

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 130f of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 2000, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2000.

AMENDMENTS

2003—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 108-7 amended Pub. L. 107-273. See 2002 Amendment note below.

2002—Pub. L. 107-273, as amended by Pub. L. 108-7, substituted “as required by section 530D of title 28” for “with respect to any proceeding in which the United States is a party of any determination by the Attorney General or Solicitor General not to appeal any court decision affecting the constitutionality of an Act or joint resolution of Congress within such time as will enable the House to direct the General Counsel to intervene as a party in such proceeding pursuant to applicable rules of the House of Representatives”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-7, div. H, title I, §110(c), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 355, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 288k of this title] shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act [Pub. L. 107-273].”

SUBCHAPTER VI—INTERPARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

§ 5581. Participation by House in inter-parliamentary institutions; reception of members of foreign legislative bodies and foreign officials; meetings with Government officials

(a) It is the purpose of this section to enable the House of Representatives more properly to discharge and coordinate its activities and responsibilities in connection with participation in various interparliamentary institutions, to facilitate the interchange and reception in the United States of members of foreign legislative bodies and permanent officials of foreign governments, and to enable the House of Representatives to host meetings with senior United States Government officials and other dignitaries in order to discuss matters relevant to United States relations with other countries.

(b) For payment of expenses incurred in carrying out subsection (a) of this section, there shall be paid out of the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives, until otherwise provided by law, such sums as may be necessary but not to exceed \$40,000 in any calendar year. Such payments shall be made on vouchers signed by the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and approved by the Committee on House Oversight.

(Pub. L. 95-391, title I, §111, Sept. 30, 1978, 92 Stat. 777; Pub. L. 103-437, §2(b), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4581; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(72), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1741; Pub. L. 105-275, title I, §102, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2438; Pub. L. 108-83, title I, §103(e), Sept. 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 1017.)

CODIFICATION

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Section is based on section 1 of House Resolution No. 1047, Ninety-fifth Congress, Apr. 4, 1978, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 95-391.

AMENDMENTS

2003—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 108-83 substituted “\$40,000” for “\$80,000”.

1998—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-275 substituted “\$80,000” for “\$55,000”.

1996—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “applicable accounts of the House of Representatives” for “contingent fund of the House” and “House Oversight” for “House Administration”.

1994—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-437 substituted “Committee on Foreign Affairs” for “Committee on International Relations”.

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.

§ 5582. Office of Interparliamentary Affairs

(a) Establishment

There is hereby established in the House of Representatives an office to be known as the “Office of Interparliamentary Affairs” (hereafter in this section referred to as the “Office”).

(b) Duties

The duties of the Office are as follows:

(1) To receive and respond to inquiries from foreign parliamentarians or foreign legislative bodies regarding official visits to the House of Representatives.

(2) To coordinate official visits to the House of Representatives by parliamentarians, officers, or employees of foreign legislative bodies.

(3) To coordinate with the Sergeant at Arms, the Clerk, and other officers of the House of Representatives in providing services for delegations of Members on official visits to foreign nations.

(4) To carry out other activities to—

(A) discharge and coordinate the activities and responsibilities of the House of Representatives in connection with participation in various interparliamentary exchanges and organizations;

(B) facilitate the interchange and reception in the United States of members of foreign legislative bodies and permanent officials of foreign governments; and

(C) enable the House to host meetings with senior government officials and other dignitaries in order to discuss matters relevant to United States relations with other nations.

(c) Director

(1) Appointment

The Office shall be headed by the Director of Interparliamentary Affairs of the House of Representatives (hereafter in this section referred to as the “Director”), who shall be appointed by the Speaker without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of the position. Any person so appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker.

(2) Compensation

The Director shall be paid at an annual rate determined by the Speaker.