

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.]

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DEBT COLLECTION

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.]

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TORT CLAIMS PROCEDURES

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Attorney General and such regulations as the Committee on Rules and Administration may prescribe, may consider and ascertain and, with the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration, determine, compromise, adjust, and settle, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 171 of Title 28, United States Code, any claim for money damages against the United States for injury of loss of property or personal injury or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any Member, officer, or employee of the Senate while acting within the scope of his office or employment, under circumstances where the United States, if a private person, would be liable to the claimant in accordance with the law of the place where the act or omission occurred. The Committee on Rules and Administration may, from time to time, delegate any or all of its authority under this resolution to the chairman. Any compromise, adjustment, or settlement of any such claim not exceeding \$2,500 shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate on a voucher approved by the chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SEC. 2. The Committee on Rules and Administration is authorized to issue such regulations as it may determine necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

[S. Res. 492, 97-2, Dec. 10, 1982.]

REIMBURSEMENT OF WITNESS EXPENSES¹

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Resolved, That witnesses appearing before the Senate or any of its committees may be authorized reimbursement for per diem expenses incurred for each day while traveling to and from the place of examination and for each day in attendance. Such reimbursement shall be made on an actual expense basis which shall not exceed the daily rate prescribed by the Committee on Rules and Administration, unless such limitation is specifically waived by such committee. A witness may also be authorized reimbursement of the actual and necessary transportation expenses incurred by the witness in traveling to and from the place of examination.

SEC. 2. (a) The provisions of this resolution shall be effective with respect to all witness expenses incurred on or after October 1, 1987.

(b) Senate Resolution 538, agreed to December 8, 1980, is repealed effective on October 1, 1987.

[S. Res. 259, 100-1, Aug. 5, 1987.]

AUTHORIZING THE SENATE TO PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNMENT
TRANSIT PROGRAMS

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Resolved, That (a) the Senate shall participate in State and local government transit programs to encourage employees of the Senate to use public transportation pursuant to section 629 of the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations Act, 1991.

(b) The Committee on Rules and Administration is authorized to issue regulations pertaining to Senate participation in State and local government transit programs through, and at the discretion of, its Members, committees, officers, and officials.

[S. Res. 318, 102-2, June 23, 1992]

¹The Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1961 (July 12, 1960, Public Law 86-628, 74 Stat. 449), contained the following restriction on advances of witness fees:

“No part of any appropriation disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate shall be available hereafter for the payment to any person, at the time of the service upon him of a subpoena requiring his attendance at any inquiry or hearing conducted by any committee of the Congress or of the Senate or any subcommittee of any such committee, of any witness fee or any sum of money as an advance payment of any travel or subsistence expense which may be incurred by such person in responding to that subpoena.”