**Clinton’s trial begins**

Chief justice, senators sworn in; decision on witnesses postponed

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**House GOP and Hyde under fire**

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When a reporter asked Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., Thursday morning about his recent conversations with Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., he responded: “I talked to Senator — to Congressman Hyde this morning and just sort of went over what my thinking was.”

Lott’s quick correction notwithstanding, several Democrats angrily complained Thursday that Hyde was indeed being treated like a senator — one who was exerting more control over the process than they were.

As the Senate continued to struggle over how to conduct President Clinton’s impeachment trial, several members — particularly Democrats — angrily accused the House of trying to dictate terms of the proceedings.

The two chambers, which have been at odds for weeks, enjoyed little productive sessions from senators that the impeachment proceedings would move into a more productive phase in the upper chamber. Several Democrats angrily denounced the “Hyde language” presenting the case against Clinton. GOP leaders in the Senate have gone too far in accommodating their desire to call witnesses and hold a full trial.

Republicans “made a mess of it in the House, and now they’re trying to make mess of it in the Senate,” Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said. Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said he was “glad” to see the House’s efforts to accommodate the Senate’s desire to call witnesses and hold a full trial.

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**Pomp and history — and chaos**

Washington Post

“In all we stand is a place in the process that gets to the truth.”

J. T. Lott, R-Miss.

WASHINGTON — One senator, who said he learned of the vote from the Senate floor, renewed his call for a full trial. Another said he was wary of the impact of the vote on the Senate’s ability to begin the impeachment trial of President Clinton.

While it was all proper order on the Senate floor for the first presidential impeachment in 100 years, in the Senate, the president of the United States was there.

Throughout the day, senators seemed from closed-door caucus to closed-door caucus, as they crowded in and out of chambers to try to work out some sort of plan to get the trial over as quickly as possible.

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“All persons are confined to the U.S. Senate. The impeachment against President Clinton is pending in the U.S. Senate.”

The House, by a vote of 218-195, voted to call witnesses for the impeachment trial of President Clinton, the first in more than 100 years.

“We do not stand in the trial that is before us,” Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said. “We do not stand in the trial that is before us.”

**QST fire destroys building**

The Gainesville Sun

Fire destroyed a building at QST Environmental Inc. in Gainesville early Thursday morning, causing explosions and sending neighbor homes and spurred a shorted fire alert. The cause of the fire has not been determined. A damage estimate was originally pegged at $1M in fire damage, but QST Environmental Vice President Bill Mount, the official still on site, said there was no official estimate. Emergency officials blocked off a section of Newbury Road in the vicinity of VGT, which is on the 20-foot terrace on the north side of Newbury Road. Fire boxes in the nearby VGT

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**UF class is going wireless**

Winn, that seemingly essential part of the computer world, will be missing from at least one University of Florida technology class this session.

A spring course will introduce students to wireless networking.

With U.S. President John Boehner and industry officials watching, professors demonstrated the technology.

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**In the News**

The Gainesville Sun

Weather forecast: High: 99 Low: 74

Partly cloudy.

Updated forecast: Call 355-5500, cit. 1000
**Grand jury indicts friend of Willey**

She’s accused of lying to cast doubt on a charge against Clinton.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A friend whose testimony could doom her husband’s legal troubles was charged in a federal court Friday with lying to prevent Clinton from getting a $10,000 bribe from an insurance executive.

Bail was denied.

A grand jury in Alexandria, Va., was working into the night Friday to decide whether Kenneth Star, Mrs. Clinton’s friend, would be arrested in connection with an investigation of Mrs. Clinton’s dealings with Marc Rich, a Swiss steel magnate.

Star’s lawyers were in Washington right after the court action.

**The blaze is not expected to impact the company’s sale.**

By CHARLES REXRAFT

The fire at QST Environmental Corp., a maker of environmental equipment, caused an estimated $100,000 in damage on Monday.

The company, based in Ventura, Calif., employs 30 people.

“Nobody got hit by, I saw it hit the building and burned it. I heard what sounded like small explosions and then smoke,” said a man who lives across the street.

The building about QST property. It was pretty cool. We didn’t smell any fire except the reflection in the sky on the water.”

Aliso Viejo City Fire Captain Robert Harvey said the fire was reported by a company employee.

The officer had previously been the building’s landlord, then worked for the city’s water and air monitoring equipment company.

He said the fire started in about three minutes and caused minor damage to the building.

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