

Friday, May 8, 1964, 9:30 a.m.

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Meeting of the bipartisan Senate leadership in S-239, Senator Magnuson's (D-Wash.) Capitol office overlooking the West Front of the Capitol.

Present are Senator Kenneth B. Keating (R-N.Y.); John Stewart, Legislative Assistant to Senator Humphrey; Stephen Horn, Legislative Assistant to Senator Kuchel; Patricia Connell, Counsel to Senator Keating; Gerald Grinstein, Chief Counsel, Senate Committee on Commerce (representing Senator Warren Magnuson); Frances Henderson, Executive Secretary to Senator Case; Stephen Kurzman, Legislative Assistant to Senator Javits; and Harry Schwartz, Legislative Assistant to Senator Clark. Non-Senate member present is Deputy Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach.

Katzenbach believes some of the language can be worked out to meet Senator Dirksen's objections. Dirksen appears to want a vote on cloture during the first week in June.

Keating thinks that we will be able to get 22 Republican votes now for cloture. If we want more, we will have to make substantial changes. We will not get Mundt or Curtis.

Katzenbach believes Dirksen is thinking of getting [Bourke B.] Hickenlooper [R-Iowa] and [Len B.] Jordan [R-Idaho] to support cloture.

Keating believes we will have the 22 Republicans we need by next week and that includes Dirksen. "If he didn't vote with us, we might lose only one or two Republicans." (Keating then leaves to answer a quorum call on the Senate floor.)

Katzenbach suggests that we need to put in words as best we can that in individual suits we are talking about patterns of discrimination. The stories are vague enough in the papers to cover the negotiations.

Henderson feels that one of the problems is that Senator Dirksen goes to the press gallery and spreads his story before the press and it is not always what happened in a meeting!

Katzenbach believes we will reach either impasse or agreement with Dirksen next week. Katzenbach does not "regard the Harlem Globetrotters as legitimate examples of segregation." He regards it as "bad for racial relations to have just Negroes on the team."