

What FBI Investigation? House Oversight and Senate Judiciary Committees Forge Ahead

Regardless of how the reopened FBI investigation into Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server while secretary of state turns out—and the outcome of next Tuesday's election—Congress is proceeding with its own investigations.

First, U.S. Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah), chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, sent a letter to Archivist of the United States David Ferriero asking about the National Archives' involvement in the FBI and State Department investigations. His letter gives a deadline of Nov. 16—more than a week after the election—to reply, suggesting the congressional investigations he is leading will continue, regardless of who wins.

Then, U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, sent a letter to Department of Justice Inspector General Michael Horowitz. In it, he asks the IG to explore “whether the histories of high ranking department and FBI officials compromised the public trust” in the bureau's investigation and respond no later than Monday.

A second Clinton Impeachment—this time of Hillary Clinton—could happen early in her first year in office, if she's elected. Rep. Michael McCaul (R-Texas), chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee told FOX News on Wednesday, the congressional investigations will continue, “whether she wins or not.”

“But assuming she wins, and the investigation goes forward,

and it looks like an indictment is pending, at that point in time—under the Constitution—the House of Representatives would engage in an impeachment trial,” he added. “It would go to the Senate and impeachment proceedings and removal would take place.”