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**Leroy Null,
Impeachment Requested,
No Legislative action taken,
1980**

On January 18, 1980, a resolution ([H.R. 13](#)) was introduced in the House directing the Judiciary Committee to "investigate fully and completely whether sufficient grounds exist" for the House "to exercise its Constitutional power to impeach Orleans County State's Attorney Leroy F. Null." Null was indicted by a grand jury in December of 1979 for perjury, destroying official records and urging another to commit perjury. He allegedly committed those crimes while he was Orleans County deputy sheriff.

On January 22, 1980, the "resolution was ordered to lie" until the House passed a supplemental appropriation bill. The resolution was tabled because House Appropriations Committee Chair Rep. Henry Carse thought impeachment proceedings might confuse the budget plans for the Orleans County office.

On February 15, 1980, the House voted to withdraw the resolution to avoid an expensive and time consuming investigation.

The call for impeachment was renewed when [H.R. 18](#) was introduced on April 3, 1980 and adopted on April 7, 1980.

State's Attorney Leroy Null died on April 12, 1980. [H.R. 20](#) (April 17, 1980) halted the investigation.