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8:00 AM - Republican Leadership
Meeting - Cabinet Room

Thursday, June 5, 1975

Mr Cannon

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 4, 1975

MEETING WITH REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Thursday, June 5, 1975
8:00-9:00 a.m. (1 hour)
The Cabinet Room

From: Max L. Friedersdorf *M.L.F.*

I. PURPOSE

To thank the Republican leadership for the successful effort in sustaining the Presidential veto on the Jobs Bill.

To urge sustaining of the vote scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, on the Strip Mining Bill.

To assess and consult on the entire energy picture, including the Ways & Means Energy Bill, addition of the second dollar on the import tariff, and the Commerce bill on decontrol.

To thank Senate leadership for impressive victories yesterday in Senate on Defense Bill (ceiling, counterforce).

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background:

1. The House yesterday sustained your veto on H.R. 4481, the Emergency Employment Appropriations Act, by a vote of 277-145. The Republican effort saved the day with only 18 Republicans voting to override. (We had support from 22 Democrats).
2. The Senate beat back attempts to cut \$1.2 billion from the Defense Bill (59-36); counterforce strategic initiatives (42-52), and submarine launched cruise missiles (72-16).

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN (Continued)

3. The Strip Mining Bill veto override attempt has been rescheduled for Tuesday, June 10, after being postponed prior to the Memorial Day Recess.
4. On June 1 you imposed the second dollar on the import fee for foreign oil.
5. The unacceptable House Ways & Means energy bill containing quotas and an exorbitant gas tax, has been reported from House Rules Committee and likely will be scheduled for Floor action next week (June 9).

B. Participants: See Tab A

C. Press Plan:

Announce as regular Republican Congressional leadership meeting. Press and White House photos.

III. TALKING POINTS

See Tab B

IV. AGENDA

See Tab C

PARTICIPANTS

The President
The Vice President

SENATE

Hugh Scott
Bob Griffin
Carl Curtis
Bob Stafford
John Tower
Ted Stevens
Paul Fannin
Milt Young

HOUSE

John Rhodes
Bob Michel
John Anderson
Sam Devine
Jack Edwards
Barber Conable
Lou Frey
Jim Quillen
Guy Vander Jagt
Al Cederberg
Herm Schneebeli
Joe Skubitz
Sam Steiger
Clarence Brown

STAFF

Acting Secretary of the Interior Frizzell
Secretary of Commerce Morton
Don Rumsfeld
Bob Hartmann
Jack Marsh
Max Friedersdorf
Phil Buchen
Bill Seidman
Alan Greenspan
Jim Cannon
Jim Lynn
Frank Zarb
Brent Scowcroft
Dick Cheney
Vern Loen
Bill Kendall
Ron Nessen

TALKING POINTS

1. We seem to be making some progress on energy but mostly because of the actions that I have had to take with your support. We still have a long way to go to put together an energy program and we are not going to be able to do it without some legislation. We simply don't intend to let this problem grow worse while the Democrats try to find a program that they can pass.
2. The Strip Mining Bill absolutely goes the wrong way and I am told that we probably have enough votes to sustain my veto.
3. Frank would you bring us up to date on exactly where we are with the energy legislation and the strip mining bill.

AGENDA

8:00-8:15 a.m.
(15 minutes)

President opens meeting; thanks House leadership for sustaining veto and thanks Senate leadership for victories on Defense Bill; reviews energy situation briefly and introduces Frank Zarb.

8:15-8:30 a.m.
(15 minutes)

Zarb reviews status of Strip Mining Bill veto and energy legislation.

8:30-8:55 a.m.
(25 minutes)

Presidential discussion with leaders on energy and strip mining.

8:55-9:00 a.m.
(5 minutes)

President concludes meeting with exhortation to sustain strip mining bill veto.