

of the Senate shall transfer from the appropriations account appropriated under the sub-heading “OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE MAJORITY AND THE CONFERENCE OF THE MINORITY” under the heading “SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES” such amount as the Secretary of the Conference of the Majority or the Secretary of the Conference of the Minority shall specify to the appropriations account under the heading “MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS” within the contingent fund of the Senate.

**(b) Authority to incur expenses**

The Secretary of the Conference of the Majority or the Secretary of the Conference of the Minority may incur such expenses as may be necessary or appropriate. Expenses incurred by the Secretary of the Conference of the Majority or the Secretary of the Conference of the Minority shall be paid from the amount transferred under subsection (a) by the Secretary of the Conference of the Majority or the Secretary of the Conference of the Minority and upon vouchers approved by the Secretary of the Conference of the Majority or the Secretary of the Conference of the Minority, as applicable.

**(c) Authority to advance sums**

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

**(d) Effective date**

This section shall apply to fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(Pub. L. 110-161, div. H, title I, §3, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2221.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2008, which is div. H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008.

**§ 61g-7. Services of consultants to Majority and Minority Conference Committee of Senate**

**(a) Authorization of expenditure with approval of Committee on Rules and Administration**

Funds authorized to be expended under section 61g-6 of this title may be used by the Majority or Minority Conference Committee of the Senate, with the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration, to procure the temporary services (not in excess of one year) or intermittent services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof, to make studies or advise the committee with respect to any matter within its jurisdiction or with respect to the administration of the affairs of the committee.

**(b) Procurement by contract or employment**

Such services in the case of individuals or organizations may be procured by contract as independent contractors, or in the case of individuals, by employment at daily rates of compensation not in excess of the per diem equivalent of the highest gross rate of compensation which may be paid to a regular employee of such committee. Such contracts shall not be subject to the provisions of section 6101 of title 41 or any other provision of law requiring advertising.

**(c) Selection of consultant or organization by Conference Committee chairman**

Any such consultant or organization shall be selected for the Majority or Minority Conference Committee of the Senate by the chairman thereof.

(Pub. L. 99-88, title I, §195, Aug. 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 349; Pub. L. 104-197, title I, §1, Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2396.)

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (b), “section 6101 of title 41” substituted for “section 5 of title 41” on authority of Pub. L. 111-350, §6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

Section is from the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1985.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-197 inserted “or with respect to the administration of the affairs of the committee” before period at end.

**§ 61g-8. Utilization of funds for specialized training of professional staff for Majority and Minority Conference Committee of Senate**

Funds appropriated to the Conference of the Majority and funds appropriated to the Conference of the Minority for any fiscal year (commencing with the fiscal year ending September 30, 1991), may be utilized in such amounts as the Chairman of each Conference deems appropriate for the specialized training of professional staff, subject to such limitations, insofar as they are applicable, as are imposed by the Committee on Rules and Administration with respect to such training when provided to professional staff of standing committees of the Senate.

(Pub. L. 101-520, title I, §2, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2257.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1991, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions relating to utilization of funds for specific fiscal year for specialized training of professional staff for Majority and Minority Conference Committee of Senate were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 101-163, title I, §2, Nov. 21, 1989, 103 Stat. 1044.

Pub. L. 100-458, title I, §2, Oct. 1, 1988, 102 Stat. 2161.

Pub. L. 100-202, §101(i) [title I], Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329-290, 1329-292.

**§§ 61h, 61h-1. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Section 61h, Pub. L. 93-371, §4, Aug. 13, 1974, 88 Stat. 429; Pub. L. 94-59, title I, §105, July 25, 1975, 89 Stat. 275, set forth maximum annual rate of compensation for Assistant Secretaries for Senate Majority and Minority. Pub. L. 95-94, title I, Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 658, abolished such positions, effective Oct. 1, 1977, and authorized Secretaries concerned to appoint and fix compensation of such employees as they deem appropriate. See section 61g-5 of this title.

A prior section 61h, acts Aug. 5, 1955, ch. 568, 69 Stat. 502; June 27, 1956, ch. 453, 70 Stat. 357; Aug. 21, 1959, Pub. L. 86-176, 73 Stat. 399; Aug. 10, 1961, Pub. L. 87-130, 75 Stat. 321; July 27, 1965, Pub. L. 89-90, 79 Stat. 266, au-