

Committee Meetings

IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY

Committee on the Judiciary: On December 12, the Committee concluded consideration of a proposed resolution containing articles of impeachment against President Clinton and took the following action:

Adopted article IV, as amended, abuse of power, by a vote of 21–16.

Failed to adopt a proposed joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to censuring the President, by a vote of 22 to 14 and with 1 voting present.

Committee adjourned subject to call.

On December 11, the Committee concluded debate on and took the following action on a proposed resolution containing articles of impeachment against President Clinton:

Adopted article I, as amended, perjury before the grand jury, by a vote of 21 to 16;

Adopted article II, perjury in a civil case, by a vote of 20 to 17; and

Adopted article III, obstruction of justice, by a vote of 21 to 16.

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Committee on the Judiciary: On December 10, began debate on a proposed resolution containing articles of impeachment against President Clinton.

The Committee also heard final presentations in the Impeachment Inquiry by Abbe Lowell, Minority Chief Investigative Counsel and David Schippers, Chief Investigative Counsel.

Prior to the presentations, the Committee met in executive session and approved a motion to release certain documents necessary for the presentations.

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Committee on the Judiciary: On December 9, the Committee continued hearings in the Impeachment Inquiry pursuant to H. Res. 581. Testimony was heard on Prosecutorial Standards for Obstruction of Justice and Perjury. Testimony was heard from Thomas P. Sullivan, former U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Illinois; Richard J. Davis, Weil, Gotschal and Manges; Edward S.G. Dennis, Jr., Morgan, Lewis and Bockius; William Weld, former Governor of Massachusetts; and Prof. Ronald Noble, Professor of Law, New York University Law School.

The Committee also heard testimony in the Impeachment Inquiry from Charles F.C. Ruff, Counsel to the President.

On December 8, the Committee continued hearings in the Impeachment Inquiry pursuant to H. Res. 581, authorizing and directing the Committee on the Judiciary to investigate whether sufficient

grounds exist for the impeachment of William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States. Testimony was heard on Historical Precedents and Constitutional Standards, Abuse of Power, and How to Evaluate Evidence. The Committee heard testimony from Gregory B. Craig, Assistant to the President and Special Counsel; Nicholas Katzenbach, former Attorney General; Prof. Bruce Ackerman, Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science, Yale University; Prof. Sean Wilentz, The Dayton Stockton Professor of History, Princeton University; Prof. Samuel H. Beer, Eaton Professor of the Science of Government Emeritus, Harvard University; former Representative Elizabeth Holtzman of New York; former Representative Robert J. Drinan, S.J., of Massachusetts; former Representative Wayne Owens of Utah; James Hamilton, Swidler, Berlin, Shereff and Firedman; and Richard Ben-Veniste, former Assistant Attorney General.

CONSEQUENCES OF PERJURY AND RELATED CRIMES

Committee on the Judiciary: On December 1, the Committee held an oversight hearing on the Consequences of Perjury and Related Crimes. Testimony was heard from Gerald B. Tjoflat, U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Courts of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit; Charles E. Wiggins, U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit; A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., former Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit; Elliot Richardson, former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Secretary of Defense, Attorney General and Secretary of Commerce; Adm. Leon A. Edney, USN (Ret.), former Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Carney, USA, (Ret.), former Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel; Prof. Alan Dershowitz, Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law, Harvard Law School; the following Professors from George Washington University Law School: Prof. Stephen Saltzburg, Howrey Professor of Trial Advocacy, Litigation, and Professional Responsibility and Prof. Jeffrey Rosen, Associate Professor of Law; Pam Parsons, Atlanta, Georgia; and Barbara Battalino, Los Osos, California.

The Committee also approved the issuance of subpoenas for depositions and materials.

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Committee on the Judiciary: On November 19, the Committee held a hearing in the Impeachment Inquiry pursuant to H. Res. 581, authorizing and directing the Committee on the Judiciary to investigate whether sufficient grounds exist for the impeachment of William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States. Testimony was heard from Kenneth W. Starr, Independent Counsel.

The Committee also met in executive session and approved the issuance of subpoenas for depositions.

IMPEACHMENT—BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

Committee on the Judiciary: On November 9, the Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on "The Background and History of Impeachment". Testimony was heard from various professors and attorneys with background and expertise in constitutional law.

SAVING THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM

Committee on Ways and Means: On November 19, the Committee held a hearing on Saving the Social Secu-

urity System. Testimony was heard from Senator Gramm; David W. Wilcox, Assistant Secretary, Economic Policy, Department of the Treasury; John F. Cogan, former Assistant Secretary, Department of Labor and former Deputy Director, OMB; Hertert Stein, former Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers; Robert Reischauer, former Director, CBO; and Stanford G. Ross, Chair, Social Security Advisory Board and former Commissioner, SSA and former Public Trustee, Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.