TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred Senate Bill No. 223 entitled "An act relating to water quality of the waters of Vermont" respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the report of the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy be amended by adding a new section to be Sec. 1a to read as follows:

Sec. 1a. CONTINGENCY OF FUNDING

Notwithstanding the provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 23 and 32 V.S.A. § 1010 to the contrary, the required payment under Sec. 1(g) of per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses to the legislative members and other members of the Water Quality, Lake Classification, and Antidegradation Study Group is contingent upon an appropriation of funds in fiscal year 2027 from the General Fund to the Vermont General Assembly for the specific purpose of compensation and reimbursement of the Study Group members.

(Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE