

JANUARY 23, 1968 - 9:46 a.m.

HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Rep. Carl Perkins	Rep. W. R. Hull
Rep. Frank Thompson	Rep. Bob Casey
Rep. Elmer Holland	Senator Ralph Yarborough
Rep. John Dent	Senator Jennings Randolph
Rep. Roman Pucinski	Senator Harrison Williams
Rep. John Brademas	Senator Claiborne Pell
Rep. Gus Haukins	Senator Edward Kennedy
Rep. William Ford	Senator Alan Bible
Rep. James Scheuer	Senator Lister Hill
Rep. Neal Smith	Senator John Stennis

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 23, 1968

5:00 pm

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FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ^{Tom} Tom Johnson

Attached are the notes of your meeting with the House and Senate Committee Chairmen on January 23, 1967 in the Fish Room.

Those attending were:

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Rep. Frank Thompson	Rep. Bob Casey
Rep. Elmer Holland	Senator Ralph Yarborough
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The meeting began at 9:46 a. m. The meeting ended at 10:18 a. m.

Attachment.

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NOTES OF THE PRESIDENT'S
MEETING WITH
HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

January 23, 1968
Fish Room

The President said he had just met with the Democratic Leadership. He said we have worked out a schedule on the messages. There will be approximately 15 to 20 messages this year and they will be sent to the Congress by March 1. This week there will be messages on Jobs, Civil Rights, and Arms Control and Disarmament.

The President then outlined the Job Program:

1. America Today:

- 75 million Americans are working.
- In the last 4 years 7.5 million new jobs have been created and the unemployment rate has dropped from 5.7% to 3.8% lowest in a decade.

2. Theme of Message: In an economy capable of sustaining high employment, how can we assure every American, who is willing to work, the right to earn a living.

3. Our Manpower Program Network

- In Fiscal 1963, manpower programs reached 75,000 Americans
- In Fiscal 1967, the network of MDTA, Job Corps, Neighborhood Youth Corps and others reached more than 1 million.

4. A \$2.1 Billion Manpower Budget for Fiscal 1969

- A 25% increase over Fiscal 1968, it will add \$442 million to our manpower efforts. This will provide help to more than 1.3 million Americans.

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5. The Concentrated Employment Program, launched last year, identifies the hard-core, counsels them, provides them with health and education services, trains them, and directs them into the pipeline to employment.

- CEP now operates in 22 urban and rural areas. In the 1969 budget, we recommend an expansion to 146 areas.

6. Jobs in the Private Sector

- The hard-core unemployed should be trained for work in private industry:

6 out of every 7 jobs are there

Government supported on the Job Training in private industry is the most effective program we have: 9 out of every 10 trainees have gone on to good jobs.

Industry knows how to train people for the jobs it must fill

7. The Job Opportunities in Business Sector (Jobs) Program, a New Partnership Between Government and private industry

- \$350 million to put 100,000 men and women on the job by June 1969
- 3-year target: jobs for 500,000 hard core unemployed.

8. How JOBS Will Work

- Government will identify the unemployed
- Private company will train, provide jobs and other needed health and education services.
- Government will pay the extra costs involved.

9. The National Alliance of Businessmen to Promote the Program

- Headed by Henry Ford, II
- 15 top business leaders will serve on its Executive Board

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- Leading business executives from the 50 largest cities will spearhead the effort in 50 largest cities.
- Alliance will also head the effort to find productive jobs for 200,000 ghetto youth this summer (working closely with the President's Council on Youth Opportunity, chaired by the Vice President.)

10. Strengthened Manpower Administration

11. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1968

- 15,000 workers are killed on the job each year; 2 million are injured; \$5 billion loss to the economy; now only 34 of America's 75 million workers are partially covered.
- To protect America's 75 million workers while they are on the job: the Nation's first comprehensive Occupational Safety and Health Program
- For the over 50 million workers in inter-state commerce: research by HEW, standards and enforcement by Labor, strong sanctions.
- For the intra-state workers: Federal grants to help States to plan comprehensive systems, set and enforce standards, train inspectors and other needed experts.

Secretary Wirtz and Secretary Trowbridge then briefed the group on the Job Program.

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