sugges tions for policy positions of the association, and conducting research of use to the members in the conduct of their political and governmental responsibilities.

The association and the campaign committee shall have an office in Washington, D.C., with permanent staff, adequate to carry out the responsibilities of the committee.

In conclusion, let it be clearly understood by all that the Republican Governors Association desires that its party be nothing less than the majority party of America. It can be. The ideas proposed and the mechanisms undertaken in these pages are offered to help it become such. We are united in seeking to achieve these objectives.
Eisenhower Urges,
G.O.P.'s Overhaul

Revised Top Leadership
Being Discussed in Party

BY E. A. McKAY

Former President Dwight D.
Eisenhower has proposed that
the Republican party overhaul
its national leadership setup.

His plan, it was learned yest-

erday, would center responsi-

bility for all top party's national
organizational, fund raising and
campaign managing functions in
a revamped national committee.

The plan would also give Re-

publican state chairman, Con-
gressional leaders, governors
and other significant officials
direct control of that top-level
organization.

In correspondence and conver-
sations with several participants
in the effort to rebuild the Rep-

ublican party, General Eisen-
hower contended the national
committee's membership struc-
ture was the key to the kind of
reorganization needed to "im-

sure complete coordination with-
in the top echelons of the party"
and to broaden its base of ef-

tective leadership.

Under the Eisenhower plan,
the national committee would
be composed of the operating
state chairman and a woman
vice chairman from each state;
representatives of the Senate
and house membership and the
Republican governors and
spokesmen from principal party
adjuncts such as the Young Re-
publcs.

Pow elected officials or grass-

roots organization leaders now
are on the national committee,
which is made up of a com-
mittee of four chosen at large
and a committee of four chosen
by each state, the District of Columbia, the Virgin
Islands and Puerto Rico plus
a small bonus contingent of
state chairman.

Proposals Are Discussed

Among other things, General
Eisenhower's remodeling sug-
gestions would require the elim-
nation of the Senate and House
Republican campaign commit-
tees, both of which now func-
tion independently of each other
and the national committee.

The proposal—which General
Eisenhower calls "ideal"—have
been reportedly well received by
most Republican governors and
a number of Congressional and
party officials in the party. But
Three officials noted that the
national committee is ex-
pected to be mixed.

A spot check of party leaders
indicated that the Eisenhower
proposal would be discussed "only informally" at a meeting

of the committee in Chicago on
Jan 22 and 23.

But it is to be a major item
on the agenda of an extra-

ordinary Republican leadership
conference which probably will
be held in Jan.

As General Eisenhower noted
in his letter, full implementa-
tion of a reorganization scheme
like his would require action
by a Republican national con-

vention.

Meanwhile, in Washington
and several state capitals it was
disclosed that the party's prin-
cipal non-Goldwater elements
had agreed to rally around Ray
C. Bliss, the Ohio state chair-
manship, as a replacement for
Dean Burch, the national chairman
chosen last July by Senator
Barry Goldwater.

Bills Strangely Backed

This is believed to have re-
solved a major problem, since
those favoring a leadership
change had been divided over
who to promote for Mr
Burch's position.

One major party figure who
had strong backing for the
chairmanship said in a telephone
interview:

"We have agreed that it had

to be somebody not identified

with any candidate or any fac-

tion. Ray Bliss is the man. The
last word from him is that he
will go all the way."

Mr Bliss was not available
for comment.

Mr. Burch, stepping up his
fight to retain the chairmans-

hip, offered a compromise to
avoid a showdown and also an-
nounced a change of plans for
the national committee meet-

ing.

In an interview with the
Associated Press, Mr. Burch de-
clared that his own post as
chairman was not negotiable,
but that he would offer those
seeking his removal an oppor-
tunity to help pick a new exec-
utive director and executive
committee for the national or-

ganization.

"I'd be willing to consider
anything reasonable," he was
quoted as saying.

At the same time the chair-

man announced he would not
invite a vote of confidence at
the committee session, as or-

ginally planned.

Instead, he said he would
leave the first move to those
who want him ousted.

Burch Invites Nominees

WASHINGTON, Jan 5 (UPI).—
Dean Burch invited General
Eisenhower and four presiden-
tal candidates today to attend
the party's National Com-
mittee meeting in Chicago Jan. 22
and 23.

In addition to General Eisen-
howen, the chairman urged
Barry Goldwater, Richard M
Nixon, Thomas E Dewey and
Alf M. Landon to take part in
the discussions.