(d) Senate Resolution 170, 96th Congress (agreed to August 2, 1979), is repealed as of October 1, 1987, or upon adoption of this resolution if such adoption occurs at a later date.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to implement Senate Resolution 170 shall remain in effect, after the repeal of Senate Resolution 170, until modified or repealed by such committee, and shall be held and considered to be regulations adopted to implement this resolution.

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.

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
or dependents of Members, officers, or employees of the Senate.

[S. Res. 508, 96th Cong., Sept. 4, 1980.]

79.27 RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN EXPENSES PAYABLE OR REIMBURSABLE FROM A SENATOR’S OFFICIAL OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Resolved, That except for section 3, this resolution applies only to payments and reimbursements from the contingent fund of the Senate under paragraphs (5) and (9) of section 506(a) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1973 (2 U.S.C. 58(a)). For purposes of such paragraphs, the terms “official office expenses” and “other official expenses” mean ordinary and necessary business expenses incurred by a Senator and his staff in the discharge of their official duties.

Sec. 2. Reimbursements and payments from the contingent fund of the Senate under paragraphs (5) and (9) of section 506(a) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1973 (2 U.S.C. 58(a)) shall not be made for:

1. commuting expenses, including parking fees incurred in commuting;
2. expenses incurred for the purchase of holiday greeting cards, flowers, trophies, awards, and certificates;
3. donations or gifts of any type, except gifts of flags which have been flown over the United States Capitol, copies of the book “We, the People”, and copies of the calendar “We The People” published by the United States Capitol Historical Society.
4. dues or assessments;
5. expenses incurred for the purchases of radio or television time, or for space in newspaper or other print media (except classified advertising for personnel to be employed in a Senator’s office);
6. expenses incurred by an individual who is not an employee (except as specifically authorized by subsections (e) and (h) of such section 506);
7. travel expenses incurred by an employee which are not reimbursable under subsection (e) of such section 506;
8. relocation expenses incurred by an employee in connection with the commencement or termination of employment or a change of duty station; and
(9) compensation paid to an individual for personal services performed in a normal employer-employee relationship.

Sec. 3. Payment of or reimbursement for the following expenses is specifically prohibited by law and reimbursements and payments from the contingent fund of the Senate shall not be made therefor:

1. expenses incurred for entertainment or meals (2 U.S.C. 58(a));
2. payment of additional salary or compensation to an employee (2 U.S.C. 68); and
3. expenses incurred for maintenance or care of private vehicles (Legislative Branch Appropriation Acts).

Sec. 4. This resolution shall apply with respect to expenses incurred on or after the date on which this resolution is agreed to.

[S. Res. 294, 96th Congress, 2nd Session; S. Res. 176, 104th Congress, 1st Session.]

Resolved, That (a) the Senate hereby authorizes and directs that there be both television and radio broadcast coverage (together with videotape and audio recordings) of proceedings in the Senate Chamber.

(b) Such broadcast coverage shall be—

1. provided in accordance with provisions of this resolution;
2. provided continuously, except for any time when the Senate is conducting a quorum call, or when a meeting with closed doors is ordered; and
3. provided subject to the provisions pertaining to the Senate gallery contained in the following Standing Rules of the Senate: rule XIX, paragraphs 6 and 7; rule XXV, paragraph 1(n); and rule XXXIII, paragraph 2.

Sec. 2. The radio and television broadcast of Senate proceedings shall be supervised and operated by the Senate.

Sec. 3. The television broadcast of Senate proceedings shall follow the Presiding Officer and Senators who are speaking, clerks, and the chaplain except during rollcall votes when the television cameras shall show the entire Chamber.

1 Omitted sections amended Standing Rules of the Senate, and are reflected in Senate Manual sections 1-43.