

The fact of the matter is it is very, very significant and there were some very real possibilities of violations of law and obstruction of justice. For instance, Hillary Rodham Clinton, the President's wife, said she did not know anything about or have copies of the billing records from the Rose Law Firm that dealt with Castle Grande in the Whitewater episode.

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Yet 2 years after they were subpoenaed by the independent counsel, 2 years after they were requested by the Congress of the United States, they were found in her living quarters in the library right next to her bedroom. Not only that, her fingerprints and the fingerprints of Vince Foster were all over the documents. For her to say that she did not know that those documents were there, did not have any idea or recollect where they were and they were next to her bedroom for 2 years and many believe were taken out of Vince Foster's office right after his death is just hard to believe.

The billing records contradict her previous sworn statements that she did very little work on the Castle Grande real estate project which helped bring about the downfall of Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan and the conviction of Jim Guy Tucker of Arkansas. The records document that Mrs. Clinton had 14 meetings or discussions concerning Castle Grande and drafted an important legal document. She said she had nothing to do with it. That is just one thing.

Second, during the last week of May, the House was scheduled to vote to hold White House counsel Jack Quinn in contempt of Congress for refusing to turn over thousands of pages of documents concerning another matter called Travelgate. At the last moment he turned over 1,000 pages of documents. However, the White House has refused to turn over 2,000 pages of documents that are more sensitive and have to do with this scandal. The White House is claiming executive privilege so it can keep these documents secret; they must contain some very damaging information.

These documents include 600 pages relating to Vince Foster, whose body was mysteriously found over at Fort Marcy Park. They include a 54-page analysis of custody and disclosure of Foster's travel office file, a 22-page chronological analysis of the handling of Foster's documents, and 33 pages of handwritten notes that were in his briefcase that nobody even knew about until just now. His briefcase was empty when they found it, and they started talking about it. They found two little pieces of paper that was allegedly a suicide note, but nobody has ever mentioned these 33 pages of documents that they are trying to keep the Congress from seeing.

Then we have now the confidential FBI files. The White House asked for and received files on 408 people, Repub-

licans, and they were sought without justification. The Secret Service has said there was no way that they could have accidentally provided the White House with this out-of-date list. Usually, almost always, when the White House asks for evidence or an FBI background check on somebody, it is prospective, to find out if there is anything wrong with that person before they hire them and bring them into the Government. These were people who had already been investigated and they went back and got 408 files of Republicans, and we believe it was because they wanted to find some dirt on them that they could use in later political campaigns for political purposes.

The files of two of the Travel Office employees, Billy Dale and Barnaby Brasseux, were requested with the explanation that they were seeking access to the White House. This was several months after they had been fired from the White House. Apparently the White House was not content with launching an unjustified FBI investigation of these two men. They apparently decided to dig up a little dirt on them themselves.

The FBI Director appointed by Bill Clinton, Louis Freeh had this to say about the incident in his report to the public. This is an appointee by the President himself. He called the White House actions "egregious violations of privacy."

He went on to say, "The prior system of providing files to the White House relied on good faith and honor. Unfortunately, the FBI and I were victimized."

That is really a criticism, a severe criticism, of the White House and their policies.

Once again, Craig Livingstone is at the center of a White House dirty tricks operation. He will be called before our committee to testify before too long. As you will recall, earlier in 1993, he was seen by a Secret Service agent leaving the White House counsel's suite with a box of documents from the deceased assistant to the President, Vince Foster. However, it does not stop there.

Craig Livingstone is 37 years old. He is a midlevel White House aide. He would not be gathering these political intelligence reports from the FBI without authorization from somebody up above. We need to find out who that was and whether there was obstruction of justice or a violation of the law.

HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I support the health care reform legislation that is known as the Kennedy-Kassebaum bill because it would make it easier for workers who lose or change jobs to buy health insurance coverage,

and it would limit the length of time that insurers could refuse to cover a preexisting medical problem.

Essentially what this legislation does in its original form is to simply make it easier for people to get health insurance because we know that fewer and fewer people, fewer and fewer Americans today have health insurance as compared to, say, 5 or 10 years ago. But I should point out, Mr. Speaker, that this legislation was originally crafted to keep premiums affordable because it would not impact the insurance risk pool by encouraging healthy individuals to drop coverage.

It had bipartisan support in both the Senate and the House of Representatives in its original form, and the President indicated that he would support it or sign the bill in his State of the Union Address. However, from the very beginning the Republican leadership in the House insisted on messing up this very simple legislation with controversial poison pill amendments.

I mention this today because this morning during special orders the Speaker, Speaker GINGRICH, got up and talked about how good this legislation was. But He refused or he did not mention, I should say, one of the provisions that he and others in the Republican leadership insist on including. That is the poison pill of the medical savings accounts, or MSAs, which will favor the healthy and the wealthy and will be just another tax shelter for the rich. I say this because Americans who do not choose to join the MSAs because of the high risks involved will see their health insurance premiums actually increase, and the MSAs among other extraneous provisions that have been placed in the Kennedy-Kassebaum bill here in the House will guarantee the failure of any health insurance reform in the Congress.

I just wanted to read, if I could, a section from the Washington Post editorial on April 9, 1996, where they explained in some detail why MSAs would essentially drive up insurance costs and ultimately cause fewer people to have insurance, just the opposite of what the Kennedy-Kassebaum bill is intended to do. It says in this editorial that the goal of the underlying bill is to strengthen the health insurance system by making it easier for people who can afford it to remain insured between jobs.

Mainly it would help the part of the population that already has insurance rather than one-seventh that largely for reasons of cost does not. But the likely effect of medical savings accounts would be to push in the opposite direction, weaken the insurance system and in the end add to the number of uninsured.

If the medical savings proposal becomes law, those who chose would buy so-called catastrophic insurance policies that kick in only after the first \$3,000 or so of annual expenses.

The savings accounts would also likely split the insurance market. They

represent a gamble. People who would most likely take the gamble would be the healthier and better off. To some degree, they would be choosing to withdraw from the broader insurance pool to fend for themselves. Left in the pool would be the more vulnerable, who would likely see their insurance costs go up; the increase would make insurance even harder to maintain than now.

In a sense this is the very opposite of the insurance principle. It is being pushed by companies that want to sell catastrophic coverage, plus people drawn to the individual responsibility that the idea entails, but for the population as a whole, it would do more harm than good. The President has rightly suggested that he would be disposed to veto a bill that included these accounts.

Well, the bottom line, Mr. Speaker, is that the Republican health plan with these MSAs would raise premiums for average Americans and make insurance less affordable. Hence fewer people would be able to get insurance under this bill. It is nothing more than a payback to the Golden Rule Insurance Co. Golden Rule has made big contributions to the Republicans and will reap big profits if the MSA proposal becomes law. Of the \$1.2 million contribution that has been given to the Republicans by the Golden Rule president, J. Patrick Rooney and his family, even more has been given to other GOP candidates and causes. What causes.

What I am trying to say, Mr. Speaker, is essentially that Speaker GINGRICH got on the floor this morning and talked about what he is trying to do for health care reform. He neglects to mention that essentially he is trying to sabotage health insurance reform with the MSA provisions. This GOP provision provides no help for working families and just provides handouts for special interests. Essentially what we are seeing here is the Republican leadership jeopardizing health insurance reform by providing for rich man's insurance.

REFORM OF POLITICAL PROCESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Washington [Mrs. SMITH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I stand here tonight recalling my first trip to Washington, DC, as someone who had just been written in for Congress. I did not run for Congress. I was written in. Within 3 weeks I found myself standing on the steps looking out at Washington, DC, thinking, oh God, why am I here? And I know that any citizen would have felt the same way; it was a Cinderella story. I did not have to spend all the time most people do. But as I listened to that speech, many speeches, I realized that we were making great promises to the American people.

Those promises were for a new way if the American people would give the

Republicans control of Congress for the first time in 42 years. If we were elected, we Republicans, we would be different. Just trust us. I found out that most of my colleagues, who were new especially, were running against the corruption.

They said that things have happened over the years that we do not agree with.

Many of the quotes that we heard that day were resounding. I heard a man that I have learned to trust, learned to admire, one of the leaders of our party say, as I cheered, because I agreed with him, if you will give us control, we will wrestle or wrest control back for the people and take it out of the hands of special interests. I and my colleagues stood and cheered. We looked out. We promised America.

Today I call on my colleagues to keep our word. The theme was promises made, promises kept. You would not know what we meant except that we said we would clean it up. I believed those promises, and I say today the American people need to hold us to those promises.

I arrived to Washington, DC, to training, but the first night I arrived to dozens of the first and second and third night fundraisers. I said, well, this is interesting, did not think much about it, but found out that each Member of Congress was to give four to eight. I have got the written instructions still on my desk, that we were to focus on the people that came before our committees. They brought in people to train us. If you went to the right fundraiser training, they taught us how we could get people to help us, to dial for dollars, is that it is called. And that is in writing, and to focus on those that came before us so they would understand how important it was that they came to our fundraiser. And we could get leadership people to put their name on our fundraiser.

I looked at that and I thought, how does this fit in with cleaning up Congress? Then I found out the Democrats do it, too. And not only that, that the challengers had come with some of the new freshmen and they were doing it, too, all on the same night.

There are master schedules, you see, because there is only so much around here. They have built buildings. As you look out, some of the buildings are just fundraising buildings. They have floors where you dial for dollars, where there are funds, other floors where you have receptions and the Members set themselves up on the schedule.

I looked at that and I realized that clearly that would take a little bit of time. But the biggest thing I realized is I could not go back home and tell the American people I did it. Each Member is allotted a time, four to eight scheduled events, on the calendar. You make sure there are not too many because there are only so many places to have them. We make sure that we have votes that day so we are sure to be here so there are enough Members to come

to the fundraisers. You see, the lobbyists come there to lobby us because we are in session most every night, and they have access to a lot of Members.

Then you go to someone's fundraiser, so they go to your fundraiser. The lobbyists come, and on the bill they send them is \$500 to \$1,000. They do not have to come. But if you were called by a Congressman or Congresswoman and you happened to need to go before their committee and you did not bring the \$500 or \$1,000, would you not think maybe your opponent would be there? It is not even subtle pressure anymore, folks. It is the pressure that I would have thought that we would take off.

I am called the Democrats who played games with this and the Republicans who tend to be looking like they might be playing games with this to a vote on a bipartisan bill. There are two of them. There is a Senate one, 1219, and a House one. Stop playing games. Vote, do not just talk.

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NBA CHAMPION CHICAGO BULLS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS). Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Illinois [Mrs. COLLINS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Chicago Bulls who on Sunday night at the United Center in the Seventh Congressional District captured their fourth NBA championship in an 87 to 75 victory over the Seattle Supersonics. Many called it mission impossible. But the Bulls have won their fourth NBA championship in an amazing display of team play.

It has been a historical season for the Bulls, who finished the regular season with a 72-10 record, 87-13 record for the season, and a 15-3 record for the playoffs. The Bulls had an average margin of victory of 12.3 points, a feat only a few teams in any sport have had in any one season.

Chicago, the Seventh Congressional District and Chicago fans through the Nation are fat with pride. Some are saying that the, "NBA Champion Chicago Bulls have established a new level of play, and it's something all teams will have to chase."

I would also like to congratulate Phil Jackson and his coaching team comprised of Tex Winter, Jim Rodgers, Jim Clemons, and John Paxson.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to pay tribute to one of the greatest basketball players of all times, Michael Jordan, who finished off this great season with a 96 triple crown of MVP award in the league finals. His great leadership, and unparalleled performance have garnered him the title of one of the greatest ballplayers of all time. Dennis Rodman has also distinguished himself capturing his fifth rebounding title. And of course Scottie Pippen, and the entire club for an outstanding display of teamwork.