

Official Expenses Allowance, and the Official Mail Allowance shall cease to exist and the functions formerly carried out under such allowances shall be carried out under a single allowance, to be known as the “Members’ Representational Allowance”.

(b) Under the Members’ Representational Allowance, the amount that shall be available to a Member for franked mail with respect to a session of Congress shall be the amount allocated for that purpose by the Committee on House Oversight under paragraphs (1)(A) and (2)(B) of subsection (e) of section 311 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991 [2 U.S.C. 59e(e)(1)(A), (2)(B)], plus an amount equal to the amount permitted to be transferred to the former Official Mail Allowance under paragraph (3) of that subsection.

SEC. 2. The Committee on House Oversight shall have authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this resolution.

CROSS REFERENCES

For establishment of Members’ Representational Allowance, see section 57b of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 57a of this title.

§ 57a. Limitation on allowance authority of Committee on House Oversight

(a) In general

An order under the provision of law specified in subsection (c) of this section may fix or adjust the allowances of the House of Representatives only by reason of—

- (1) a change in the price of materials, services, or office space;
- (2) a technological change or other improvement in office equipment; or
- (3) an increase under section 5303 of title 5 in rates of pay under the General Schedule.

(b) Resolution requirement

In the case of reasons other than the reasons specified in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (a) of this section, the fixing and adjustment of the allowances of the House of Representatives in the categories described in the provision of law specified in subsection (c) of this section may be carried out only by resolution of the House of Representatives.

(c) Provision specified

The provision of law referred to in subsections (a) and (b) of this section is section 57 of this title.

(Pub. L. 94-440, title II, §101, Oct. 1, 1976, 90 Stat. 1448; Pub. L. 104-186, title I, §103, Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1720.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The General Schedule, referred to in subsec. (a)(3), is set out under section 5332 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

CODIFICATION

Section is based on House Resolution No. 1372, §1, Ninety-fourth Congress, July 1, 1976, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 94-440.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section consisted of subsecs. (a) and (b) relating to limitations on authority of the Committee on House Administration to fix and adjust allowances.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 57 of this title.

§ 57b. Representational allowance for Members of House of Representatives

(a) In general

There is established for the House of Representatives a single allowance, to be known as the “Members’ Representational Allowance”, which shall be available to support the conduct of the official and representational duties of a Member of the House of Representatives with respect to the district from which the Member is elected.

(b) Merger

The Clerk Hire Allowance, the Official Expenses Allowance, and the Official Mail Allowance, as in effect on the day before September 1, 1995, are merged into the Members’ Representational Allowance.

(c) “Member of the House of Representatives” defined

As used in this section, the term “Member of the House of Representatives” means a Representative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

(d) Regulations

The Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives shall have authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

(e) Effective date

This section shall take effect on September 1, 1995 and shall apply with respect to official and representational duties carried out on or after that date.

(Pub. L. 104-186, title I, §101, Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1719.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 57b, Pub. L. 104-53, title III, §314, Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 538, provided that, effective Sept. 1, 1995, Committee on House Oversight of House of Representatives had authority to combine House of Representatives Clerk Hire Allowance, Official Expenses Allowance, and Official Mail Allowance into single allowance, to be known as the “Members’ Representational Allowance” and to prescribe regulations relating to allocations, expenditures, and other matters with respect to Members’ Representational Allowance.

CROSS REFERENCES

For establishment of Members’ Representational Allowance, see Committee Order No. 41, set out as a note under section 57 of this title.

§ 58. Mail, telegraph, telephone, stationery, office supplies, and home State office and travel expenses for Senators

(a) Authorization for payment from Senate contingent fund

The contingent fund of the Senate is made available for payment (including reimbursement) to or on behalf of each Senator, upon certification of the Senator, for the following expenses incurred by the Senator and his staff:

- (1) telecommunications equipment and services subject to such regulations as may be promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate;
- (2)(A) stationery and other office supplies procured for use for official business, and

(B) metered charges for use of copying equipment provided by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate;

(3)[(A) Repealed. Pub. L. 101-520, title I, §11, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2260] (B) postage on, and fees and charges in connection with official mail matter sent through the mail other than the franking privilege upon certification by the Senate Sergeant at Arms and subject to such regulations as may be promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration, and (C) costs incurred in the preparation of required official reports, and the acquisition of mailing lists to be used for official purposes, and in the mailing, delivery, or transmitting of matters relating to official business;

(4) official office expenses incurred (other than for equipment and furniture and expenses described in paragraphs (1) through (3)) for an office in his home State;

(5) expenses incurred for publications printed or recorded in any way for auditory and visual use (including subscriptions to books, newspapers, magazines, clipping, and other information services);

(6) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, reimbursement of travel expenses incurred by the Senator and employees in his office;

(7) expenses incurred for additional office equipment and services related thereto (but not including personal services), in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate;

(8) charges officially incurred for recording and photographic services and products; and

(9) such other official expenses as the Senator determines to be necessary.

Payment under this section shall be made only upon presentation of itemized vouchers for expenses incurred and, in the case of expenses paid or reimbursed under paragraphs (6) and (9), only upon presentation of detailed itemized vouchers for such expenses. Vouchers presented for payment under this section shall be accompanied by such documentation as is required under regulations promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate. No payment shall be made under paragraph (4) or (9) for any expense incurred for entertainment or meals.

(b) Limits for authorized expenses; recalculation formula

(1)(A) Except as is otherwise provided in the succeeding paragraphs of this subsection and subject to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the total amount of expenses authorized to be paid to or on behalf of a Senator under this section shall not exceed for calendar year 1977 or any calendar year thereafter an amount equal to one-half of the sum of the amounts authorized to be paid under this section on the day before August 5, 1977, to or on behalf of both of the Senators from the State which he represents, increased by an amount equal to twenty percent thereof and rounded to the next higher multiple of \$1,000.

(B) In the event that the term of office of a Senator begins after the first month of any such calendar year or ends (except by reason of death,

resignation, or expulsion) before the last month of any such calendar year, the aggregate amount available to such Senator for such year shall be the aggregate amount computed under paragraph (1) of this subsection, divided by 12, and multiplied by the number of months in such year which are included in the Senator's term of office, counting any fraction of a month as a full month.

(2)(A) In the case of the period which commences January 1, 1988, and ends September 30, 1988, the total of—

(i) the expenses paid to or on behalf of a Senator under this section for such period, plus

(ii) the aggregate amount of gross compensation which is paid to employees in the office of such Senator for such period (as determined for purposes of section 61-1(d) of this title),

shall not exceed the aggregate of—

(iii) subject to subparagraph (B), an amount equal to 75 percent of the amount of the authorized expenses under this section for the calendar year ending December 31, 1987, as determined in the case of a Senator, who represents the State which such Senator represents, whose term of office included all of such calendar year, plus

(iv) the amount by which (I) the aggregate of the gross compensation which may be paid to employees in the office of such Senator for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1988, pursuant to the limitations imposed by section 61-1(d) of this title (as determined without regard to paragraph (1)(B) thereof), exceeds (II) the aggregate amount of gross compensation which is paid to employees in the office of such Senator for that part of such fiscal year which precedes January 1, 1988.

(B) In the event that the term of office of a Senator begins after the first month of the period which commences January 1, 1988, and ends September 30, 1988, or ends (except by reason of death, resignation, or expulsion) before the last month of such period, the amount computed pursuant to subparagraph (A)(iii) of this paragraph (but before application of this subparagraph) shall be recalculated as follows: such amount, as computed under subparagraph (A)(iii) of this paragraph, shall be divided by 9, and multiplied by the number of months in such period which are included in the Senator's term of office, counting any fraction of a month as a full month.

(3)(A) In the case of the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1988, or any fiscal year thereafter, the total of—

(i) the expenses paid to or on behalf of a Senator under this section for such fiscal year, plus

(ii) the aggregate amount of gross compensation which is paid to employees in the office of such Senator for such fiscal year (as determined for purposes of section 61-1(d) of this title),

shall not exceed the aggregate of—

(iii) subject to subparagraph (B), in case the Senator represents Alabama, \$68,000, Alaska, \$176,000, Arizona, \$81,000, Arkansas, \$70,000, California, \$122,000, Colorado, \$76,000, Connecticut, \$57,000, Delaware, \$47,000, Florida,

\$72,000, Georgia, \$68,000, Hawaii, \$200,000, Idaho, \$80,000, Illinois, \$91,000, Indiana, \$68,000, Iowa, \$71,000, Kansas, \$71,000, Kentucky, \$67,000, Louisiana, \$72,000, Maine, \$62,000, Maryland, \$52,000, Massachusetts, \$66,000, Michigan, \$76,000, Minnesota, \$72,000, Mississippi, \$70,000, Missouri, \$73,000, Montana, \$80,000, Nebraska, \$72,000, Nevada, \$82,000, New Hampshire, \$58,000, New Jersey, \$62,000, New Mexico, \$77,000, New York, \$98,000, North Carolina, \$64,000, North Dakota, \$71,000, Ohio, \$82,000, Oklahoma, \$75,000, Oregon, \$85,000, Pennsylvania, \$81,000, Rhode Island, \$56,000, South Carolina, \$62,000, South Dakota, \$72,000, Tennessee, \$68,000, Texas, \$102,000, Utah, \$80,000, Vermont, \$57,000, Virginia, \$58,000, Washington, \$88,000, West Virginia, \$57,000, Wisconsin, \$71,000, Wyoming, \$75,000, plus

(iv) the aggregate of the gross compensation which may be paid to employees in the office of such Senator for such fiscal year, under the limitations imposed by section 61-1(d) of this title, but without regard to the provisions of paragraph (1)(C)(iv) thereof.

(B) In the event that the term of office of a Senator begins after the first month of any such fiscal year or ends (except by reason of death, resignation, or expulsion) before the last month of any such fiscal year, the amount referred to in subparagraph (A)(iii) shall be recalculated as follows: such amount, as computed under subparagraph (iii), shall be divided by 12, and multiplied by the number of months in such year which are included in the Senator's term of office, counting any fraction of a month as a full month.

(c) Repealed. Pub. L. 97-51, § 122, Oct. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 965

(d) Repealed. Pub. L. 93-371, § 101(3)(e), Aug. 13, 1974, 88 Stat. 429

(e) Transportation, essential travel-related expenses, and per diem expenses; coverage; limitations; amounts

Subject to and in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, a Senator and the employees in his office shall be reimbursed under this section for travel expenses incurred by the Senator or employee while traveling on official business within the United States. The term "travel expenses" includes actual transportation expenses, essential travel-related expenses, and, where applicable, per diem expenses (but not in excess of actual expenses). A Senator or an employee of the Senator shall not be reimbursed for any travel expenses (other than actual transportation expenses) for any travel occurring during the sixty days immediately before the date of any primary or general election (whether regular, special, or runoff) in which the Senator is a candidate for public office (within the meaning of section 431(b)¹ of this title, unless his candidacy in such election is uncontested. For purposes of this subsection and subsection (a)(6) of this section, an employee in the Office of the President pro tempore, Deputy

President pro tempore, Majority Leader, Minority Leader, Majority Whip, Minority Whip, Secretary of the Conference of the Majority, or Secretary of the Conference of the Minority shall be considered to be an employee in the office of the Senator holding such office.

(f) Omitted

(g) Closing of deceased Senator's State offices

In the case of the death of any Senator, the chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration may certify for such deceased Senator for any portion of such sum already obligated but not certified to at the time of such Senator's death, and for any additional amount which may be reasonably needed for the purpose of closing such deceased Senator's State offices, for payment to the person or persons designated as entitled to such payment by such chairman.

(h) Individuals serving on panels or other bodies recommending nominees for Federal judgeships, service academies, United States Attorneys, or United States Marshals

For purposes of subsections (a) and (e) of this section, an individual who is selected by a Senator to serve on a panel or other body to make recommendations for nominees to one or more Federal judgeships or to one or more service academies or one or more positions of United States Attorney or United States Marshal shall be considered to be an employee in the office of that Senator with respect to travel and official expenses incurred in performing duties as a member of such panel or other body, and shall be reimbursed (A) for actual transportation expenses and per diem expenses (but not exceeding actual travel expenses) incurred while traveling in performing such duties within the Senator's home State or between that State and Washington, District of Columbia, and each of the service academies, (B) for official expenses incurred in performing such duties. For purposes of this subsection and subsection (a) of this section, "official expenses" means expenses of the type for which reimbursement may be made to an employee in the office of a Senator when traveling on business of a committee of which that Senator is a member, and, for accounting purposes, such expenses shall be treated as expenses for which reimbursement may be made under subsection (a)(4) of this section.

(i) Authorization of Secretary of Senate to pay reimbursable expenses

Whenever a Senator or an employee in his office has incurred an expense for which reimbursement may be made under this section, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to make payment to that Senator or employee for the expense incurred, subject to the same terms and conditions as apply to reimbursement of the expense under this section.

(j) Advances from Senate contingent fund for travel expenses for official business trips; vouchers; settlement

Whenever a Senator or employee of his office plans an official business trip with respect to which reimbursement for travel expenses is authorized under the preceding provisions of section (a), the Senator (or such an employee who

¹ So in original. Probably should be section "431(2)".

has been designated by the Senator to do so) may, prior to the commencement of such trip and in accordance with applicable regulations of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, obtain from any moneys in the contingent fund of the Senate which are available to him for purposes specified in subsection (a)(6) of this section, such advance sum as he shall certify (and be accountable for), to the Secretary of the Senate, to be necessary to defray some or all of the expenses to be incurred on such trip which expenses are reimbursable under the preceding provisions of this section. The receipt by any Senator for any sum so advanced to him or his order out of the contingent fund of the Senate by the Secretary of the Senate 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 Senator (or employee of his office, as the case may be), as soon as practicable, to furnish to the Secretary of the Senate a detailed voucher of the expenses incurred for the travel with respect to which the sum was so advanced, and make settlement with respect to such sum.

(Pub. L. 92-607, ch. V, § 506(a)-(j), Oct. 31, 1972, 86 Stat. 1505-1507; Pub. L. 93-145, Nov. 1, 1973, 87 Stat. 532; Pub. L. 93-371, § 3(e), Aug. 13, 1974, 88 Stat. 429; Pub. L. 94-59, title I, § 103, July 25, 1975, 89 Stat. 274; Pub. L. 95-94, title I, § 112(a)-(c), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 663, 664; Pub. L. 95-240, title II, § 208, Mar. 7, 1978, 92 Stat. 117; Pub. L. 95-391, title I, § 108(a), Sept. 30, 1978, 92 Stat. 773; Pub. L. 96-304, title I, §§ 101, 102(a), 103, 104, July 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 889; Pub. L. 97-19, July 6, 1981, 95 Stat. 103; Pub. L. 97-51, § 122, Oct. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 965; Pub. L. 97-257, title I, § 104(a), Sept. 10, 1982, 96 Stat. 849; Pub. L. 97-276, Oct. 2, 1982, § 101(e), 96 Stat. 1189; Pub. L. 98-51, title I, § 102, July 14, 1983, 97 Stat. 266; Pub. L. 98-181, title I, § 1204(a), Nov. 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 1290; Pub. L. 99-65, § 1(a), July 12, 1985, 99 Stat. 163; Pub. L. 100-137, § 1(b), Oct. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 815; Pub. L. 100-458, title I, §§ 8(a), 13, 14(a), Oct. 1, 1988, 102 Stat. 2162, 2163; Pub. L. 101-163, title I, § 5(a), Nov. 21, 1989, 103 Stat. 1045; Pub. L. 101-520, title I, §§ 4(c), 8, 9(a), 11, title III, § 311(h)(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2258-2260, 2280; Pub. L. 102-90, title I, § 7(a), Aug. 14, 1991, 105 Stat. 451.)

CODIFICATION

Section consists of subsecs. (a) to (j) of section 506 of Pub. L. 92-607, as amended. Original subsecs. (h) and (i) which made certain amendments and repeals to sections of this title that contained the provisions now covered by this section, and subsec. (j) which amended earlier appropriations not classified to the Code, were redesignated as subsecs. (i) to (k) by Pub. L. 95-391, title I, § 108(a), Sept. 30, 1978, 92 Stat. 773, further redesignated as subsecs. (j) to (l) by Pub. L. 96-304, title I, § 101, July 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 889, and subsequently redesignated as subsecs. (k) to (m) by Pub. L. 97-276, § 101(e), Oct. 2, 1982, 96 Stat. 1189.

Subsec. (f) related to a reduction of allowances for fiscal year 1973.

The 1982 amendments by Pub. L. 97-276 are based on sections 103 and 106(a) of S. 2939, Ninety-seventh Congress, 2d Session, as reported Sept. 22, 1982, as incorporated by reference in section 101(e) of Pub. L. 97-276, to be effective as if enacted into law.

AMENDMENTS

1991—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-90, § 7(a)(1), (3)-(5), substituted “payment (including reimbursement)” for

“payment” in introductory provisions, substituted “Payment” for “Reimbursement to a Senator and his employees” and “paid or reimbursed” for “reimbursed” in second sentence, and substituted “payment” for “reimbursement” in last sentence.

Subsec. (a)(3) to (5), (7) to (9). Pub. L. 102-90, § 7(a)(2), struck out “reimbursement to each Senator for” at beginning of pars. (3), (4), and (7) to (9) and in par. (5) direction to strike such language was executed by striking out “reimbursements to each Senator for” to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

1990—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 101-520, § 4(c), amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (2) read as follows: “stationery and other office supplies procured for use for official business;”.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 101-520, § 311(h)(2), which directed that par. (3) be amended by striking out “postage on,” and all that follows through “Senate, and”, could not be executed because those words do not appear in par. (3) as amended generally by Pub. L. 101-163 which in part restated provisions directed to be stricken by Pub. L. 101-520, § 311(h)(2), as subpar. (A). See 1990 and 1989 Amendment notes below.

Pub. L. 101-520, § 11, struck out subpar. (A) which read as follows: “postage on, and fees and charges in connection with, mail matter sent through the mail under the franking privilege in excess of amounts provided from the appropriation for official mail costs, upon certification by the Senate Sergeant at Arms and subject to such regulations as may be promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration.”.

Subsec. (b)(3)(A)(iii). Pub. L. 101-520, § 8, amended cl. (iii) generally. Prior to amendment, cl. (iii) read as follows: “subject to subparagraph (B), in case the Senator represents Alabama, \$53,000, Alaska, \$137,000, Arizona, \$63,000, Arkansas, \$54,000, California, \$95,000, Colorado, \$59,000, Connecticut, \$44,000, Delaware, \$36,000, Florida, \$56,000, Georgia, \$53,000, Hawaii, \$156,000, Idaho, \$62,000, Illinois, \$71,000, Indiana, \$53,000, Iowa, \$55,000, Kansas, \$55,000, Kentucky, \$52,000, Louisiana, \$56,000, Maine, \$48,000, Maryland, \$40,000, Massachusetts, \$51,000, Michigan, \$59,000, Minnesota, \$56,000, Mississippi, \$54,000, Missouri, \$57,000, Montana, \$62,000, Nebraska, \$56,000, Nevada, \$64,000, New Hampshire, \$45,000, New Jersey, \$48,000, New Mexico, \$60,000, New York, \$76,000, North Carolina, \$50,000, North Dakota, \$55,000, Ohio, \$64,000, Oklahoma, \$58,000, Oregon, \$66,000, Pennsylvania, \$63,000, Rhode Island, \$43,000, South Carolina, \$48,000, South Dakota, \$56,000, Tennessee, \$53,000, Texas, \$79,000, Utah, \$62,000, Vermont, \$44,000, Virginia, \$45,000, Washington, \$68,000, West Virginia \$44,000, Wisconsin, \$55,000, Wyoming, \$58,000, plus”.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 101-520, § 9(a), inserted “or one or more positions of United States Attorney or United States Marshal” after “one or more service academies”.

1989—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 101-163 amended par. (3) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (3) read as follows: “postage on, and fees and charges in connection with, mail matter sent through the mail under the franking privilege in excess of amounts provided from the appropriation for official mail costs, upon certification by the Senate Sergeant at Arms and subject to such regulations as may be promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, and reimbursement to each Senator for costs incurred in the preparation of required official reports, and the acquisition of mailing lists to be used for official purposes, and in the mailing, delivery, or transmitting of matters relating to official business;”.

1988—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 100-458, § 13, inserted “postage on, and fees and charges in connection with, mail matter sent through the mail under the franking privilege in excess of amounts provided from the appropriation for official mail costs, upon certification by the Senate Sergeant at Arms and subject to such regulations as may be promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, and” before “reimbursement”.

Subsec. (a)(9). Pub. L. 100-458, §§ 8(a), 14(a), made identical amendments, striking out “, but only (A) in the

case of expenses for the period commencing January 1, 1988, and ending with the close of September 30, 1988, to the extent that such expenses do not exceed ten percent of the total amount of expenses authorized to be paid to or on behalf of such Senator under this section (excluding any amount so authorized by subsection (b)(2)(A)(iv) of this section), and (B) in the case of expenditures for periods commencing on or after October 1, 1988, to the extent such expenses do not exceed ten percent of the total amount of expenses authorized to be paid to or on behalf of such Senator under this section (excluding any amount so authorized by subsection (b)(3)(A)(iv) of this section for the fiscal year involved)" after "necessary".

1987—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-137, §1(b)(1), amended subsec. (a) generally, substituting provisions authorizing payments from the Senate contingent fund for former provisions authorizing such payments.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-137, §1(b)(2), designated existing provisions of par. (1) as subpar. (A) of par. (1), substituted "Except as is otherwise provided in the succeeding paragraphs of this subsection and subject to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph," for "Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection," added pars. (2) and (3), and redesignated former par. (2) as subpar. (B) of par. (1).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 100-137, §1(b)(4), amended subsection (e) generally, substituting provisions relating to reimbursement for travel expenses incurred by Senators and employees for former provisions relating to reimbursement of those expenses.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 100-137, §1(b)(3), struck out "(1)" after "(h)", substituted "(a)(4)" for "(a)(5)", and struck out par. (2) which read as follows: "The amount of official expenses incurred by individuals selected by a Senator for which reimbursement may be made under this subsection shall not exceed \$500 each calendar year, and the total amount of expenses incurred by such individuals for which reimbursement may be made under this subsection shall not exceed \$3,000 each calendar year."

Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 100-137, §1(b)(5), substituted "(a)(6)" for "(a)(8)".

1985—Subsec. (a)(6). Pub. L. 99-65 amended par. (6) generally, substituting "for telephone service charges officially incurred outside Washington, District of Columbia, which are based on the amount of time the service is used" for "reimbursement to each Senator for telephone service charges officially incurred outside Washington, District of Columbia".

1983—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 98-181 inserted references to Secretary of Conference of Majority and Secretary of Conference of Minority.

Pub. L. 98-51 inserted provisions authorizing reimbursement for essential travel-related expenses and defined those expenses for purposes of this subsection.

1982—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 97-276 substituted "equal to twenty percent thereof" for "equal to ten percent thereof". See Codification note above.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 97-257 substituted "(2) In the event that the term of office of a Senator begins after the first month of any such calendar year or ends (except by reason of death, resignation, or expulsion) before the last month of any such calendar year, the aggregate amount available to such Senator for such year shall be the aggregate amount computed under paragraph (1) of this subsection, divided by 12, and multiplied by the number of months in such year which are included in the Senator's term of office, counting any fraction of a month as a full month." for "(2) In any such calendar year in which a Senator does not hold the office of Senator at least part of each month of that year, the aggregate amount available to the Senator shall be the aggregate amount, computed under paragraph (1) of this subsection, divided by 12, and multiplied by the number of months the Senator holds such office during that year, counting any fraction of a month as a full month."

Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 97-276 added subsec. (j). See Codification note above.

1981—Subsec. (a)(9). Pub. L. 97-19 inserted provisions which authorized reimbursement out of contingent

fund of Senate to each Senator for expenses for additional office equipment.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-51 struck out subsec. (c) which provided that aggregate of payments made to or on behalf of a Senator under this section not exceed at any time during each calendar year one-twelfth of the amount computed under subsection (b)(1) of this section multiplied by the number of months (counting a fraction of a month as a month) elapsing from the first month in that calendar year in which the Senator held the office of Senator through the date of payment.

1980—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 96-304, §103, substituted "costs incurred in the mailing or delivery of" for "air mail and special delivery postage for expenses incurred in the mailing of postal".

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 96-304, §102(a), substituted "prescribed by the Committee on Rules and Administration" for "in effect under section 5702 of title 5 for employees of agencies".

Subsec. (h)(1). Pub. L. 96-304, §104, substituted "to an employee in the office of a Senator when traveling on business of a committee of which that Senator is a member" for "under subsection (a)(9) when such expenses are incurred by or on behalf of a Senator".

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 96-304, §101, added subsec. (i).

1978—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 95-240 inserted reference to President pro tempore and Deputy President pro tempore.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 95-391 added subsec. (h).

1977—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-94, §112(a), in par. (1) struck out provision requiring authorization by the Committee on Rules and Administration in the manner prescribed by such Committee, in par. (7) struck out "and" at end thereof, in par. (8) substituted provisions requiring reimbursement of travel expenses incurred by the Senator and employees in his office subject to the provisions of subsec. (e) of this section, for provisions authorizing reimbursement of actual travel expenses incurred by the Senator in travel-on official business between Washington, D.C. and the State he represents and within such State, and travel expenses incurred by employees in the Senator's office subject to the provisions of subsec. (e) of this section, added par. (9), and in text following par. (9) inserted provisions relating to reimbursement of expenses incurred under par. (9).

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 95-94, §112(b), substituted provisions setting forth criteria for determination of total amount of expenses authorized to be paid to or on behalf of a Senator under this section for calendar year 1977 or any calendar year thereafter, for provisions setting forth criteria for determination of total amount of expenses authorized to be paid to or on behalf of a Senator under this section for calendar year 1973 or any calendar year thereafter.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 95-94, §112(c), substituted provisions setting forth prerequisites, conditions, and amounts of reimbursement for actual transportation expenses and per diem expenses, but not exceeding actual travel expenses, incurred by a Senator or employee in his office while traveling on official business within the United States, for provisions setting forth prerequisites, conditions, and amounts of reimbursement for per diem and actual transportation expenses incurred, or actual travel expenses incurred, by an employee in a Senator's office, including employees authorized by Senate Resolution 60, 94th Congress, and former section 72a-1c of this title, for round trips made by the employee on official business by the nearest usual route between Washington, D.C. and the home State of the Senator involved, and in traveling within the State.

1975—Subsec. (a)(8). Pub. L. 94-59, §103(1), substituted "travel expenses incurred by employees" for "actual transportation expenses incurred by employees".

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 94-59, §103(2), inserted new administrative provisions covering the payment of travel expenses of employees in Senators' offices for round trips between Washington, D.C., and the Senators' home States, inserted references to Senate Resolution 60, 94th Congress, agreed to June 12, 1975, and to sections

68b and 72a-1c of this title, and inserted limiting provisions prohibiting reimbursement for travel during the 60-day period immediately preceding any election in which the Senator is a candidate.

1974—Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 93-371 struck out par. (4) which related to rental charges for office space at not more than three places designated by the Senator in the State he represents. See section 59 of this title.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 93-371 struck out provisions setting forth the maximum allowable amount for rental payments for office space occupied by the Senator in State he represents. See section 59 of this title.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 93-371 struck out subsec. (d) which authorized the Sergeant at Arms to secure for each Senator home State office space at not more than three places designated by the Senator in such home State. See section 59 of this title.

1973—Subsec. (a)(7). Pub. L. 93-145 inserted “news-papers,” after “subscriptions to”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1991 AMENDMENT

Section 7(c) of Pub. L. 102-90 provided that: “The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) [amending this section and section 59 of this title] shall take effect October 1, 1991.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Section 4(d) of Pub. L. 101-520 provided that: “The provisions of subsections (a) and (b) [enacting section 58a-4 of this title], and the amendment made by subsection (c) [amending this section] shall take effect on October 1, 1990.”

Section 8 of Pub. L. 101-520 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective in the case of any fiscal year which begins on or after October 1, 1990.

Section 9(b) of Pub. L. 101-520 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall be effective in the case of expenses incurred after September 30, 1989.”

Amendment by section 311(h)(2) of Pub. L. 101-520 applicable with respect to sessions of Congress beginning with the first session of the One Hundred Second Congress, see section 59e(i) of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Sections 8(b) and 14(b) of Pub. L. 100-458 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall be effective only in the case of expenses incurred on or after October 1, 1988.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Section 1(b)(1)–(5) of Pub. L. 100-137 provided that the amendments made by that section are effective Jan. 1, 1988.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Section 2 of Pub. L. 99-65 provided that: “The amendments made by this Act [amending this section and section 58a of this title] shall take effect on the first day of the first calendar month which begins more than sixty days after the date of enactment of this Act [July 12, 1985].”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

Section 1204(b) of Pub. L. 98-181 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall be effective in the case of expenses incurred or charges imposed on or after October 1, 1983.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1982 AMENDMENTS

Section 103(b) of S. 2939, as reported Sept. 22, 1982, and enacted into permanent law by section 101(e) of Pub. L. 97-276 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall be effective with respect to calendar years after the calendar year 1982.”

Section 106(b) of S. 2939, as reported Sept. 22, 1982, and enacted into permanent law by section 101(e) of Pub. L.

97-276 provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) of this section [amending this section] shall take effect January 1, 1983.”

Section 104(b) of Pub. L. 97-257 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) of this section [amending this section] shall be effective on and after January 1, 1982.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Section 122 of Pub. L. 97-51 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Jan. 1, 1982.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Section 101 of Pub. L. 96-304 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Oct. 1, 1979.

Section 103 of Pub. L. 96-304 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Feb. 1, 1980.

Section 104 of Pub. L. 96-304 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Jan. 1, 1980.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENTS

Section 108(b) of Pub. L. 95-391 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on January 1, 1978.”

Section 208 of Pub. L. 95-240 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Aug. 5, 1977.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Section 112(f) of Pub. L. 95-94 provided that: “The amendments made by subsections (a), (c), (d), and (e) [amending this section and sections 59 and 68b of this title] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 5, 1977]. The amendment made by subsection (b) [amending this section] shall take effect as of January 1, 1977.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-371 effective on and after July 1, 1974, see section 59(g) of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1973 AMENDMENT

Section 101 of Pub. L. 93-145 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Jan. 1, 1973.

INCREASE IN CERTAIN AUTHORIZED EXPENSE LIMITS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1994

For provisions increasing each of the figures contained in subsec. (b)(3)(A)(iii) of this section by \$50,000 effective Oct. 1, 1994, see section 5 of Pub. L. 103-283, set out as a Mass Mailings by Senators note under section 3210 of Title 39, Postal Service.

DECREASE IN CERTAIN AUTHORIZED EXPENSE LIMITS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1993

Pub. L. 103-69, title I, § 2, Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 695, provided that: “Effective on and after October 1, 1993, the aggregate of each of the sums determined under clauses (iii) and (iv) of section 506(b)(3)(A) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1973 (2 U.S.C. 58(b)(3)(A)(iii) and (iv)), shall be deemed decreased by 2.5 percent.”

PAYMENT TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR POSTAGE, FEES, AND CHARGES

Section 5(b) of Pub. L. 101-163 provided that: “Receipts paid to the Sergeant at Arms from sales of postage on, and fees and charges in connection with mail matter sent through the mail by Senators, Senate committees, or other Senate offices (including joint committees and commissions funded from the contingent fund of the Senate), other than under the franking privilege, as cash or check payments directly from such Senators, committees, or offices, or as reimbursement from the Financial Clerk of the Senate pursuant to certification by the Sergeant at Arms of charges to be made to such funds available to such Senators, committees, or offices for such postage, fees and charges shall be used by the Sergeant at Arms for payment to

the United States Postal Service for such postage, fees, and charges.”

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 43d, 61-1, 68b of this title.

§ 58a. Telecommunications services for Senators; payment of costs out of contingent fund

The Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate shall furnish each Senator local and long-distance telecommunications services in Washington, District of Columbia, and in such Senator's State in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration; and the costs of such service shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate from moneys made available to him for that purpose.

(Pub. L. 98-181, title I, § 1205(a), Nov. 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 1290; Pub. L. 99-65, § 1(b), July 12, 1985, 99 Stat. 163; Pub. L. 99-439, Oct. 2, 1986, 100 Stat. 1085.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1984.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 58a, Pub. L. 95-94, title I, § 112(g), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 665, directed Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of Senate to furnish not more than two WATS lines to any Senator requesting them, with the cost of such service to be paid out of contingent fund of Senate, prior to repeal by section 1205(b) of Pub. L. 98-181, effective first day of first calendar month which begins more than thirty days after Nov. 30, 1983.

AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-439 struck out “(except services for which the charge is based on the amount of time the service is used)” after “Senator's State”.

1985—Pub. L. 99-65 inserted “and in such Senator's State (except services for which the charge is based on the amount of time the service is used)”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-65 effective on first day of first calendar month beginning more than 60 days after July 12, 1985, see section 2 of Pub. L. 99-65, set out as a note under section 58 of this title.

PAYMENT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

Pub. L. 104-53, title I, § 5, Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 517, as amended by Pub. L. 104-197, title I, § 4(a), Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2397, provided that:

“(a) Any payment for local and long distance telecommunications service provided to any user shall cover the total invoiced amount, including any amount relating to separately identified toll calls, and shall be charged to the appropriation for the fiscal year in which the underlying base service period covered by the invoice ends.

“(b) As used in subsection (a), the term ‘user’ means a Senator, an Officer of the Senate, and any office, committee, or other entity the funds of which are disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.”

[Pub. L. 104-197, title I, § 4(b), Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2397, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending section 5 of Pub. L. 104-53, set out above] shall take effect on October 1, 1996, and shall apply to all payments made on or after such date for local and long distance telecommunications service.”]

§ 58a-1. Payment for telecommunications equipment and services; definitions

As used in sections 58a-1 to 58a-3 of this title, the term—

(1) “Sergeant at Arms” means the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the United States Senate; and

(2) “user” means any Senator, Officer of the Senate, Committee, office, or entity provided telephone equipment and services by the Sergeant at Arms.

(Pub. L. 100-123, § 1, Oct. 5, 1987, 101 Stat. 794.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 4 of Pub. L. 100-123 provided that: “This Act [enacting this section and sections 58a-2 and 58a-3 of this title] shall take effect on October 1, 1987.”

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 58a-2, 58a-3 of this title.

§ 58a-2. Certification of telecommunications equipment and services as official

(a) Regulations issued by Committee on Rules and Administration

Subject to such regulations as may hereafter be issued by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms shall have the authority, with respect to telephone equipment and services provided to any user on a reimbursable basis (including repair or replacement), solely for the purposes of this section, to make such certification as may be necessary to establish such services and equipment as official, issue invoices in conjunction therewith, and receive payment for such services and equipment by certification, voucher, or otherwise.

(b) Equipment and services provided on reimbursable basis

For purposes of sections 58a-1 to 58a-3 of this title, telephone equipment and services provided to any user for which payment, prior to October 1, 1987, was not authorized from the contingent fund of the Senate shall, on and after October 1, 1987, be considered telephone equipment and services provided on a reimbursable basis for which payment may be obtained from such fund in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Establishment of reasonable charges

Subject to the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration, the Sergeant at Arms may establish reasonable charges for telephone equipment and services provided to any user which may be in addition to that regularly authorized by the Committee.

(d) Disposition of moneys received

All moneys, derived from payments for telephone equipment and services provided from funds from the Appropriation Account within the contingent fund of the Senate for “Contingent Expenses, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate” under the line item for Telecommunications (including receipts from carriers and others for loss or damage to such services or equipment for which repair or replacement has been provided by the Sergeant at