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, 96–2, Sept. 4, 1980.]

Resolved, That (a) notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Rules of the Senate or Senate Resolution 508, adopted by the Senate on September 4, 1980, or Senate Resolution 321, adopted by the Senate on October 3, 1996, pro bono legal services provided to a Member of the Senate with respect to any civil action challenging the constitutionality of a Federal statute that expressly authorizes a Member either to file an action or to intervene in an action—

(1) shall not be deemed a gift to the Member;
(2) shall not be deemed to be a contribution to the office account of the Member;
(3) shall not require the establishment of a legal expense trust fund; and
(4) shall be governed by the Select Committee on Ethics Regulations Regarding Disclosure of Pro Bono Legal Services, adopted February 13, 1997, or any revision thereto.

(b) This resolution shall supersede Senate Resolution 321, adopted by the Senate on October 3, 1996.

[S. Res. 227, 107–2, Mar. 20, 2002.]

Resolved, It is declared to be the policy of the Senate that—