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The ACLU's Stand

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The American Civil Liberties Union called yesterday for the impeachment of Richard M. Nixon even though he has resigned as President of the United States.

Chairman Edward J. Ennis said there was a 98-year-old legal precedent for impeaching a man even after he left office.

He said in a statement that the Senate ruled in 1876 that resignation did not preclude impeachment proceedings. It ruled against former Secretary of War William W. Belknap who argued that his resignation barred impeachment proceedings.

Belknap was impeached and acquitted.

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