

**§ 68b. Per diem and subsistence expenses from Senate contingent fund**

No part of the appropriations made under the heading "Contingent Expenses of the Senate" on and after June 27, 1956 may be expended for per diem and subsistence expenses (as defined in section 5701 of title 5) at rates in excess of the rates prescribed by the Committee on Rules and Administration; except that (1) higher rates may be established by the Committee on Rules and Administration for travel beyond the limits of the continental United States, and (2) in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, reimbursement for such expenses may be made on an actual expense basis of not to exceed the daily rate prescribed by the Committee on Rules and Administration in the case of travel within the continental limits of the United States. This section shall not apply with respect to per diem or actual travel expenses incurred by Senators and employees in the office of a Senator which are reimbursed under section 58 of this title.

(June 27, 1956, ch. 453, 70 Stat. 360; Pub. L. 87-139, §7, Aug. 14, 1961, 75 Stat. 340; Pub. L. 91-114, §3, Nov. 10, 1969, 83 Stat. 190; Pub. L. 94-22, §8, May 19, 1975, 89 Stat. 86; Pub. L. 95-94, title I, §112(e), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 664; Pub. L. 95-355, title I, §103, Sept. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 533; Pub. L. 96-304, title I, §102(b), July 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 889.)

AMENDMENTS

1980—Pub. L. 96-304 substituted "prescribed by the Committee on Rules and Administration" for "in effect under section 5702 of title 5, for employees of agencies" in two places.

1978—Pub. L. 95-355 substituted provisions relating to applicability of rates under section 5702 of title 5, for employees of agencies, for provisions setting forth specific rates of \$35 and \$50 per day, respectively, for travel expenses.

1977—Pub. L. 95-94 inserted provisions relating to applicability to per diem or actual travel expenses incurred by a Senator or his employee reimbursed under section 58 of this title.

1975—Pub. L. 94-22 substituted "\$35" and "\$50" for "\$25" and "\$40", respectively.

1969—Pub. L. 91-114 increased maximum per diem rate from \$16 to \$25 and actual expense rate from \$30 to \$40.

1961—Pub. L. 87-139 increased maximum per diem rate from \$12 to \$16 and actual expense rate from \$25 to \$30.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-94 effective Aug. 5, 1977, see section 112(f) of Pub. L. 95-94, set out as an Effective Date of 1977 Amendment note under section 58 of this title.

**§ 68c. Computation of compensation for stenographic assistance of committees payable from Senate contingent fund**

Compensation for stenographic assistance of committees paid out of the items under "Contingent Expenses of the Senate" on and after June 27, 1956 shall be computed at such rates and in accordance with such regulations as may be prescribed by the Committee on Rules and Administration, notwithstanding, and without regard to any other provision of law.

(June 27, 1956, ch. 453, 70 Stat. 360.)

**§ 68d. Liquidation from appropriations of any unpaid obligations chargeable to rescinded unexpended balances of funds**

If at the close of any fiscal year there is an unexpended balance of funds which were appropriated for such year (or for prior fiscal years) and which are subject to disbursement by the Secretary of the Senate for any purpose, then, if such unexpended balance is by law rescinded, any unpaid obligations chargeable to the balance so rescinded (or to appropriations for such purpose for prior years) shall be liquidated from any appropriations for the same general purpose, which, at the time of payment, are available for disbursement.

(Pub. L. 97-257, title I, §106, Sept. 10, 1982, 96 Stat. 849.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1982.

**§ 68e. Advance payments by Secretary of Senate**

**(a) Authorization**

For fiscal year 1998, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to make advance payments under a contract or other agreement to provide a service or deliver an article for the United States Government without regard to the provisions of section 3324 of title 31.

**(b) Regulations**

An advance payment authorized by subsection (a) of this section shall be made in accordance with regulations issued by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

**(c) Effective date**

The authority granted by subsection (a) of this section shall not take effect until regulations are issued pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

(Pub. L. 105-55, title I, §1, Oct. 7, 1997, 111 Stat. 1179.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1998, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1998.

**§ 69. Expenses of committees payable from Senate contingent fund**

When any duty is imposed upon a committee involving expenses that are ordered to be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate, upon vouchers to be approved by the chairman of the committee charged with such duty, the receipt of such chairman for any sum advanced to him or his order out of said contingent fund by the Secretary of the Senate for committee expenses not involving personal services shall be taken and passed by the accounting officers of the Government as a full and sufficient voucher; but it shall be the duty of such chairman, as soon as practicable, to furnish to the Secretary of the Senate vouchers in detail for the expenses so incurred.

(Mar. 3, 1879, ch. 183, 20 Stat. 419; June 10, 1921, ch. 18, title III, §304, 42 Stat. 24; June 22, 1949, ch. 235, §101, 63 Stat. 218.)

## AMENDMENTS

1949—Act June 22, 1949, inserted “for committee expenses not involving personal services” after “Secretary of the Senate”, and omitted the requirement that the Secretary of the Senate file the vouchers with the General Accounting Office.

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Act June 10, 1921, transferred powers and duties of Comptroller, six auditors, and certain other officers of the Treasury to General Accounting Office.

## CROSS REFERENCES

Payments from contingent fund of Senate not to be made unless sanctioned, the vouchers of which are declared conclusive upon all departments of Government, see section 68 of this title.

**§ 69-1. Availability of funds for franked mail expenses**

Funds in the account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, available for the expenses of inquiries and investigations shall be available for franked mail expenses incurred by committees of the Senate the other expenses of which are paid from that account.

(Pub. L. 105-55, title I, §6(b), Oct. 7, 1997, 111 Stat. 1181.)

## CODIFICATION

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1998, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1998.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 6(c) of Pub. L. 105-55 provided that: “This section [enacting this section] is effective for fiscal years beginning on and after October 1, 1997.”

**§ 69a. Orientation seminars, etc., for new Senators, Senate officials, or members of staffs of Senators or Senate officials; payment of expenses**

Effective July 1, 1979, there is authorized an expense allowance for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate and the Office of Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate which shall not exceed \$10,000 each fiscal year for each such office. Payments made under this section shall be reimbursements only for actual expenses (including meals and food-related expenses) incurred in the course of conducting orientation seminars for Senators, Senate officials, or members of the staffs of Senators or Senate officials and other similar meetings, in the Capitol Building or the Senate Office Buildings. Such payments shall be made upon certification and documentation of such expenses by the Secretary and Sergeant at Arms, respectively, and shall be made out of the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers signed by the Secretary and the Sergeant at Arms, respectively. Amounts received as reimbursement of such expenses shall not be reported as income, and the expenses so reimbursed shall not be allowed as a deduction, under title 26.

(Pub. L. 96-38, title I, §107(a), July 25, 1979, 93 Stat. 112; Pub. L. 99-88, title I, §193, Aug. 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 349; Pub. L. 99-514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095; Pub. L. 100-202, §101(i) [title I, §6], Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329-290, 1329-294; Pub. L. 102-392, title I, §3, Oct. 6, 1992, 106 Stat. 1706.)

## CODIFICATION

Section is from the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1979.

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 69a, Pub. L. 95-94, title I, §105, Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 661, provided for expenditure of \$1,000 during any fiscal year to conduct orientation seminars for new Senators and their staffs, prior to repeal effective July 1, 1979, by section 107(b) of Pub. L. 96-38.

## AMENDMENTS

1992—Pub. L. 102-392 substituted “\$10,000” for “\$4,000”.

1987—Pub. L. 100-202 substituted “\$4,000” for “\$2,000”.

1986—Pub. L. 99-514 substituted “Internal Revenue Code of 1986” for “Internal Revenue Code of 1954”, which for purposes of codification was translated as “title 26” thus requiring no change in text.

1985—Pub. L. 99-88 substituted “Senators, Senate officials, or members of the staffs of Senators or Senate officials” for “Senators and members of their staffs.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Section 101(i) [title I, §6] of Pub. L. 100-202 provided that the amendment made by Pub. L. 100-202 is effective in the case of fiscal years beginning after Sept. 30, 1986.

**§ 69b. Senate Leader’s Lecture Series**

**(a) Establishment**

There is established the Senate Leader’s Lecture Series (hereinafter referred to as the “lecture series”). Expenses incurred in connection with the lecture series shall be paid from the appropriations account “Secretary of the Senate” within the contingent fund of the Senate and shall not exceed \$30,000 in any fiscal year.

**(b) Expenses covered**

Payments for expenses in connection with the lecture series may cover expenses incurred by speakers, including travel, subsistence, and per diem, and the cost of receptions, including food, food related items, and hospitality.

**(c) Payments for expenses**

Payments for expenses of the lecture series shall be made on vouchers approved by the Secretary of the Senate.

**(d) Effective date**

This section is effective on and after October 1, 1997.

(Pub. L. 105-275, title I, §5, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2433.)

## CODIFICATION

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1999, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999.

**§§ 70 to 72. Omitted**

## CODIFICATION

Section 70, act July 16, 1914, ch. 141, §1, 38 Stat. 456, repealed resolutions passed prior to July 1, 1914, authorizing payment for clerical and messenger service.

Section 71, act July 11, 1919, ch. 6, §1, 41 Stat. 57, was a provision in the Third Deficiency Act of 1919 authorizing Secretary of the Army to transfer to Sergeant at Arms of Senate motor equipment no longer required by the War Department. It is the opinion of the Department of the Army the section was intended to cover