

through the Administrator of General Services shall be made by check upon vouchers approved by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

(July 8, 1935, ch. 374, 49 Stat. 463; Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title I, §102, 60 Stat. 814; June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, §102(a), 63 Stat. 380.)

AMENDMENTS

1946—Act Aug. 2, 1946, substituted “Committee on Rules and Administration” for “Committee to Audit and Control Contingent Expenses”.

CHANGE OF NAME

Effective Jan. 1, 1947, Procurement Division of Treasury Department changed to Bureau of Federal Supply by former regulation §5.7 of subpart A of Part 5 of Title 41, Public Contracts, 11 F.R. 13638, issued by Secretary of the Treasury.

Bureau of Federal Supply and its functions and duties transferred to Administrator of General Services by act June 30, 1949.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1946 AMENDMENT

Section 142 of act Aug. 2, 1946, provided that the amendment made by that act is effective Jan. 2, 1947.

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

§ 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 “Sec-

retary 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.

§ 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.

§§ 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 only surplus Army material on hand following World War I.

Section 72, acts Mar. 4, 1925, ch. 549, §1, 43 Stat. 1291; May 13, 1926, ch. 294, §1, 44 Stat. 542; Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 168, §1, 44 Stat. 1152; May 14, 1928, ch. 551, §1, 45 Stat. 522; Feb. 28, 1929, ch. 367, §1, 45 Stat. 1392; June 6, 1930, ch. 407, §1, 46 Stat. 509; Feb. 20, 1931, ch. 234, §1, 46 Stat. 1179; June 30, 1932, ch. 314, §1, 47 Stat. 387; Feb. 28, 1933, ch. 134, §1, 47 Stat. 1356, related to Committee employes after termination of Congress, and was limited to the Legislative Branch Appropriation Acts of which it was a part.

§ 72a. Committee staffs

(a) Appointment of professional members; number; qualifications; termination of employment

Each standing committee of the Senate (other than the Committee on Appropriations) is authorized to appoint, by majority vote of the committee, not more than six professional staff members in addition to the clerical staffs. Such professional staff members shall be assigned to the chairman and the ranking minority member of such committee as the committee may deem advisable, except that whenever a majority of the minority members of such committee so request, two of such professional staff members may be selected for appointment by majority vote of the minority members and the committee shall appoint any staff members so selected. A staff member or members appointed pursuant to a request by the minority members of the committee shall be assigned to such committee business as such minority members deem advisable. Services of professional staff members appointed by majority vote of the committee may be terminated by a majority vote of the committee and services of professional staff members appointed pursuant to a request by the minority members of the committee shall be terminated by the committee when a majority of such minority members so request. Professional staff members authorized by this subsection shall be appointed on a permanent basis, without regard to political affiliation, and solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of their respective positions. Such professional staff members shall not engage in any work other than committee business and no other duties may be assigned to them.

(b) Professional members for Committee on Appropriations; examinations of executive agencies' operation

Subject to appropriations which it shall be in order to include in appropriation bills, the Committee on Appropriations of each House is au-