

of the Majority or Minority Conference Committee of the Senate may, during any fiscal year (commencing with the fiscal year ending September 30, 1991), at his election transfer not more than \$275,000 from the appropriation account for salaries for the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority of the Senate, to the account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, from which expenses are payable under section 61g-6 of this title. Any transfer of funds under authority of the preceding sentence shall be made at such time or times as such chairman shall specify in writing to the Senate Disbursing Office. Any funds so transferred by the Chairman of the Majority or Minority Conference Committee shall be available for expenditure by such committee in like manner and for the same purposes as are other moneys which are available for expenditure by such committee from the account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, from which expenses are payable under section 61g-6 of this title.”

1991—Pub. L. 102-90 substituted “\$275,000” for “\$75,000”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1995 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 104-53, title I, §7(b), Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 518, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect on October 1, 1995, and shall be effective with respect to fiscal years beginning on or after that date.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1991 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 102-90, title I, §1(b), Aug. 14, 1991, 105 Stat. 450, provided that: “Subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on October 1, 1991.”

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 101-163, title I, §1, Nov. 21, 1989, 103 Stat. 1044.  
 Pub. L. 100-458, title I, §1, Oct. 1, 1988, 102 Stat. 2161.  
 Pub. L. 100-202, §101(i) [title I, §7], Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329-290, 1329-294.

### § 61g-6b. Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority

#### (a) In general

Upon the written request of the Secretary of the Conference of the Majority or the Secretary of the Conference of the Minority, the Secretary of the Senate shall transfer from the appropriations account appropriated under the subheading “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 Con-

ference 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, authorized basic per annum compensation of Assistant Secretaries for Senate Majority and Minority to be fixed by the respective Secretaries.

Section 61h-1, 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 a maximum annual rate of compensation of \$38,000 for administrative assistants in Offices of Senate Majority and Minority Leaders. Positions established by Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1970, for Offices of Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, which Act, Pub. L. 91-145, Dec. 12, 1969, 83 Stat. 339, formerly classified to this section, authorized respective leaders to appoint an administrative assistant, were abolished, see title I of Pub. L. 95-26, 91 Stat. 80, set out below. See, also, section 61h-4 of this title.

A prior section 61h-1, Pub. L. 91-145, Dec. 12, 1969, 83 Stat. 339, authorized Senate Majority and Minority Leaders to each appoint and fix compensation of an administrative assistant, a legislative assistant, an executive secretary, and a clerical assistant in lieu of positions heretofore authorized by Senate Resolution 158, agreed to December 9, 1941, Pub. L. 86-30, approved May 20, 1959, and Senate Resolution 240, agreed to January 24, 1952.

#### ABOLITION OF POSITIONS IN OFFICES OF SENATE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

Pub. L. 95-26, title I, May 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 80, provided in part: "That the positions established by the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1970 [Pub. L. 91-145, Dec. 12, 1969, 83 Stat. 338], for the Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders [of the Senate] are abolished

effective April 1, 1977." The positions referred to were enumerated in Pub. L. 91-145, Dec. 12, 1969, 83 Stat. 339, classified to former section 61h-1 of this title, which authorized the respective leaders to appoint an administrative assistant, a legislative assistant, an executive secretary, and a clerical assistant in lieu of the positions authorized prior thereto by Senate Resolution 158, agreed to Dec. 9, 1941, Pub. L. 86-30, approved May 20, 1959, and Senate Resolution 240, agreed to Jan. 24, 1952. See section 61h-4 of this title.

#### §§ 61h-2, 61h-3. Omitted

#### CODIFICATION

Section 61h-2, Pub. L. 94-59, title I, §105, July 25, 1975, 89 Stat. 275, set a maximum annual rate of compensation of \$36,500 for legislative assistants in Offices of Senate Majority and Minority Leaders. Positions established by Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1970, for Offices of Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, which Act, Pub. L. 91-145, Dec. 12, 1969, 83 Stat. 339, classified to former section 61h-1 of this title, authorized the respective leaders to appoint a legislative assistant, were abolished, see Pub. L. 95-26, title I, May 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 80, set out as a note under section 61h-1 of this title. See, also, section 61h-4 of this title.

Section 61h-3, Pub. L. 94-59, title I, July 25, 1975, 89 Stat. 269, authorized Senate Majority and Minority Leaders to appoint and fix compensation of an executive secretary and a clerical assistant effective July 1, 1975. Positions established by Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1970, for Offices of Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, which Act, Pub. L. 91-145, Dec. 12, 1969, 83 Stat. 339, classified to former section 61h-1 of this title, authorized the respective leaders to appoint an executive secretary, and a clerical assistant, were abolished, see Pub. L. 95-26, title I, May 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 80, set out as a note under section 61h-1 of this title. See, also, section 61h-4 of this title.

#### § 61h-4. Appointment of employees by Senate Majority and Minority Leaders; compensation

Effective April 1, 1977, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader are each authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of such employees as they deem appropriate: *Provided*, That the gross compensation paid to such employees shall not exceed \$191,700 each fiscal year for each Leader.

(Pub. L. 95-26, title I, May 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 80.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section is from the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1977.

#### INCREASES IN COMPENSATION

Increases in compensation for Senate officers and employees under authority of Federal Pay Comparability Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91-656), see Salary Directives of President pro tempore of the Senate, set out as notes under section 60a-1 of this title.

#### § 61h-5. Assistants to Senate Majority and Minority Leaders for Floor Operations; establishment of positions; appointment; compensation

Effective October 1, 1983, there is established within the Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders the positions of Assistant to the Majority Leader for Floor Operations and Assistant to the Minority Leader for Floor Operations, respectively. Individuals appointed to such positions by the Majority Leader and Minority Leader, respectively, shall receive compensation at a rate fixed by the appropriate Leader not to