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**§ 190. Repealed. S. Res. 4, § 301(b), Feb. 4, 1977**

Section, act Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title I, § 137, 60 Stat. 832, directed that controversies arising as to the jurisdiction of any standing committee of the Senate with respect to any proposed legislation be decided by the presiding officer of the Senate in favor of the committee having jurisdiction over the subject matter which predominated in the proposed legislation.

**§§ 190a to 190a-2. Repealed. S. Res. 274, § 2(a), Nov. 14, 1979**

Section 190a, acts Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title I, § 133, 60 Stat. 381; Oct. 26, 1970, Pub. L. 91-510, title I, §§ 102(a), 103(a), 104(a), 105(a), 106(a), 107(a), 108(a), 110(a), 84 Stat. 1143-1149; Dec. 16, 1970, Pub. L. 91-552, § 1(2), 84 Stat. 1440; Oct. 11, 1971, Pub. L. 92-136, § 3(a), (b), 85 Stat. 377; S. Res. 9, § 2, Nov. 5, 1975, related to meetings of the standing committees of the Senate. See the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Section 190a-1, act Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title I, § 133A, as added Oct. 26, 1970, Pub. L. 91-510, title I, §§ 111(a)(1), 112(a), 113(a), 114(a), 115(a), 116(a), 84 Stat. 1151-1153; S. Res. 9, § 2, Nov. 5, 1975, related to Senate committee hearing procedures. See Standing Rules of the Senate.

Section 190a-2, act Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title I, § 133B, as added Oct. 26, 1970, Pub. L. 91-510, title I, § 130(a), 84 Stat. 1163, related to Senate committee rules. See Standing Rules of the Senate.

**§ 190a-3. Repealed. S. Res. 9, § 2, Nov. 5, 1975**

Section, Pub. L. 93-344, title I, § 102(d), July 12, 1974, 88 Stat. 301, provided that meetings of Senate Commit-

tee on the Budget or any subcommittee thereof be open to public except in certain specified instances.

**§§ 190b, 190c. Repealed. S. Res. 274, § 2(a), Nov. 14, 1979**

Section 190b, acts Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title I, § 134(a), (c), 60 Stat. 831, 832; Oct. 26, 1970, Pub. L. 91-510, title I, § 117(a), 84 Stat. 1155; Dec. 16, 1970, Pub. L. 91-552, § 1(6), 84 Stat. 1440; July 12, 1974, Pub. L. 93-344, title IX, § 903(a), 88 Stat. 331; S. Res. 4, § 402(c), Feb. 4, 1977, related to authority of Senate standing committees and subcommittees. See Standing Rules of the Senate.

Section 190c, acts Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title I, § 135, 60 Stat. 832; Oct. 26, 1970, Pub. L. 91-510, title I, § 125(a)(2), 84 Stat. 1159, related to Senate conference reports. See Standing Rules of the Senate.

**§ 190d. Legislative review by standing committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives**

**(a) Scope of assistance**

In order to assist the Congress in—

(1) its analysis, appraisal, and evaluation of the application, administration, and execution of the laws enacted by the Congress, and

(2) its formulation, consideration, and enactment of such modifications of or changes in those laws, and of such additional legislation, as may be necessary or appropriate,

each standing committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall review and study, on a continuing basis, the application, administration, and execution of those laws, or parts of laws, the subject matter of which is within the jurisdiction of that committee. Such committees may carry out the required analysis, appraisal, and evaluation themselves, or by contract, or may require a Government agency to do so and furnish a report thereon to the Congress. Such committees may rely on such techniques as pilot testing, analysis of costs in comparison with benefits, or provision for evaluation after a defined period of time.

**(b) Reports to the Senate and the House of Representatives**

In each odd-numbered year beginning on or after January 1, 1973, each standing committee of the Senate shall submit, not later than March 31, to the Senate, and each standing committee of the House shall submit, not later than January 2, to the House, a report on the activities of that committee under this section during the Congress ending at noon on January 3 of such year.

**(c) Exceptions**

The preceding provisions of this section do not apply to the Committees on Appropriations and the Budget of the Senate and the Committees on Appropriations, the Budget, House Oversight, Rules, and Standards of Official Conduct of the House.

(Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title I, § 136, 60 Stat. 832; Pub. L. 91-510, title I, § 118(a)(1), Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1156; Pub. L. 92-136, § 1, Oct. 11, 1971, 85 Stat. 376; Pub. L. 93-344, title VII, § 701, title IX, § 903(b), July 12, 1974, 88 Stat. 325, 331; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, § 206(1), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1742.)

## PARTIAL REPEAL

*Section 2(a), S. Res. 274, Ninety-sixth Congress, Nov. 14, 1979, provided in part that this section, insofar as it relates to the Senate, is repealed. See Standing Rules of the Senate.*

## AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “House Oversight” for “House Administration”.

1974—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-344, §701, authorized the committees to carry out the required analysis, appraisal, and evaluation themselves, or by contract, or to require a Government agency to do so and furnish a report thereon to the Congress, and authorized the committees to rely on such techniques as pilot testing, analysis of costs in comparison with benefits, or provision for evaluation after a defined period of time.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 93-344, §903(b), substituted “Committees on Appropriations and the Budget of the Senate and the Committees on Appropriations, the Budget,” for “Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations.”

1971—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 92-136 substituted “Congress” for “Senate” in provisions preceding cl. (1) and inserted reference to the House of Representatives in provisions following cl. (2).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 92-136 substituted “In each odd-numbered year beginning on or after January 1, 1973, each” for “Each” and “March 31, to the Senate, and each standing committee of the House shall submit, not later than January 2, to the House,” for “March 31 of each odd-numbered year beginning on and after January 1, 1973, to the Senate”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 92-136 inserted reference to Committees on Appropriations, House Administration, Rules, and Standards of Official Conduct of the House.

1970—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 91-510 incorporated existing subject matter in provisions designated as subsec. (a), restricted the text to standing committees of Senate, revised phraseology to require standing committees to review and study, on a continuing basis, application, administration, and execution of laws and parts of laws for prior provision for exercise of continuous watchfulness of execution of laws by administrative agencies concerned, and in providing for assistance to the Senate, rather than the Congress, included analysis and evaluation of laws enacted by Congress and substituted provision for formulation, consideration, and enactment of modifications or changes in the laws and of additional legislation as necessary or appropriate for prior provisions for assistance in developing amendments or related legislation as may be necessary.

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 91-510 added subsecs. (b) and (c).

## 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. Committee on Standards of Official Conduct of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Ethics of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Twelfth Congress, Jan. 5, 2011.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1971 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 92-136, §9(a), Oct. 11, 1971, 85 Stat. 378, provided that: “The amendments made by the first section [amending this section] section 2, and section 5 of this Act [amending section 4301 of this title] shall become effective as of noon on January 3, 1971.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1970 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 91-510 effective immediately prior to noon on Jan. 3, 1971, see section 601(1) of Pub. L. 91-510, set out as a note under section 4301 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 2, 1947, see section 142 of act Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title I, 60 Stat. 834.

**§ 190e. Repealed. Pub. L. 91-510, title II, § 242(b)(1), Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1172**

Section, act Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title I, §138, 60 Stat. 832, related to report of legislative budget by Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Appropriations of House and Committee on Finance and Committee on Appropriations of Senate, its contents, and concurrent resolution adopting the budget. See Rules of the House of Representatives and Standing Rules of the Senate.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective immediately prior to noon on Jan. 3, 1971, see section 601(1) of Pub. L. 91-510, set out as an Effective Date of 1970 Amendment note under section 4301 of this title.

**§ 190f. General appropriation bills**

**(a) Repealed. Pub. L. 91-510, title I, § 108(d), Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1149**

**(b) Standard appropriation classification schedule**

The Committees on Appropriations of the two Houses are authorized and directed, acting jointly, to develop a standard appropriation classification schedule which will clearly define in concise and uniform accounts the subtotals of appropriations asked for by agencies in the executive branch of the Government. That part of the printed hearings containing each such agency's request for appropriations shall be preceded by such a schedule.

**(c) Nonconsideration if a provision reappropriates unexpended balances**

No general appropriation bill or amendment thereto shall be received or considered in either House if it contains a provision reappropriating unexpended balances of appropriations; except that this provision shall not apply to appropriations in continuation of appropriations for public works on which work has commenced.

(Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title I, §139(a), (b), (c), 60 Stat. 833; Pub. L. 91-510, title I, §108(d), Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1149.)

## PARTIAL REPEAL

*Section 2(a), S. Res. 274, Ninety-sixth Congress, Nov. 14, 1979, provided in part that this section, insofar as it relates to the Senate, is repealed. See Standing Rules of the Senate.*

## CODIFICATION

Section constitutes subsections (a) to (c) of section 139 of act Aug. 2, 1946. Subsection (d) of section 139, which required the two Houses of Congress to make a study of existing permanent appropriations with a view to limiting the number thereof and to recommending what permanent appropriations should be discontinued, and of the disposition of funds resulting from the sale of Government property or services by all departments and agencies in the executive branch of the Government with a view to recommending a uniform system of control with respect to those funds, was omitted from the Code as being of a temporary character.

## AMENDMENTS

1970—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 91-510 repealed prohibition against consideration of any general appropriation bill