

G.O.P. Senators Hire a Lawyer for Impeachment

WASHINGTON, July 2 (AP)—Senate Republicans have retained a lawyer to help them prepare for an impeachment trial in case the House votes to impeach President Nixon, Congressional sources disclosed today.

The lawyer is Stephen R. Goldstein of Bala-Cynwyd, Pa., a professor at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law and a specialist in judicial procedure and administrative law. Senate sources said Mr.

Goldstein had been retained by the Republican Policy Committee to research members' questions regarding an impeachment trial.

If a House majority voted to impeach Mr. Nixon, the case would be sent to the Senate for trial.

The hiring of Mr. Goldstein has been kept secret, the sources said, because the Republican leadership did not want it to appear that a House vote in favor of impeachment was inevitable.

Mr. Goldstein confirmed that he was researching some "procedural problems that might be involved" in impeachment, but he refused to say what they were, citing his attorney-client relationship with the Senate Republicans.

A source familiar with Mr. Goldstein's assignment said one of the critical questions might be whether a trial could begin this year and continue into the next session of Congress, which will begin in January, 1975, after the retirement or defeat of some present Senate members.