

for administration, etc., of matters pertaining to incumbency in office as Representative and Speaker.

**§ 31b-4. Franked mail and printing privileges of former Speaker**

(a) The Speaker may send mail as franked mail under sections 3210 and 3213 of title 39, and send and receive mail as franked mail under section 3211 of that title, for as long as he determines there is need therefor, commencing at the close of the period specified in those sections following the expiration of his term of office as a Representative in Congress. The postage on such mail, including registry fees if registration is required, shall be paid and credited as provided by section 3216(a) of title 39.

(b) 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 Speaker shall be entitled to the benefits afforded by section 733 of title 44.

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

CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 4 of House Resolution No. 1238, Ninety-first Congress, Dec. 23, 1970, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 91-665.

As originally enacted into permanent law, section applied to Speaker of House of Representatives in 91st Congress and has been extended to apply to each former Speaker of House of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 section 31b-1 of this title.

References to sections of Title 39, Postal Service, have been substituted for references to obsolete sections of Title 39, The Postal Service, in view of revision and reenactment of such Title by the Postal Reorganization Act, Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 719.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 8, 1971, see Effective Date note set out under section 31b-1 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 31b-1, 31b-7 of this title.

**§ 31b-5. Staff assistance to former Speaker for administration, etc., of matters pertaining to incumbency in office as Representative and Speaker; compensation and status of staff**

In order to provide staff assistance to the Speaker in connection with 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, the contingent fund of the House is hereby made available, for as long as he determines there is need therefor, commencing at the expiration of the term of office of the Speaker as a Representative in Congress for payment of the salaries of an Administrative Assistant, who shall be paid at a basic per annum rate of not to exceed the then current rate for step 5 of level 11 of the House Employees Schedule, as determined by the Speaker, a Secretary, who shall be paid at a basic per annum rate of not to exceed the then current rate for step 9 of level 8 of such Schedule, as determined by the Speaker, and an additional Sec-

retary, who shall be paid at a gross per annum rate of not to exceed the then current rate for step 1 of level 6 of such Schedule as determined by the Speaker, designated and appointed by the Speaker to serve as members of his office staff in such period. Each person so designated and appointed shall be held and considered, for the duration of such appointment, as—

(1) an “employee” for the purposes of subchapter I of chapter 81 (relating to compensation for work injuries) of title 5, and

(2) a “congressional employee” within the meaning of section 2107 of title 5, for the purposes of—

(A) subchapter III (relating to civil service retirement) of chapter 83 of such title,

(B) chapter 87 (relating to Federal employees group life insurance) of such title, and

(C) chapter 89 (relating to Federal employees group health insurance) of such title.

(Pub. L. 91-665, ch. VIII, Jan. 8, 1971, 84 Stat. 1989; Pub. L. 93-532, §1(a), Dec. 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 1723; Pub. L. 95-94, title I, §115, Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 668; Pub. L. 99-151, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1985, 99 Stat. 797; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §203(3), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1725.)

CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 5 of House Resolution No. 1238, Ninety-first Congress, Dec. 23, 1970, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 91-665.

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-94 is based on section 2 of House Resolution No. 1576, Ninety-fourth Congress, Sept. 30, 1976, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 95-94.

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 section 31b-1 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “for payment of” for “to enable the Clerk of the House to pay”.

1985—Pub. L. 99-151 substituted “not to exceed the then current rate for step 5 of level 11 of the House Employees Schedule” for “not to exceed \$3,000” the first place it appeared, “not to exceed the then current rate for step 9 of level 8 of such Schedule” for “not to exceed \$3,000” the second place it appeared, and “not to exceed the then current rate for step 1 of level 6 of such Schedule” for “not to exceed \$9,000”.

1977—Pub. L. 95-94 inserted reference to an additional Secretary paid at a gross per annum of not to exceed \$9,000 as determined by the Speaker and struck out “as Administrative Assistant or Secretary” after “Each person so designated and appointed”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Section 2 of H. Res. 1576 provided that amendment is effective on the date of enactment of such section 2 into permanent law, Aug. 5, 1977, the date of approval of Pub. L. 95-94. See Codification note above.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 8, 1971, see Effective Date note set out under section 31b-1 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 31b-1, 31b-7 of this title.

**§ 31b-6. Repealed. Pub. L. 99-151, title I, § 102(b), Nov. 13, 1985, 99 Stat. 797**

Section, based on H. Res. No. 1238, §6, Dec. 23, 1970, enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 91-665, ch. VIII,