(2) The term “authorized foreign travel” means foreign travel on official business on behalf of the Senate or a committee of the Senate which is authorized—
(A) in the case of foreign travel on behalf of the Senate, by the President pro tempore, Majority Leader, or Minority Leader of the Senate; and
(B) in the case of foreign travel on behalf of a committee of the Senate, by the chairman of that committee.

(3) The term “committee of the Senate” includes all standing, select, and special committees of the Senate and all joint committees of the Congress whose funds are disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.

(4) The term “employee of the Senate” includes an individual (other than a Member) whose salary is disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate or who is treated as an employee of the Senate for purposes of the Senate Code of Official Conduct.

(5) The term “ordinary and necessary travel expenses” includes, in the case of a group of Members engaged in authorized foreign travel, such special expenses as the chairman (or, if there is no chairman, the ranking Member) deems appropriate, including, to the extent not otherwise provided, reimbursements to any agency of the Government for (A) expenses incurred on behalf of the group, (B) compensation (including overtime) of employees of such agency officially detailed to the group, and (C) expenses incurred in connection with providing appropriate hospitality.


79.23 DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR REIMBURSEMENTS OUT OF SENATORS’ OFFICIAL OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

Resolved, That (a) no payments or reimbursements for expenses shall be made from the contingent fund of the Senate, unless the vouchers presented for such expenses are accompanied by supporting documentation.

(b) The Committee on Rules and Administration is authorized to promulgate regulations to carry out the purpose of this resolution and to except specific vouchers from the requirements of subsection (a) of this resolution.

(c) This resolution shall apply with respect to vouchers submitted for payment or reimbursement on and after October 1, 1987, or upon the adoption of this resolution if such adoption occurs at a later date.
(d) Senate Resolution 170, 96th Congress (agreed to August 2, 1979), is repealed as of October 1, 1987, or upon adoption of this resolution if such adoption occurs at a later date. Any regulations adopted by the Committee on Rules and Administration to implement Senate Resolution 170 shall remain in effect, after the repeal of Senate Resolution 170, until modified or repealed by such committee, and shall be held and considered to be regulations adopted to implement this resolution.

[S. Res. 258, 100–1, Oct. 1, 1987.]

79.24  INTERPARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITIES AND RECEPTION OF CERTAIN FOREIGN OFFICIALS

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized from March 1, 1981, until otherwise provided by law, to expend not to exceed $25,000 each fiscal year to assist the Senate properly to discharge and coordinate its activities and responsibilities in connection with participation in various interparliamentary institutions and to facilitate the interchange and reception in the United States of members of foreign legislative bodies and prominent officials of foreign governments and intergovernmental organizations.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to pay from the contingent fund of the Senate the actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection with activities authorized by this resolution and approved in advance by the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations upon vouchers certified by the Senator incurring such expenses and approved by the chairman.


79.25  RELATIVE TO CONTRIBUTIONS FOR COSTS OF CIVIL, CRIMINAL, OR OTHER LEGAL INVESTIGATIONS OF MEMBERS, OFFICERS, OR EMPLOYEES OF THE SENATE

Resolved, That nothing in the provisions of the Standing Rules of the Senate shall be construed to limit contributions to defray investigative, civil, criminal, or other legal expenses of Members, officers, or employees of the Senate relating to their service in the United States Senate, subject to limitations, regulations, procedures, and reporting requirements which shall be promulgated by the Select Committee on Ethics. Nothing in the provisions of the Standing Rules of the Senate shall be construed to limit contributions to defray the legal expenses of the spouses