

(1) The term “foreign travel” means travel outside the United States and includes travel within the United States which is the beginning or end of travel outside the United States.

(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.

[S. Res. 179, 95-1, May 25, 1977.]

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR REIMBURSEMENTS OUT OF 106
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(d) Senate Resolution 170, 96th Congress (agreed to August 2, 1979), is repealed as of October 1, 1987, or upon adoption of this resolution if such adoption occurs at a later date.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.]

107 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, 96-2, Apr. 29, 1980; S. Res. 176, 104-1, Sept. 28, 1995.]

DEBT COLLECTION

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Resolved, That, for purposes of subchapters I and II of chapter 37 of Title 31, United States Code (relating to claims of or against the United States Government), the United States Senate shall be considered to be a legislative agency (as defined in section 3701(a)(4) of such title), and the Secretary of the Senate shall be deemed to be the head of such legislative agency.

SEC. 2. Regulations prescribed by the Secretary pursuant to section 3716 of Title 31, United States Code, shall not become effective until they are approved by the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

[S. Res. 147, 101-1, June 20, 1989.]

TORT CLAIMS PROCEDURES

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Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Attorney