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ROLL CALL: A few questions about the breaking news. Do you think that this Monica Lewinsky story is going to overshadow your State of the Union address?

President CLINTON: Well, I hope not. But you guys will have to make that decision. The press will make that decision.

ROLL CALL: Some Republicans have been talking about impeachment for months now. And even your former advisor, George Stephanopoulos, mentioned it this morning, that it could lead to that. What is your reaction to the suggestion that this may lead to impeachment?

CLINTON: Well, I don't believe it will. I'm going to cooperate with this investigation. And I made it very clear that the allegations are not true. I didn't ask anybody not to tell the truth. And I'll cooperate. So I think that there will be a lot of stirring and there will be a lot of speculation about how this all was done and what it means and what it portends, and you will all handle it however you will. I'm just going to go back to work and do the best I can.

ROLL CALL: Do you think you have to refer to it in some way in the speech on Tuesday?

CLINTON: I've given no thought to that, no.

ROLL CALL: Will this cloud your ability to get anything done with this Congress as you head into the new session?

CLINTON: Well, that will be up to them. I don't think so. It's election year; they'll want to get some things done, too. And we've got a lot to do. I'm going to give them the first balanced budget three years ahead of time, and a great child care initiative, and an important Medicare initiative. We've got a Medicare commission meeting. We're going to be able to actually see this budget balanced and start to run a little surplus. We've got a lot of things to do around the world, so I think this is quite important.

ROLL CALL: OK, let me just ask you one more question about this. You said in a statement today that you had no improper relationship with this intern. What exactly was the nature of your relationship with her?

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CLINTON: Well, let me say, the relationship was not improper, and I think that's important enough to say. But because the investigation is going on and because I don't know what is out - what's going to be asked of me, I think I need to cooperate, answer the questions, but I think it's important for me to make it clear what is not. And then, at the appropriate time, I'll try to answer what it is. But let me answer - it is not an improper relationship and I know what the word means. So let's just...

ROLL CALL: Was it in any way sexual?

CLINTON: The relationship was not sexual. And I know what you mean, and the answer is no.

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