

**§ 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.)