

## 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As originally enacted into permanent law, section applied to Speaker of House of Representatives in 91st Congress and has been extended to apply to each former Speaker of House of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 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” for “the Federal office space which is currently made available for his use in the congressional district represented by him and which shall be maintained by the Government in a condition appropriate for his use as he may request, together with all furniture, equipment, and furnishings currently made available by the Government for his use in connection with such office space, including any necessary replacements of such office furniture, equipment, and furnishings, 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”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 7 of House Resolution No. 1238, Ninety-first Congress, Dec. 23, 1970, as enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 91-665, provided that: “The foregoing provisions of this resolution [enacting sections 31b-1 to 31b-6 of this title] shall become effective on the date of the enactment of this resolution as permanent law [Jan. 8, 1971].”

## EXTENSION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1238, 91ST CONGRESS, TO FORMER SPEAKERS OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Pub. L. 93-532, §1(a), Dec. 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 1723, provided that: “The provisions of H. Res. 1238, Ninety-first Congress, as enacted into permanent law by the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1971 (84 Stat. 1989) [enacting sections 31b-1 to 31b-6 of this title and provision set out as a note under this section], are hereby extended to, and made applicable with respect to, each former Speaker of the House of Representatives, as long as he determines there is need therefor, commencing at the expiration of his term of office as Representative in Congress.”

**§ 31b-2. Allowance available to former Speaker for payment of office and other expenses for administration, etc., of matters pertaining to incumbency in office as Representative and Speaker**

The Speaker is entitled to have the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives be available for payment of, for as long as he determines there is need therefor, commencing at the expiration of his term of office as a Representative in Congress, an allowance equal to the Members' Representational Allowance (to be paid in the same manner as such Allowance) for office and other expenses incurred in connection with the administration, settlement, and con-

clusion 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.

(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. 99-151, title I, §102(b), Nov. 13, 1985, 99 Stat. 797; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §203(2), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1725.)

## CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 2 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.

## AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “applicable accounts of the House of Representatives” for “contingent fund of the House” and “Members' Representational Allowance” for “base allowance component of the Official Expenses Allowance then currently in effect for each Member of the House”.

1985—Pub. L. 99-151 substituted “have the contingent fund of the House be available for payment of” for “reimbursement, from the contingent fund of the House” and “an allowance equal to the base allowance component of the Official Expenses Allowance then currently in effect for each Member of the House (to be paid in the same manner as such Allowance)” for “in the manner provided by applicable provisions of the Legislative Appropriation Act, 1955, as amended by the Act of June 13, 1957 (71 Stat. 82; Public Law 85-54), and by the provisions of House Resolution 831, Eighty-eighth Congress, adopted August 14, 1964, enacted as permanent law by section 103 of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1966 (79 Stat. 281; Public Law 89-90; 2 U.S.C. 122a), in an aggregate quarterly amount equal to the aggregate quarterly amount to which a Member of the House of Representatives is entitled under such provisions of law as in effect on January 8, 1971, or as amended or supplemented after such date.”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

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

## CROSS REFERENCES

For establishment of Members' Representational Allowance, see section 57b of this title.

**§ 31b-3. Repealed. Pub. L. 99-151, title I, § 102(b), Nov. 13, 1985, 99 Stat. 797**

Section, based on H. Res. No. 1238, §3, Dec. 23, 1970, enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 91-665, ch. VIII, Jan. 8, 1971, 84 Stat. 1989; Pub. L. 93-532, §1(a), Dec. 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 1723, provided for reimbursement of former Speaker of House for telephone service charges 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