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Expressing the Sense of the Senate that the President should reimburse the American taxpayer for costs associated with the Independent Counsel's investigation of his relationship with Ms. Monica Lewinsky.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 15, 1998

Mr. MURKOWSKI submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Expressing the Sense of the Senate that the President should reimburse the American taxpayer for costs associated with the Independent Counsel's investigation of his relationship with Ms. Monica Lewinsky.

Whereas, on January 17, 1998, President Clinton testified in a sexual harassment lawsuit brought by Paula Jones and denied a sexual relationship with a former White House intern Monica Lewinsky;

Whereas President Clinton's personal lawyer, David Kendall, stated on September 13, 1998, that the President "absolutely" sought to mislead Ms. Jones' lawyers in the January 17 deposition;

Whereas, during a January 26, 1998 White House news conference, President Clinton stated, “I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Ms. Lewinsky”;

Whereas President Clinton invoked Executive Privilege in an effort to limit grand jury questioning of aides Bruce Lindsey, Sidney Blumenthal, Cheryl Mills, Nancy Hernreich, and Lanny Breuer;

Whereas none of President Clinton’s claims of Executive Privilege were ever supported by the courts;

Whereas, on May 22, a Federal judge denied a previous motion by the President to prevent Secret Service agents from being compelled to testify before a grand jury;

Whereas, on July 7, 1998, a Federal appeals court denied the President’s appeal and ruled that Secret Service employees must tell the grand jury what they observed by guarding the President;

Whereas, on July 29, 1998, President Clinton agreed to testify from the White House in response to a subpoena issued by the Independent Counsel’s office;

Whereas, on August 17, 1998, President Clinton testified before a grand jury and made an address to the nation admitting “an improper relationship” with Monica Lewinsky;

Whereas the President has unnecessarily and improperly prolonged the investigation of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr;

Whereas the President knowingly provided inaccurate information in a sworn deposition and in public statements about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky; and

Whereas the President invoked improper claims of Executive Privilege, attorney-client privilege and Secret Service privileges: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved, That—*

2 (1) it is the sense of the Senate that President
3 Clinton has unnecessarily delayed the investigation
4 of the Independent Counsel; and

5 (2) President Clinton should reimburse the
6 American taxpayer for the costs associated with the
7 Independent Counsel's investigation of his relation-
8 ship with Ms. Lewinsky.

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