

one years as an elected official at both the state and municipal levels. For thirteen years, Mr. Harris served as a California State Assemblyman; over the course of his tenure, he served as Chairman of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and the Jurisdictional Committee, and sponsored many pieces of legislation that have had a direct impact on the City of Oakland and its citizens.

For the past eight years, Mr. Harris has served as the Mayor of the City of Oakland, leading the drive to rebuild and strengthen our great City. In the wake of the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake and the 1991 Oakland Hills firestorm—two of the most devastating events in recent city history—among other significant challenges, Harris has provided invaluable leadership and vision, and levied resources to support redevelopment, growth, and community in Oakland.

The Mayor's campaign to renew the City of Oakland has proved highly successful: in 1993, Oakland was designated an All American City by the National Civic League, and Money Magazine has ranked Oakland as one of the top places to live for two consecutive years. Under Harris' watch, crime rates and unemployment have dropped, and the City has experienced a tremendous influx of new business, construction, and jobs.

Equally important is Mr. Harris' record as the People's Champion. Throughout his term, Mayor Harris has worked closely with Oakland's citizens to create new and innovative ways to address important community issues. By providing strong leadership in an atmosphere of inclusiveness, Mr. Harris has mobilized people to believe that they can and will make a difference. A true Citizen-Mayor, Elihu Harris is especially passionate about children and about education: while serving as Oakland's mayor, he launched several important endeavors to support education, among them Camp Read-A-Lot and Project 2000, Ready to Learn.

On June 26, 1998, Mayor Harris will receive an Achievement Award from the Oakland East Bay Democratic Club. The 9th District joins the Oakland East Bay Democratic Club in honoring Mayor Elihu Harris for his years of dedicated service to our community.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 22, 1998

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4060) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purpose:

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 4060, the Fiscal Year 1999 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill. Given the limited resources available to the Committee in this era of increasingly tight budgets, this legislation is a balanced bill which represents a bipartisan effort to meet the important energy and water development needs of our Nation.

One area in which I must express concern and disappointment, however, is the funding for the critically important Everglades restoration projects. During last year's historic balanced budget agreement, Everglades funding was held up as one of the few protected domestic discretionary spending priorities. Unfortunately, just one year later, this legislation is unable to meet the critical needs of this restoration effort.

The Everglades National Park is truly one of our Nation's natural treasurers and provides tremendous resources which are vital to the environmental health and quality of life in the State of Florida. While we have made great progress in raising awareness of the fragile nature of this diverse ecosystem, much work remains to be done to restore and protect the park for this and future generations.

My hope is that as we move this process forward and begin to work in conference with the Senate, that we will recede to the Senate levels of funding for this work, specifically for the Army Corps of Engineers construction efforts in Central and Southern Florida, the Kissimmee River, and the Everglades and South Florida Ecosystem Restoration projects.

Mr. Chairman, I look forward to working with Members from both side of the aisle to secure adequate funding for these Everglades restoration projects.

MR. KENDALL'S RESPONSE TO MR. STARR'S PRESS RELEASES CONCERNING THE CONTENT MAGAZINE ARTICLE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 1998

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to enter into the RECORD the following letter from the President's attorney, David E. Kendall, to Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr.

June 16, 1998.

Hon. KENNETH W. STARR,
Independent Counsel,
1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,
Suite 490—North, Washington, DC.

DEAR JUDGE STARR: In the past three days, you have issued two press releases on the subject of leaks from your office. I think it is appropriate to respond to this public relations initiative.

In neither of these two press releases have you denied even a syllable of what the Steve Brill "Pressgate" article quotes you and your staff as saying. You accuse Mr. Brill of misinterpreting but not misquoting, and that's highly significant.

Your statements in the Brill article are at breathtaking variance with your previous public statements about your duties and actions. Your statements consistently have led the public to believe you would tolerate no leaks of any kind. On January 21, 1998, you stated at your public press conference, "I can't comment on the investigation as a matter of practice and of law. I just can't be making comments about the specific aspects of our investigation, including to confirm specific activity or not. . . . As an officer of the court, I just cannot breach confidentiality." At your public press conference on February 5, 1998, you stated in a CNN interview, "I'm not going to comment on the status of our negotiations [with Ms. Lewinsky's law-

yers] . . . I hope you understand, especially when you ask a question about the status of someone who might be a witness, that goes to the heart of the grand jury process. . . . Those are obligations of law; they're obligations of ethics. . . . I am under a legal obligation not to talk about facts going before the grand jury." In your public February 6, 1998, letter to me, you stated that "leaks are utterly intolerable" (your words, not mine) and you went on to say "I have made the prohibition of leaks a principal priority of the Office. It is a firing offense, as well as one that leads to criminal prosecution." (Emphasis added).

What is so astonishing about your comments in the Brill article is that they contradict not simply our view but your own frequently and publicly expressed views both about the need to put a stop to leaking and your own protestations about your and your own staff's utter innocence in that regard.

Your press releases do not, however, address three simple points (there is much else that could be said, of course).

(1) If you need to talk to the press, why not do so on the record?

The Rule of the Department of Justice's Criminal Division promulgated by President Reagan's Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division was: "Never talk off the record with the media. If you don't want your name associated with particular comments or remarks, you shouldn't make them to media representatives." That's a good rule, because it makes everyone aware of who is making a particular statement, and it's especially important if what you're really trying to do is "engender public confidence" in your office. What possible justification do you have for secrecy? It's irresponsible and (under the circumstance) hypocritical.

(2) You are wrongly applying post-indictment standards of allowable prosecutorial comment.

Caught flat-footed by the Brill article, you've attempted to shift your ground by pointing to rules and opinions regarding post-indictment comment by prosecutors. As you well know, the standards are different after an indictment has been brought. At that point, the grand jury has found probable cause to make a criminal charge, the indictment has been openly announced, the defendant has significant procedural rights, including the right to have counsel appointed who will, among other things be able to respond to prosecutorial comments. Prior to indictment, the rule is that grand jury secrecy, a protection designed for witnesses and persons investigated but never finally charged, mandates prosecutorial silence and the confidentiality of grand jury proceedings.

(3) The view of Rule 6(e) that you express in the Brill article and (now) in your press releases is demonstrably not the law.

You are now attempting to justify leaking by you and your Office by claiming that the information your office has covertly given to the media is not covered by Rule 6(e) because, in your own words as quoted by Mr. Brill, "it is definitely not grand jury information, if you are talking about what witnesses tell FBI agents or us before they testify before the grand jury or about related matters. . . . So, it I a not 6-E." (Emphasis in original.) Again, as you well know, this is not the law of the District of Columbia Circuit (or, for that matter, any other circuit). In the Dow Jones case decided by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on May 5, 1998, that court summarized the secrecy rules legally applicable to grand jury investigations. Citing many cases of this Circuit and others decided over the years, the Court of Appeals emphasized that Rule 6(e) is to be given a broad

meaning to encompass much more than simply what transpires within the four walls of the grand jury room. The coverage of the Rule "includes not only has occurred and what is occurring, but also what is likely to occur. Encompassed within the rule of secrecy are the 'identities of witnesses or jurors, the substance of testimony' as well as actual transcripts, 'the strategy or direction of the investigation, the deliberations or questions of jurors, and the like.'" (Emphasis added.) Your public statements in January and February accurately state the law, but your statements to Mr. Brill do not, and the actions of your Office are in violation of the law.

The media leaks by your Office also violate the ethics rules for federal prosecutors, see, e.g., DOJ Manual §§1-7.510; 1-7.530, which under the Independent Counsel Act you are obligated to comply with unless to do so would be "inconsistent with the purposes" of the Act. Complying with the DOJ's anti-leaking guidelines could hardly be "inconsistent" with the mission of your office.

Sincerely,

DAVID E. KENDALL.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES TOBIN

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 1998

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, at the age of 74, when most men and women might consider that it's time to settle back and enjoy the benefits of retirement, a medical doctor in my district has signed a four-year contract with his local hospital, Bell Memorial Hospital in Ishpeming, Michigan. This extension means that Dr. James Tobin, who also serves as mayor of his home town of Ishpeming, has now begun his second half-century of practicing medicine.

Actually, it's been more than a half century. The son of a doctor who himself practiced medicine until he was 79, Dr. Tobin admitted to a reporter in a recent story in the Marquette Mining Journal that he delivered his first baby in 1947 while only a medical student. Now, 9,000 babies later, Dr. Tobin still conducts his family practice, including obstetrics and gynecology, performs general surgery, and puts in by his own admission about 60 hours of work a week.

His biography recounts the facts of his life and career. A native of the borough of Queens, New York. A 1948 graduate of the Long Island College of Medicine. A 10-year veteran of the U.S. Army Medical Corps. A resident of Marquette County in my Northern Michigan congressional district since 1962. A member of the Ishpeming city council and four times mayor of Ishpeming. An Ishpeming Chamber of Commerce member and former chamber president. Member of a variety of local, state and national medical societies. A visionary chairman of a Michigan governor's task force whose work helped advance the quality of neonatal care at Marquette General Hospital. Church member. Husband. Father of five girls and one boy. Grieving father of a college-age daughter killed in a tragic automobile accident only last December.

This biographical outline can give us a sketch of Dr. Tobin as a member of his community, but it cannot come close to painting a picture of the impact of a family doctor on

those around him. In a lifetime of family medical practice, Dr. Tobin has shared intimately in the lives of thousands and thousands of his friends and neighbors, an involvement rich in the pageantry of life and death. In addition to his human drama, Dr. Tobin in the past 50 years has witnessed a revolution in medicine akin to the revolutions in other branches of science.

Advances in life-saving equipment, medicine and techniques, however, has not come without a trade-off in the way medicine is practiced, as Dr. Tobin frankly admits. Working without the benefit of CAT scans or Ultrasound, doctors once had to more carefully hone their skills of observation. "Your eyes, your fingertips, all of your senses," all came into necessary play, he says, adding, perhaps most importantly, "you had to listen to your patients, too."

We must go beyond the biographical outline, as well, to get a better view of a genuine human being concerned about the health of all individuals in his community. As the Mining Journal stated, Dr. Tobin has tried to follow in his father's footsteps, assuring all those patients who come into his office that they will be treated. "Dad took care of rich and poor alike," Dr. Tobin says in fond recollection. "Nobody ever got turned away for lack of money."

Mr. Speaker, the people of northern Michigan will officially recognize and celebrate this lifetime of dedication—this story for which the final chapters have not yet been written—at a special gathering on June 30. I ask all my colleagues in the U.S. House to join me in praising the selfless commitment of Dr. James Tobin to the health and well-being of his fellow man.

JAMES H. BAKER—A MAN OF HISTORY

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 1998

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, in each of our communities we have the legacy of historic figures who worked to make a difference. In my district and my home town of Bay City, we have the privilege of having been the home of James Baker, the first black to run for a statewide public office in Michigan. His candidacy was one hundred years ago this month, and is a point of history of importance to all Americans.

Les Arndt has written an informative review of James Baker in the June 1998 issue of *Wonderful Times*, I submit this article to be included in the RECORD as part of my statement. I commend Mr. Arndt's column to all of our colleagues.

[From the *Wonderful Times*, June 1998]

MEMORY LANE

(By Les Arndt)

On June 21, 1898, exactly 100 years ago this month, the People's Party convention in Grand Rapids nominated Bay Cityan James H. Baker for state land commissioner by acclamation, and he became the first black to run for a statewide public office in Michigan.

Baker campaigned throughout Michigan, and excerpts from one of his campaign posters, paid for by the Committee to Elect

James H. Baker, on October 12, 1898, read as follows: "To the colored citizens and other voters of Michigan: Whereas the People's Party was the first to recognize a colored man on the same ticket, therefore we ask your individual support for James H. Baker. We know he is worthy and well qualified to fill the position and recommend him for your consideration. We beg you to advocate his cause, not for him alone, for he is paving the way for others."

Bay City was newly chartered when James H. Baker came here in 1867 to make his permanent home and become the keystone to Bay City's black community, after he was mustered out of the First Michigan Infantry as an orderly to General Ely and meritorious service with a black Pennsylvania regiment during several major Civil War campaigns.

The city was still in its infancy, electing a prominent lumberman, Nathan B. Bradley, as mayor only two years previously in the historic first election under city charter, which was held seven days before the end of the Civil War.

When James H. Baker came here in the 1860s, he found only six blacks residing in Bay City. He became a dominant figure not only among fellow blacks but also as a community leader. He became a barber, then policeman, and finally the proud owner of the New Crescent Lunch Counter and Ladies' Dining Room at 805 N. Water, which he boasted as "serving no alcoholic drinks."

He was a delegate to the First Colored Men's State Convention at Battle Creek, March 25, 1884; a member of a committee of Michigan Negroes who petitioned the state lawmakers "for the right of suffrage" and avid backer to a movement to send a black delegate-at-large to the Republican National Convention in Chicago in the late 1880s.

Baker was born in Manchester, Va., where his father, also James H., landed after emigrating from Ireland. A son, Oscar W., was born here in August 1879, and he was scarcely six years old when he was struck by a Pere Marquette Railway train at the 11th and Jefferson crossing and eventually lost a leg. That unfortunate accident launched the Bakers' longtime connection with the law.

The father brought suit in young Oscar's name and won a \$5,000 judgment. Although bad investments contributed to the dissipation of the cash before Oscar was 21, he went to the University of Michigan Law School with monies earned as secretary to Michigan Lt. Gov. Orin W. Robinson.

Graduating from law school in 1902, Oscar began practice here with white lawyer Lee E. Joslyn. In 1906, he brought suit against the railroad on the grounds it had been a mistake to pay the \$5,000 without securing a bond from his father. After winning in Circuit Court here, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled against him, holding that payment of the \$5,000 to the attorneys who were to turn it over to the Bakers qualified as a valid procedure.

As a result of the case, insurance companies, railroads, etc. began to require that a guardian be appointed for minors in civil cases.

Oscar, Sr. was the city's first black attorney, and he became a master courtroom psychologist, especially in criminal cases. He served as director for the association which sponsored professional baseball here at the turn of the century.

James H. Baker's grandsons, Oscar J. and James W., were long-time attorneys here, with the former founding what today is the Baker & Selby law firm after graduation from the U-M Law School in 1935. After practicing for nearly a half-century, Oscar Jr. has retired. In 1937, he was chairman of the State Bar's legal redress committee, traveling the state in helping blacks acquire their rights.