

No. R-164. Joint resolution relating to compensation of House Managers of Articles of Impeachment.

(J.R.S.30)

By Senator Baruth,

Whereas, H.R. 11 established a Special Committee on Impeachment Inquiry, granting the Special Committee investigatory powers to establish whether sufficient grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise its constitutional power to impeach Franklin County State's Attorney John Lavoie or Franklin County Sheriff John Grismore, or both, and

Whereas, as of this date, the Special Committee on Impeachment Inquiry has not yet concluded its investigation, and

Whereas, pursuant to J.R.S. 28, Members of the General Assembly are authorized to receive compensation and expenses during times in which their House is in session for the remainder of the 2023 Biennial Session, and

Whereas, should the House of Representatives impeach either, or both, individual(s) aforementioned, House managers would then be appointed by the Speaker of the House to prepare, present, and prosecute the article(s) of Impeachment to the Vermont Senate, *now be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the managers on the part of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House shall, while House of Representatives is in adjournment, act on behalf of the House of Representatives and the people of the State of Vermont to do all things necessary to prepare, present, and to prosecute any resolution(s) and article(s) of impeachment adopted by the House of Representatives to the Senate, relating to John Lavoie, Franklin County State's Attorney, or John Grismore, Franklin County Sheriff, or both. The managers on the part of the House of Representatives may utilize the services and assistance of the Vermont State Police and the Legislative Counsel for the purposes of preparing, presenting and prosecuting the impeachment resolution, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the House managers appointed by the Speaker be entitled to compensation for services at a daily rate of one-fourth of the annually adjusted weekly compensation set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 1052(a)(1) and reimbursement for expenses at the daily rate established in 32 V.S.A. § 1052(b), except that no manager shall receive compensation for more than four days in any week for any date in which the managers shall be preparing, presenting, and prosecuting the impeachment(s) when the House of Representatives is not seated in session.