

care that the laws be faithfully executed, and his solemn obligation to respect Mrs. Jones' rights by providing truthful testimony under oath.

The evidence reviewed by the House of Representatives and relied upon by our body in bringing articles of impeachment against the President was not political. It was overwhelming. He has denied all allegations set forth in these articles. Who is telling the truth? There is only one way to find out.

On behalf of the House of Representatives, we urge this body to bring forth the witnesses and place them all under oath. If the witnesses can make the case against the President, if the witnesses that make the case against the President who, incidentally, are his employees, his top aides, his former interns, and his close friends—if all of these people in the President's universe are lying, then the President has been done a grave disservice. He deserves not just an acquittal, he deserves the most profound of apologies.

But, if they are not lying, if the evidence is true, if the Chief Executive Officer of our Nation used his power and his influence to corruptly destroy a lone woman's right to bring forth her case in a court of law, then there must be constitutional accountability, and by that I mean the kind of accountability the framers of the Constitution intended for such conduct and not the type of accountability that satisfies the temporary mood of the moment.

Our Founders bequeathed to us a Nation of laws, not of polls, not of focus groups, and not of talk show habitues. America is strong enough to absorb the truth about their leaders when those leaders act in a manner destructive to their oath of office. God help our country's future if we ever decide otherwise.

The CHIEF JUSTICE. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. Chief Justice, I ask unanimous consent that the court stand in adjournment until 1 p.m. tomorrow, and that all Members remain standing at their desks as the Chief Justice departs the Chamber. I further ask that after the court adjourns in a moment, the Senate will, while in legislative session, stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The CHIEF JUSTICE. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Thereupon, at 6:59 p.m., the Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, adjourned.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Thereupon, at 6:59 p.m., the Senate recessed subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reassembled at 7:01 p.m., when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. SESSIONS).

ORDER FOR PRINTING OF APPOINTMENTS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the appointments that are now at the desk, which were made pursuant to law during the sine die adjournment of the Senate, be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The appointments are as follows:

To the Twenty-First Century Workforce Commission, pursuant to Public Law 105-220, Leo Reynolds of South Dakota (Representative of Business) (Oct. 29, 1998).

To the Congressional Award Board, pursuant to Public Law 96-114, as amended, Janice Griffin of Maryland. (Nov. 13, 1998).

To the Commission on the Advancement of Women and Minorities in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development, pursuant to Public Law 105-255, Kathryn O. Johnson of South Dakota. (Nov. 23, 1998).

To the Web-Based Education Commission, pursuant to Public Law 105-244, the Honorable J. Robert Kerrey of Nebraska and Dr. Richard J. Gowen of South Dakota. (Nov. 23, 1998)

To the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce, pursuant to Public Law 105-277, James Barksdale of California (Non-Government), Paul Clinton Harris, Sr., of Virginia (Government), Michel O. Leavitt of Utah (Government), John Sidgmore of Virginia (Non-Government), and Stanley S. Sokul of New Hampshire (Non-Government). (Dec. 3, 1998)

To the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce, pursuant to Public Law 105-277, Ted Waitt of South Dakota (Electronic Commerce), C. Michael Armstrong of New Jersey (Telecommunications), and Larry Carter of California (Electronic Commerce). (Dec. 4, 1998)

To the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce, pursuant to Public Law 105-277, Gene N. Lebrun of South Dakota (State/Local Government), vice Larry Carter of California (Electronic Commerce). (Dec. 11, 1998)

To the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, pursuant to Public Law 105-292, William Armstrong of Colorado and John R. Bolton of Maryland. (Dec. 22, 1998)

To the Trade Deficit Review Commission, pursuant to Public Law 105-277, Wayne D. Angell of Virginia, Anne O. Krueger of California, and Murray Weidenbaum of Missouri. (Dec. 29, 1998)

MAKING CERTAIN MAJORITY APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 18, regarding majority committee assignments.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 18) making certain majority appointments to certain Senate committees for the 106th Congress.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the reso-

lution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 18) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 18

Resolved, That notwithstanding the provisions of S. Res. 400 of the 95th Congress, or the provisions of Rule XXV, the following shall constitute the majority membership on those Senate committees listed below for the 106th Congress, or until their successors are appointed:

Budget: Mr. Domenici (Chairman), Mr. Grassley, Mr. Nickles, Mr. Gramm of Texas, Mr. Bond, Mr. Gorton, Mr. Gregg, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Abraham, Mr. Frist, Mr. Grams, Mr. Smith of Oregon.

Special Committee on Aging: Mr. Grassley (Chairman), Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Craig, Mr. Burns, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Santorum, Mr. Hagel, Ms. Collins, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Bunning, Mr. Hutchinson of Arkansas.

PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 1, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 1) providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 1) was agreed to.

MORNING BUSINESS

During today's session, the following morning business was conducted.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with