

1983—Pub. L. 98-63 substituted provisions increasing allowances for each Whip to \$5,000 each fiscal year, effective fiscal year 1983 and each fiscal year thereafter, for provisions authorizing not to exceed \$2,500 each fiscal year for each Whip, effective Apr. 1, 1977.

1978—Pub. L. 95-355 substituted provisions increasing allowances for each leader to \$10,000 each fiscal year, effective fiscal year 1978 and each fiscal year thereafter, for provisions authorizing not to exceed \$5,000 each fiscal year for each leader, effective with fiscal year 1977 and each fiscal year thereafter.

§ 31a-2. Representation Allowance Account for Majority and Minority Leaders of Senate

(a) Establishment; purpose

There is hereby established an account, within the Senate, to be known as the “Representation Allowance Account for the Majority and Minority Leaders”. Such Allowance Account shall be used by the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate to assist them properly to discharge their appropriate responsibilities in the United States to members of foreign legislative bodies and prominent officials of foreign governments and intergovernmental organizations.

(b) Payments; allotment; reimbursement for actual expenses; taxability

Payments authorized to be made under this section shall be paid by the Secretary of the Senate. Of the funds available for expenditure from such Allowance Account for any fiscal year, one-half shall be allotted to the Majority Leader and one-half shall be allotted to the Minority Leader. Amounts paid from such Allowance Account to the Majority or Minority Leader shall be paid to him from his allotment and shall be paid to him only as reimbursement for actual expenses incurred by him and upon certification and documentation of such expenses. Amounts paid to the Majority or Minority Leader pursuant to this section shall not be reported as income and shall not be allowed as a deduction under title 26.

(c) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year (commencing with the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985) not more than \$20,000 to the Allowance Account established by this section.

(Pub. L. 99-88, title I, § 197, Aug. 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 350.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1985.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 31a-2a of this title.

§ 31a-2a. Transfer of funds from representation allowance of Majority and Minority Leaders of Senate to expense allowance; availability; definitions

(a) The Secretary of the Senate shall, upon the written request of the Majority or Minority Leader of the Senate, transfer from any available funds in such Leader's allotment in the Leader's Representation Allowance (as defined in subsection (b)(1) of this section) for any fiscal

year (commencing with the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985) to such Leader's Expense Allowance (as defined in subsection (b)(2) of this section) to such year such amount as is specified in the request. Any funds so transferred for any fiscal year at the request of either such Leader shall be available to such Leader for such year for the same purposes as, and in like manner and subject to the same conditions as, are other funds which are available to him for such year as his expense allowance as Majority or Minority Leader.

(b)(1) The term “Leader's Representation Allowance” means the Representation Allowance Account for the Majority and Minority Leaders established by section 31a-2 of this title.

(2) The term “Leader's Expense Allowance”, when used in reference to the Majority or Minority Leader of the Senate, refers to the moneys available, for any fiscal year, to such Leader as an expense allowance and the appropriation account from which such moneys are funded.

(Pub. L. 100-71, title I, § 1, July 11, 1987, 101 Stat. 422.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1987.

§ 31a-2b. Transfer of funds from appropriations account of Majority and Minority Leaders of Senate to appropriations account, Miscellaneous Items, within Senate contingent fund

(a) Requests for transfers

Upon the written request of the Majority or Minority Leader of the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate shall transfer during any fiscal year, from the appropriations account appropriated under the headings “Salaries, Officers and Employees” and “Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders”, such amount as either Leader shall specify to the appropriations account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, “Miscellaneous Items”.

(b) Authority to incur expenses

The Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate are each authorized to incur such expenses as may be necessary or appropriate. Expenses incurred by either such leader shall be paid from the amount transferred pursuant to subsection (a) of this section by such leader and upon vouchers approved by such leader.

(c) Authority to advance sums

The Secretary of the Senate is authorized to advance such sums as may be necessary to defray expenses incurred in carrying out subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

(Pub. L. 102-27, title II, Apr. 10, 1991, 105 Stat. 144.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Dire Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Consequences of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Food Stamps, Unemployment Compensation Administration, Veterans Compensation and Pensions, and Other Urgent Needs Act of 1991.

§ 31a-2c. Transfer of funds from appropriations account of Majority and Minority Whips of Senate to appropriations account, Miscellaneous Items, within Senate contingent fund

(a) Requests for transfers

Upon the written request of the Majority or Minority Whip of the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate shall transfer during any fiscal year, from the appropriations account appropriated under the headings “SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES” and “OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS”, such amount as either whip shall specify to the appropriations account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, “MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS”.

(b) Authority to incur expenses

The Majority and Minority Whips of the Senate are each authorized to incur such expenses as may be necessary or appropriate. Expenses incurred by either such whip shall be paid from the amount transferred pursuant to subsection (a) of this section by such whip and upon vouchers approved by such whip.

(c) Authority to advance sums

The Secretary of the Senate is authorized to advance such sums as may be necessary to defray expenses incurred in carrying out subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

(Pub. L. 105-55, title I, § 2, Oct. 7, 1997, 111 Stat. 1180.)

CODIFICATION

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

§ 31a-3. Expense allowance for Chairmen of Majority and Minority Conference Committees of Senate; method of payment; taxability

For each fiscal year (commencing with the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985), there is hereby authorized an expense allowance for the Chairmen of the Majority and Minority Conference Committees which shall not exceed \$3,000 each fiscal year for each such Chairman; and amounts from such allowance shall be paid to either of such Chairmen only as reimbursement for actual expenses incurred by him and upon certification and documentation of such expenses, and amounts so paid shall not be reported as income and shall not be allowed as a deduction under title 26.

(Pub. L. 99-88, title I, Aug. 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 348.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1985.

§ 31b. Expense allowance of Speaker of House of Representatives

There shall be paid to the Speaker of the House of Representatives in equal monthly installments an expense allowance of \$10,000 per annum to assist in defraying expenses relating to or resulting from the discharge of his official duties, for which no accounting, other than for income tax purposes, shall be made by him.

(Jan. 19, 1949, ch. 2, § 1(e), 63 Stat. 4; Oct. 20, 1951, ch. 521, title VI, § 619(c), 65 Stat. 570; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, § 203(1), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1725.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 struck out “(which shall be in lieu of the allowance provided by section 601(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended)” after “per annum”.

1951—Act Oct. 20, 1951, made Speaker’s expense allowance taxable.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1951 AMENDMENT

Amendment by act Oct. 20, 1951, effective at noon, Jan. 3, 1953, see section 619(e) of act Oct. 20, 1951, set out as a note under section 102 of Title 3, The President.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective at noon, Jan. 20, 1949, see section 3 of act Jan. 19, 1949.

CROSS REFERENCES

Adjustment of allowances by Committee on House Oversight, see section 57 of this title.

§ 31b-1. Former Speakers of House of Representatives; retention of office, furniture, etc., in Congressional district following expiration of term as Representative; exceptions

(a) Each former Speaker of the House of Representatives (hereafter referred to in sections 31b-1 to 31b-7 of this title as the “Speaker”) is entitled to retain, for as long as he determines there is need therefor, commencing at the expiration of his term of office as a Representative in Congress the complete and exclusive use of one office selected by him in order to facilitate the administration, settlement, and conclusion of matters pertaining to or arising out of his incumbency in office as a Representative in Congress and as Speaker of the House of Representatives. Such office shall be located in the United States and shall be furnished and maintained by the Government in a condition appropriate for his use.

(b) Sections 31b-1 to 31b-7 of this title shall not apply with respect to any former Speaker of the House of Representatives for any period during which such former Speaker holds an appointive or elective office or position in or under the Federal Government or the government of the District of Columbia to which is attached a rate of pay other than a nominal rate or to any former Speaker separated from the service by reason of expulsion from the House.

(Pub. L. 91-665, ch. VIII, Jan. 8, 1971, 84 Stat. 1989; Pub. L. 93-532, § 1, Dec. 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 1723; Pub. L. 99-225, Dec. 28, 1985, 99 Stat. 1743.)

CODIFICATION

Subsection (a) of this section is based on section 1 of House Resolution No. 1238, Ninety-first Congress, Dec. 23, 1970, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 91-665.

Subsection (b) of this section is based on section 1(b) of Pub. L. 93-532.

As originally enacted into permanent law, section applied to Speaker of House of Representatives in 91st Congress and has been extended to apply to each former Speaker of House of Representatives. See section 1(a) of Pub. L. 93-532, set out as a note under this section.

AMENDMENTS

1985—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-225 substituted “one office selected by him in order to facilitate the adminis-