

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

House Resolution

H.R. 11

House resolution relating to establishing the Special Committee on Impeachment Inquiry and granting it investigatory powers

Offered by: Representatives LaLonde of South Burlington and McCarthy of St. Albans City

Whereas, the results of an independent investigation completed in April 2023 substantiated allegations that Franklin County State's Attorney John Lavoie has engaged in a pattern of harassment and discriminatory conduct toward his employees and others, and

Whereas, recent concerns regarding financial improprieties in office have been raised regarding Franklin County Sheriff John Grismore, who was previously captured on video while a captain in the Franklin County Sheriff's Department kicking a handcuffed prisoner who was being held by the Department, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the Special Committee on Impeachment Inquiry is established to investigate 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 be it further

Resolved: That the Special Committee shall be composed of seven members of the House of Representatives, not all from the same political party, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Special Committee is authorized to meet during the 2023-2024 biennium, including during adjournment thereof, *shall adopt rules of procedure*, and shall report to the House of Representatives such resolutions, articles of impeachment, or other recommendations as the Special Committee deems proper, and be it further

Resolved: That the Special Committee is authorized to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of any person and the production of documents and other items of any kind, and be it further

Resolved: That the Special Committee or any member so designated by the Special Committee may administer oaths or affirmations to any witness, and be it further

Resolved: That the Special Committee may hire investigators and may request assistance from other governmental entities as needed to assist the Special Committee in conducting its investigations.