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105TH CONGRESS
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[Report No. 105-830]

Impeaching William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 15, 1998

Mr. HYDE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

RESOLUTION

Impeaching William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

1 *Resolved*, That William Jefferson Clinton, President
2 of the United States, is impeached for high crimes and
3 misdemeanors, and that the following articles of impeach-
4 ment be exhibited to the United States Senate:

5 Articles of impeachment exhibited by the House of
6 Representatives of the United States of America in the
7 name of itself and of the people of the United States of
8 America, against William Jefferson Clinton, President of

1 the United States of America, in maintenance and support
2 of its impeachment against him for high crimes and mis-
3 demeanors.

4 ARTICLE I

5 In his conduct while President of the United States,
6 William Jefferson Clinton, in violation of his constitutional
7 oath faithfully to execute the office of President of the
8 United States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, pro-
9 tect, and defend the Constitution of the United States,
10 and in violation of his constitutional duty to take care that
11 the laws be faithfully executed, has willfully corrupted and
12 manipulated the judicial process of the United States for
13 his personal gain and exoneration, impeding the adminis-
14 tration of justice, in that:

15 On August 17, 1998, William Jefferson Clinton swore
16 to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the
17 truth before a Federal grand jury of the United States.
18 Contrary to that oath, William Jefferson Clinton willfully
19 provided perjurious, false and misleading testimony to the
20 grand jury concerning one or more of the following: (1)
21 the nature and details of his relationship with a subordi-
22 nate Government employee; (2) prior perjurious, false and
23 misleading testimony he gave in a Federal civil rights ac-
24 tion brought against him; (3) prior false and misleading
25 statements he allowed his attorney to make to a Federal

1 judge in that civil rights action; and (4) his corrupt efforts
2 to influence the testimony of witnesses and to impede the
3 discovery of evidence in that civil rights action.

4 In doing this, William Jefferson Clinton has under-
5 mined the integrity of his office, has brought disrepute
6 on the Presidency, has betrayed his trust as President,
7 and has acted in a manner subversive of the rule of law
8 and justice, to the manifest injury of the people of the
9 United States.

10 Wherefore, William Jefferson Clinton, by such con-
11 duct, warrants impeachment and trial, and removal from
12 office and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of
13 honor, trust, or profit under the United States.

14 ARTICLE II

15 In his conduct while President of the United States,
16 William Jefferson Clinton, in violation of his constitutional
17 oath faithfully to execute the office of President of the
18 United States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, pro-
19 tect, and defend the Constitution of the United States,
20 and in violation of his constitutional duty to take care that
21 the laws be faithfully executed, has willfully corrupted and
22 manipulated the judicial process of the United States for
23 his personal gain and exoneration, impeding the adminis-
24 tration of justice, in that:

1 (1) On December 23, 1997, William Jefferson
2 Clinton, in sworn answers to written questions asked
3 as part of a Federal civil rights action brought
4 against him, willfully provided perjurious, false and
5 misleading testimony in response to questions
6 deemed relevant by a Federal judge concerning con-
7 duct and proposed conduct with subordinate employ-
8 ees.

9 (2) On January 17, 1998, William Jefferson
10 Clinton swore under oath to tell the truth, the whole
11 truth, and nothing but the truth in a deposition
12 given as part of a Federal civil rights action brought
13 against him. Contrary to that oath, William Jeffer-
14 son Clinton willfully provided perjurious, false and
15 misleading testimony in response to questions
16 deemed relevant by a Federal judge concerning the
17 nature and details of his relationship with a subordi-
18 nate Government employee, his knowledge of that
19 employee's involvement and participation in the civil
20 rights action brought against him, and his corrupt
21 efforts to influence the testimony of that employee.

22 In all of this, William Jefferson Clinton has under-
23 mined the integrity of his office, has brought disrepute
24 on the Presidency, has betrayed his trust as President,
25 and has acted in a manner subversive of the rule of law

1 and justice, to the manifest injury of the people of the
2 United States.

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6 honor, trust, or profit under the United States.

7 ARTICLE III

8 In his conduct while President of the United States,
9 William Jefferson Clinton, in violation of his constitutional
10 oath faithfully to execute the office of President of the
11 United States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, pro-
12 tect, and defend the Constitution of the United States,
13 and in violation of his constitutional duty to take care that
14 the laws be faithfully executed, has prevented, obstructed,
15 and impeded the administration of justice, and has to that
16 end engaged personally, and through his subordinates and
17 agents, in a course of conduct or scheme designed to delay,
18 impede, cover up, and conceal the existence of evidence
19 and testimony related to a Federal civil rights action
20 brought against him in a duly instituted judicial proceed-
21 ing.

22 The means used to implement this course of conduct
23 or scheme included one or more of the following acts:

24 (1) On or about December 17, 1997, William
25 Jefferson Clinton corruptly encouraged a witness in

1 a Federal civil rights action brought against him to
2 execute a sworn affidavit in that proceeding that he
3 knew to be perjurious, false and misleading.

4 (2) On or about December 17, 1997, William
5 Jefferson Clinton corruptly encouraged a witness in
6 a Federal civil rights action brought against him to
7 give perjurious, false and misleading testimony if
8 and when called to testify personally in that proceed-
9 ing.

10 (3) On or about December 28, 1997, William
11 Jefferson Clinton corruptly engaged in, encouraged,
12 or supported a scheme to conceal evidence that had
13 been subpoenaed in a Federal civil rights action
14 brought against him.

15 (4) Beginning on or about December 7, 1997,
16 and continuing through and including January 14,
17 1998, William Jefferson Clinton intensified and suc-
18 ceeded in an effort to secure job assistance to a wit-
19 ness in a Federal civil rights action brought against
20 him in order to corruptly prevent the truthful testi-
21 mony of that witness in that proceeding at a time
22 when the truthful testimony of that witness would
23 have been harmful to him.

24 (5) On January 17, 1998, at his deposition in
25 a Federal civil rights action brought against him,

1 William Jefferson Clinton corruptly allowed his at-
2 torney to make false and misleading statements to
3 a Federal judge characterizing an affidavit, in order
4 to prevent questioning deemed relevant by the judge.
5 Such false and misleading statements were subse-
6 quently acknowledged by his attorney in a commu-
7 nication to that judge.

8 (6) On or about January 18 and January 20-
9 21, 1998, William Jefferson Clinton related a false
10 and misleading account of events relevant to a Fed-
11 eral civil rights action brought against him to a po-
12 tential witness in that proceeding, in order to cor-
13 ruptly influence the testimony of that witness.

14 (7) On or about January 21, 23 and 26, 1998,
15 William Jefferson Clinton made false and misleading
16 statements to potential witnesses in a Federal grand
17 jury proceeding in order to corruptly influence the
18 testimony of those witnesses. The false and mislead-
19 ing statements made by William Jefferson Clinton
20 were repeated by the witnesses to the grand jury,
21 causing the grand jury to receive false and mislead-
22 ing information.

23 In all of this, William Jefferson Clinton has under-
24 mined the integrity of his office, has brought disrepute
25 on the Presidency, has betrayed his trust as President,

1 and has acted in a manner subversive of the rule of law
2 and justice, to the manifest injury of the people of the
3 United States.

4 Wherefore, William Jefferson Clinton, by such con-
5 duct, warrants impeachment and trial, and removal from
6 office and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of
7 honor, trust, or profit under the United States.

8 ARTICLE IV

9 Using the powers and influence of the office of Presi-
10 dent of the United States, William Jefferson Clinton, in
11 violation of his constitutional oath faithfully to execute the
12 office of President of the United States and, to the best
13 of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitu-
14 tion of the United States, and in disregard of his constitu-
15 tional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully exe-
16 cuted, has engaged in conduct that resulted in misuse and
17 abuse of his high office, impaired the due and proper ad-
18 ministration of justice and the conduct of lawful inquiries,
19 and contravened the authority of the legislative branch
20 and the truth seeking purpose of a coordinate investigative
21 proceeding, in that, as President, William Jefferson Clin-
22 ton refused and failed to respond to certain written re-
23 quests for admission and willfully made perjurious, false
24 and misleading sworn statements in response to certain
25 written requests for admission propounded to him as part

1 of the impeachment inquiry authorized by the House of
2 Representatives of the Congress of the United States. Wil-
3 liam Jefferson Clinton, in refusing and failing to respond
4 and in making perjurious, false and misleading state-
5 ments, assumed to himself functions and judgments nec-
6 essary to the exercise of the sole power of impeachment
7 vested by the Constitution in the House of Representatives
8 and exhibited contempt for the inquiry.

9 In doing this, William Jefferson Clinton has under-
10 mined the integrity of his office, has brought disrepute
11 on the Presidency, has betrayed his trust as President,
12 and has acted in a manner subversive of the rule of law
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