

House of Representatives retained their existing entitlements to airmail and special delivery postage stamps until June 30, 1959, and thereafter the airmail and special delivery stamps made available under former sections 42c and 42d of this title were to be in lieu of any made available under any other law, were repealed by Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §203(12), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1726.

§§ 43, 43a. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section 43, acts July 28, 1866, ch. 296, § 17, 14 Stat. 323; Aug. 11, 1993, Pub. L. 103-69, title III, §310(a), 107 Stat. 712, provided for Senators to receive mileage for travel to and from regular sessions, and was omitted from the Code in view of the termination of mileage under this section for Senators by section 1(a) of Pub. L. 104-53, set out below.

Section 43a, acts July 8, 1935, ch. 374, 49 Stat. 459; Aug. 11, 1993, Pub. L. 103-69, title III, §310(b), 107 Stat. 712, provided for President of Senate to be paid mileage, and was omitted from the Code in view of the termination of mileage under this section for President of Senate by section 1(b) of Pub. L. 104-53, set out below.

TERMINATION OF MILEAGE FOR SENATORS AND PRESIDENT OF SENATE

Pub. L. 104-53, title I, §1, Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 517, provided that:

“(a) On and after October 1, 1995, no Senator shall receive mileage under section 17 of the Act of July 28, 1866 (2 U.S.C. 43).

“(b) On and after October 1, 1995, the President of the Senate shall not receive mileage under the first section of the Act of July 8, 1935 (2 U.S.C. 43a).”

§§ 43b, 43b-1. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-186, title II, § 203(13), (14), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1726

Section 43b, Pub. L. 85-570, July 31, 1958, 72 Stat. 443; Pub. L. 86-176, Aug. 21, 1959, 73 Stat. 401; Pub. L. 88-70, July 19, 1963, 77 Stat. 82; Pub. L. 89-90, July 27, 1965, 79 Stat. 269; Pub. L. 89-147, §1, Aug. 28, 1965, 79 Stat. 583; Pub. L. 89-545, Aug. 27, 1966, 80 Stat. 358; Pub. L. 90-86, §1, Sept. 17, 1967, 81 Stat. 226; Pub. L. 91-145, Dec. 12, 1969, 83 Stat. 343; Pub. L. 92-51, July 9, 1971, 85 Stat. 128; Pub. L. 92-607, ch. V, §§502, 506(k)(2), formerly §506(h)(2), Oct. 31, 1972, 86 Stat. 1504, 1508, renumbered §506(i)(2), Pub. L. 95-391, title I, §108(a), Sept. 30, 1978, 92 Stat. 773, renumbered §506(j)(2), Pub. L. 96-304, title I, §101, July 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 889, renumbered §506(k)(2), Pub. L. 97-276, §101(e), Oct. 2, 1982, 96 Stat. 1189, provided for reimbursement of House Members for additional transportation expenses.

Section 43b-1, Pub. L. 89-147, §2, Aug. 28, 1965, 79 Stat. 583; Pub. L. 90-86, §2, Sept. 17, 1967, 81 Stat. 226, authorized election by House Members of lump sum transportation payments in lieu of reimbursement of transportation expenses.

§ 43b-2. Staff expenses for House Members attending organizational caucus or conference

(a) In general

Each Member-elect (other than an incumbent Member reelected to the ensuing Congress) who attends a caucus or conference called under section 29a(a) of this title, and each incumbent Member reelected to the ensuing Congress who attends any such caucus or conference convening after the adjournment sine die of the Congress in the year involved, shall be entitled to designate one staff person to be paid for one round trip between that person's place of residence, provided such place of residence is in the district which the Member-elect or incumbent Member represents, and Washington, District of

Columbia, for the purpose of accompanying that Member-elect or incumbent Member to such caucus or conference.

(b) Per diem expenses of staff person

Each Member-elect (other than an incumbent Member reelected to the ensuing Congress) who attends a caucus or conference called under such section 29a(a) of this title shall be entitled to designate one staff person who shall in addition be reimbursed on a per diem or other basis for expenses incurred in accompanying the Member-elect at the time of such caucus or conference.

(c) Orientation programs for new Members

With the approval of the majority leader (in the case of a Member or Member-elect of the majority party) or the minority leader (in the case of a Member or Member-elect of the minority party), subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall apply with respect to the attendance of a Member or Member-elect at a program conducted by the Committee on House Administration for the orientation of new members¹ in the same manner as such provisions apply to the attendance of the Member or Member-elect at the organizational caucus or conference.

(Pub. L. 94-59, title II, §201, July 25, 1975, 89 Stat. 282; Pub. L. 108-447, div. G, title I, §107(b)(2), (c)(2), Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3176.)

CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 1 of House Resolution No. 10, Ninety-fourth Congress, Jan. 14, 1975, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 94-59.

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 108-447, §107(b)(2), substituted a period for “for a period not to exceed the shorter of the following—

“(i) the period beginning with the day before the designated date upon which such caucus or conference is to convene and ending with the day after the date of the final adjournment of such caucus or conference; or

“(ii) fourteen days.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-447, §107(c)(2), added subsec. (c).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108-447 applicable with respect to the One Hundred Tenth Congress and each succeeding Congress, see section 107(d) of Pub. L. 108-447, set out as a note under section 29a of this title.

§ 43b-3. Payments and reimbursements for certain House staff expenses

(a) Payments and reimbursements to staff persons under section 43b-2 of this title shall be made as provided (with respect to staff) in the regulations prescribed by the Committee on House Oversight with respect to travel and other expenses of staff. Reimbursements shall be paid on special voucher forms prescribed by the Committee on House Oversight.

(b) Additional funds, if any, for staff allowances and office space for use by Members-elect (other than an incumbent Member reelected to the ensuing Congress) shall be authorized by the Committee on House Oversight.

(Pub. L. 94-59, title II, §201, July 25, 1975, 89 Stat. 282; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §203(15), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1727.)

¹ So in original. Probably should be capitalized.

CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 2 of House Resolution No. 10, Ninety-fourth Congress, Jan. 14, 1975, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 94-59.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “House Oversight” for “House Administration” wherever appearing.

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on House Oversight of House of Representatives changed to Committee on House Administration of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 6, 1999.

§ 43c. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-147, § 4, Aug. 28, 1965, 79 Stat. 584

Section, Pub. L. 86-628, §105(c), July 12, 1960, 74 Stat. 461, restricted payment of travel or subsistence expenses of Senators and Representatives to specifically authorized trips, official participation in funeral services of deceased Members, and official trips originating in Senator’s State or Representative’s district when Congress was not in session.

§ 43d. Organizational expenses of Senator-elect

(a) Appointment of employees by Secretary of Senate to assist; termination of employment

Upon the recommendation of a Senator-elect (other than an incumbent Senator or a Senator elected to fill a vacancy), the Secretary of the Senate shall appoint two employees to assist such Senator-elect. Any employee so appointed shall serve through the day before the date on which the Senator-elect recommending his appointment commences his service as a Senator, except that his employment may be terminated before such day upon recommendation of such Senator-elect.

(b) Payment of salaries of appointed employees; funding; maximum amount

(1) Salaries of employees appointed under subsection (a) of this section shall be paid from the appropriation for “Administrative, Clerical, and Legislative Assistance to Senators”.

(2) Salaries paid to employees appointed upon recommendation of a Senator-elect under subsection (a) of this section shall be charged against the amount of compensation which may be paid to employees in his office under section 61-1(d) of this title (hereinafter referred to as the “clerk-hire allowance”), for the fiscal year in which his service as a Senator commences. The total amount of salaries paid to employees so appointed upon recommendation of a Senator-elect shall be charged against his clerk-hire allowance for each month in such fiscal year beginning with the month in which his service as a Senator commences (until the total amount has been charged) by whichever of the following amounts is greater: (1) one-ninth of the amount of salaries so paid, or (2) the amount by which the aggregate amount of his clerk-hire allowance which may be paid as of the close of such month under section 61-1(d)(1)(B) of this title exceeds the aggregate amount of his clerk-hire allowance actually paid as of the close of such month.

(c) Payment of transportation and per diem expenses of Senator-elect and appointed employees for one round trip from home State to Washington, D.C. for business of impending Congress; funding; maximum amount

Each Senator-elect and each employee appointed under subsection (a) of this section is authorized one round trip from the home State of the Senator-elect to Washington, D.C., and return, for the purposes of attending conferences, caucuses, or organizational meetings, or for any other official business connected with the impending Congress. In addition, each Senator-elect and each such employee is authorized per diem for not more than seven days while en route to and from Washington, D.C., and while in Washington, D.C. Such transportation and per diem expenses shall be in the same amounts as are payable to Senators and employees in the office of a Senator under section 58(e) of this title, and shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon itemized vouchers certified by the Senator-elect concerned and approved by the Secretary of the Senate.

(d) Payment of telegrams, telephone services, and stationery expenses

(1) Each Senator-elect is authorized to be reimbursed for expenses incurred for telegrams, telephone services, and stationery related to his position as a Senator-elect in an amount not exceeding one-twelfth of the total amount of expenses authorized to be paid to or on behalf of a Senator from the State which he will represent under section 58 of this title. Reimbursement to a Senator-elect under this subsection shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon itemized vouchers certified by such Senator-elect and approved by the Secretary of the Senate.

(2) Amounts reimbursed to a Senator-elect under this subsection shall be charged against the amount of expenses which are authorized to be paid to him or on his behalf under section 58 of this title, for each of the twelve months beginning with the month in which his service as a Senator commences (until all of such amounts have been charged) by whichever of the following amounts is greater: (1) one-twelfth of the amounts so reimbursed, or (2) the amount by which the aggregate amount authorized to be so paid under section 58(c) of this title as of the close of such month exceeds the aggregate amount actually paid under such section 58 as of the close of such month.

(e) Effective Date

This section shall take effect on October 1, 1978.

(Pub. L. 95-355, title I, §105, Sept. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 534; Pub. L. 104-197, title I, §2, Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2397.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 104-197 substituted “, telephone services, and stationery” for “and telephone services”.

SENATORS’ OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE
ACCOUNT

References in any law, rule, regulation, or order to Senate appropriation account for Administrative, Cler-