



The Impeachment of President William Clinton: A Chronology

- May 8, 1991** William Clinton, Governor of Arkansas, has an encounter with Paula Jones in a Little Rock hotel room.
- November 3, 1992** Clinton is elected President of the United States.
- May 6, 1994** Paula Jones sues Clinton for sexual harrasment. Her suit asks for \$700,000 in damages.
- August 9, 1994** Judge Kenneth Starr is appointed Independent Counsel to investigate a real estate deal called Whitewater.
- July 1995** Monica Lewinsky, age 21, begins her job as a White House intern.
- November 15, 1995** President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky begin a sexual relationship.
- April 5, 1996** A Deputy Chief of Staff to the President transfers Lewinsky to the Pentagon.
- May 1996** Clinton tells Lewinsky that he is ending their sexual relationship.
- November 5, 1996** Clinton, running against Republican Robert Dole, is re-elected president.
- March 29, 1997** Clinton and Lewinsky have their last sexual encounter.
- May 24, 1997** On a day Lewinsky later referred to as "Dump Day," Clinton again tells her in the Oval Office that their sexual relationship is over, but that he hopes that they can remain friends.
- May 27, 1997** The U. S. Supreme Court, in *Jones v Clinton*, rules that the Constitution does not bar the Jones suit from proceeding with discovery.
- October 3, 1997** At the suggestion of her literary agent, Lucianne Goldberg, Linda Tripp begins secretly taping phone conversations with her "friend", Monica Lewinsky.
- October 11, 1997** Clinton calls Lewinsky at her home at 2:30 A.M. and, during an emotional conversation, promised her that he will help find her a job in New York City. He asks Vernon Jordan to help with the job search.
- November 3, 1997** Lewinsky is offered a job with the U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Bill Richardson, but she turns down the job. Vernon Jordan, acting at the request of the President's personal secretary, Betty Currie (and with the knowledge of the President), assists Lewinsky in finding employment in the private sector.

- November 12, 1997** Paula Jones is deposed by Clinton's lawyers.
- Late November 1997** In a phone conversation with Lewinsky, Tripp learns that Monica has in her possession a blue dress with Clinton's semen stain. Tripp discourages Lewinsky's plans to have the dress cleaned. Tripp asks to be subpoenaed by lawyers for Paula Jones, and (probably) informs lawyers for Jones about Lewinsky's sexual relationship with the President.
- December 5, 1997** Clinton learns that Lewinsky's name appears on a list of witnesses that attorneys for Paula Jones plan to depose.
- December 11, 1997** Vernon Jordan calls an executive at Revlon in New York to help secure a job for Lewinsky.
- December 28, 1997** Bettie Currie collects the gifts given to the President from Lewinsky, and hides them under her bed.
- December 31, 1997** Lewinsky and Vernon Jordan have breakfast. According to Lewinsky, Jordan asks her to destroy drafts of notes she had sent to the President.
- January 7, 1998** Lewinsky signs an affidavit concerning her relationship with the President, for eventual submission to lawyers for Jones.
- January 12, 1998** Starr's office receives information that Lewinsky was prepared to lie under oath about her involvement with the President in the Jones case.
- January 13, 1998** Lewinsky accepts the job offer from Revlon.
- January 16, 1998** Kenneth Starr is authorized to investigate the Lewinsky matter. FBI agents seize Lewinsky in a food court and take her to a hotel room, where she is threatened by six Office of Independent Counsel prosecutors with federal charges (the prosecutors even suggest that they could charge her mother) unless she agreed to wear a body wire for conversations with Clinton, Currie, and Jordan. Prosecutors effectively prevent her from calling her lawyer, who still would have had time to stop the filing of her false affidavit in the Jones case. She is finally released at 12:23 am, after being held for 11 hours.
- January 17, 1998** Clinton is deposed in the Jones case. He denies having "sexual relations" with Monica Lewinsky.
- January 18, 1998** Clinton meets with Currie and discusses his deposition.
- July 28, 1998** Lewinsky agrees to cooperate with the Independent Counsel.
- August 17, 1998** Clinton appears via closed-circuit television before a grand jury. He admits his relationship with Lewinsky was sexual and later appears on national television to say he "misled people" and to lash out at Kenneth Starr.
- September 9, 1998** The Starr Report on the Lewinsky matter is submitted to Congress.
- September 11, 1998** The Starr Report is released to the public and posted on the Internet.
- September 21, 1998** Clinton's grand jury videotape is televised.
- October 4, 1998** Larry Flynt, publisher of *Hustler* magazine, offers up to \$1 million for "documentary evidence of illicit sexual relations" with members of Congress.
- October 5, 1998** The Judiciary Committee of the House votes, 21 to 16 along party lines, to

- recommend an impeachment inquiry.
- October 8, 1998** The House of Representatives votes, 258 to 176, to conduct an impeachment inquiry.
- November 3, 1998** In mid-term elections, Democrats do surprisingly well.
- Nov. 9-Dec. 10, 1998** The House Judiciary Committee holds hearings on impeachment.
- November 17, 1998** The Judiciary Committee releases 22 hours of taped conversations between Lewinsky and Linda Tripp.
- November 27, 1998** Clinton submits answers to 81 question posed to him by the Judiciary Committee.
- December 11-12, 1998** The House Judiciary Committee approves four articles of impeachment, relating to perjury before the grand jury, obstruction of justice, perjury in a civil deposition, and abuse of power.
- December 19, 1998** The House impeaches President Clinton, approving two of four articles of impeachment. Bob Livingston resigns. Vice-President Gore and House Democrats join Clinton in a show of support on the South Lawn of the White House.
- January 7, 1999** The impeachment trial formally opens in the Senate. Chief Justice Rehnquist is sworn in as the presiding judge. The charges are read.
- January 12, 1999** Clinton settles the Paula Jones suit for \$850,000.
- January 14, 1999** Opening statements are delivered by five of the House Managers of the prosecution.
- January 15, 1999** Opening statements by the Managers continue and the Chief Justice issues his first ruling, upholding an objection by Senator Harkin to the Managers' use of the word "jurors" in referring to the Senators.
- January 19, 1999** Opening statements by the defense team begin hours before President Clinton delivers his State of the Union address.
- January 21, 1999** A speech by former Senator Dale Bumpers wraps up the opening arguments for the President.
- January 22, 1999** The Senate begins a two-day question and answer period. Starr's office seeks a court order requiring Lewinsky to meet with the House Managers.
- January 23, 1999** Ordered to meet with the Managers, Lewinsky is mobbed by media when she returns to Washington.
- January 24, 1999** Lewinsky meets with three House Managers in a Washington hotel room.
- January 25, 1999** The Managers decide to produce just three witnesses for the trial, Lewinsky, Jordan, and Sidney Blumenthal.
- January 27, 1999** The Senate rejects a Democratic proposal to dismiss the case on a 56 to 44 vote, with one Democrat (Feingold of Wisconsin) voting with the Republicans.
- February 1, 1999** Monica Lewinsky is deposed on videotape by House Manager Ed Bryant.
- February 2, 1999** Vernon Jordan is deposed on videotape by House Manager Asa Hutchinson.
- February 4, 1999** The Senate votes not to have live witnesses on the Senate floor, but to allow presentations of the videotaped testimony of three witnesses.

- February 6, 1999** The Senate watches videotaped testimony from Lewinsky, Jordan, and Blumenthal.
- February 8, 1999** Closing arguments in the impeachment trial are presented by both sides.
- February 9, 1999** Deliberations by the 100 Senators begin behind closed doors.
- February 12, 1999** The trial ends. The Senate acquits the President, voting 45 to 55 for conviction on the perjury count and 50 to 50 for conviction on the obstruction of justice count.

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