

105TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. _____

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HYDE submitted the following resolution; which was

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
9 the United States of America, in maintenance and support
10 of its impeachment against him for high crimes and mis-
11 demeanors.

1 ARTICLE I

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

12 On August 17, 1998, William Jefferson Clinton swore
13 to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the
14 truth before a Federal grand jury of the United States.
15 Contrary to that oath, William Jefferson Clinton willfully
16 provided perjurious, false and misleading testimony to the
17 grand jury concerning: (1) the nature and details of his
18 relationship with a subordinate Government employee; (2)
19 prior perjurious, false and misleading testimony he gave
20 in a Federal civil rights action brought against him; (3)
21 prior false and misleading statements he allowed his attor-
22 ney to make to a Federal judge in that civil rights action;
23 and (4) his corrupt efforts to influence the testimony of
24 witnesses and to impede the discovery of evidence in that
25 civil rights action.

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

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

11 ARTICLE II

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

22 (1) On December 23, 1997, William Jefferson
23 Clinton, in sworn answers to written questions asked
24 as part of a Federal civil rights action brought
25 against him, willfully provided perjurious, false and

1 misleading testimony in response to questions
2 deemed relevant by a Federal judge concerning con-
3 duct and proposed conduct with subordinate employ-
4 ees.

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

18 In all of this, William Jefferson Clinton has under-
19 mined the integrity of his office, has brought disrepute
20 on the Presidency, has betrayed his trust as President,
21 and has acted in a manner subversive of the rule of law
22 and justice, to the manifest injury of the people of the
23 United States.

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25 duct, warrants impeachment and trial, and removal from

1 office and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of
2 honor, trust, or profit under the United States.

3 **ARTICLE III**

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

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

20 (1) On or about December 17, 1997, William
21 Jefferson Clinton corruptly encouraged a witness in
22 a Federal civil rights action brought against him to
23 execute a sworn affidavit in that proceeding that he
24 knew to be perjurious, false and misleading.

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

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

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

21 (5) On January 17, 1998, at his deposition in
22 a Federal civil rights action brought against him,
23 William Jefferson Clinton corruptly allowed his at-
24 torney to make false and misleading statements to
25 a Federal judge characterizing an affidavit, in order

1 to prevent questioning deemed relevant by the judge.
2 Such false and misleading statements were subse-
3 quently acknowledged by his attorney in a commu-
4 nication to that judge.

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

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

20 In all of this, William Jefferson Clinton has under-
21 mined the integrity of his office, has brought disrepute
22 on the Presidency, has betrayed his trust as President,
23 and has acted in a manner subversive of the rule of law
24 and justice, to the manifest injury of the people of the
25 United States.

1 continue concealing his misconduct and to escape ac-
2 countability for such misconduct.

3 (2) As President, using the attributes of office,
4 William Jefferson Clinton willfully made false and
5 misleading statements to members of his cabinet,
6 and White House aides, so that these Federal em-
7 ployees would repeat such false and misleading
8 statements publicly, thereby utilizing public re-
9 sources for the purpose of deceiving the people of
10 the United States, in order to continue concealing
11 his misconduct and to escape accountability for such
12 misconduct. The false and misleading statements
13 made by William Jefferson Clinton to members of
14 his cabinet and White House aides were repeated by
15 those members and aides, causing the people of the
16 United States to receive false and misleading infor-
17 mation from high Government officials.

18 (3) As President, using the Office of White
19 House Counsel, William Jefferson Clinton frivolously
20 and corruptly asserted executive privilege, which is
21 intended to protect from disclosure communications
22 regarding the constitutional functions of the Execu-
23 tive, and which may be exercised only by the Presi-
24 dent, with respect to communications other than
25 those regarding the constitutional functions of the

1 Executive, for the purpose of delaying and obstruct-
2 ing a Federal criminal investigation and the proceed-
3 ings of a Federal grand jury.

4 (4) As President, William Jefferson Clinton re-
5 fused and failed to respond to certain written re-
6 quests for admission and willfully made perjurious,
7 false and misleading sworn statements in response
8 to certain written requests for admission propounded
9 to him as part of the impeachment inquiry author-
10 ized by the House of Representatives of the Con-
11 gress of the United States. William Jefferson Clin-
12 ton, in refusing and failing to respond and in mak-
13 ing perjurious, false and misleading statements, as-
14 sumed to himself functions and judgments necessary
15 to the exercise of the sole power of impeachment
16 vested by the Constitution in the House of Rep-
17 resentatives and exhibited contempt for the inquiry.

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