

On several occasions, the Majority Leader has made unanimous-consent requests such as the following, which was made on Feb. 19, 1957,⁽¹²⁾ by the Majority Leader, John W. McCormack, of Massachusetts:

MR. MCCORMACK: Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, February 27, 1957, for the Speaker to declare a recess for the purpose of receiving the Prime Minister of the Republic of France.

As a further example, the Majority Leader made the following request on May 28, 1958:⁽¹³⁾

MR. MCCORMACK: Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Thursday, June 5, 1958, for the Speaker to declare a recess for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting the President of the Federal Republic of Germany.

§ 22. Salary and Perquisites, Honors on Death

Recognition of the status of the floor leaders is reflected in provisions of law regarding the salaries⁽¹⁴⁾ and allowances⁽¹⁵⁾ of the

12. 103 CONG. REC. 2251, 85th Cong. 1st Sess.
13. 104 CONG. REC. 9743, 85th Cong. 2d Sess.
14. See 2 USC § 31.
15. An allowance for office personnel in the office of floor leader is prescribed

floor leaders and in certain provisions prescribing the honors to be accorded upon the death of a floor leader.⁽¹⁶⁾

Assistants to Floor Leaders

§ 22.1 The House has authorized the creation of new positions in the office of floor leader, or the payment from the contingent fund of the House of additional compensation to assistants of the floor leader.

In the 89th Congress, the Majority Leader offered a resolution creating an additional position of clerk in the offices of the Speaker and the Minority Leader, and providing for the payment of the salaries of such clerks from the contingent fund of the House. The resolution, which was agreed to by the House, was as follows:⁽¹⁷⁾

- by 2 USC § 333; such allowance is in addition to the clerk-hire allowance prescribed for each Member by 2 USC § 332. A provision pertaining to allowances for airmail and special delivery stamps for the floor leaders is contained in 2 USC § 42d(1).
16. A proclamation specifies the length of time that designated flags will be flown at half-staff upon the death of a Majority Leader or Minority Leader of the House. See 36 USC § 175, note, Proclamation No. 3044 (flag to be flown at half-staff from day of death until interment).
 17. 112 CONG. REC. 573, 89th Cong. 2d Sess., Jan. 19, 1966.

H. RES. 669

. . . (b) There is hereby created in the office of the minority leader an additional position the basic compensation of which shall be at a rate not to exceed \$3,000 per annum.

(c) There shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, until otherwise provided by law, such sums as may be necessary to carry out this resolution. . . .

On Mar. 9, 1965, the Majority Leader offered a resolution raising the gross salary of, among others, the administrative assistants to the floor leaders. The resolution, which was agreed to by the House, was as follows:⁽¹⁸⁾

H. RES. 258

Resolved, That, effective March 1, 1965, there shall be payable from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, until otherwise provided by law, an amount which will permit the payment of basic compensation per annum, at a rate not in excess of the highest amount which, together with additional compensation authorized by law, will not exceed the maximum rate authorized by the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, to the administrative assistant of each of the following: . . .

- (2) the majority leader of the House;
- (3) the minority leader of the House

. . .

- (7) each Member of the House who has served as majority leader, and as minority leader⁽¹⁹⁾ of the House.

On Jan. 26, 1966, the Speaker took the floor to offer a resolution providing additional clerk-hire allowance for the office of the Majority Leader, and authorizing additional positions in the offices of the Minority Leader and others. The resolution was as follows:⁽²⁰⁾

H. RES. 690

Resolved, That effective February 1, 1966, there shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, until otherwise provided by law, such sums as may be necessary for:

- 1. Additional clerical help in the Office of the Majority Leader, not to exceed \$3,000 (basic) per annum.
- 2. (a) An additional position in the Office of the Minority Leader, the basic compensation of which shall be at a rate not to exceed \$2,500 per annum. . . .

The resolution was agreed to.

18. 111 CONG. REC. 4405, 89th Cong. 1st Sess.

19. See also H. Res. 127, 89th Cong. 1st Sess. (1965), providing for an administrative assistant for any Member

who has served both as Majority and as Minority Leader of the House.

20. 112 CONG. REC. 1125, 89th Cong. 2d Sess.