

SUBCHAPTER VI—AUTHORIZATION OF  
APPROPRIATIONS

**§ 2281. Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this chapter. (Pub. L. 110-437, title VI, § 601, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4999.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 110-437, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4983, known as the Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2201 of this title and Tables.

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SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL

**§ 4101. Authority of officers of Congress over Congressional employees**

**(a) Qualifications determinations; removal and discipline**

Each officer of the Congress having responsibility for the supervision of employees, includ-

ing employees appointed upon recommendation of Members of Congress, shall have authority—

(1) to determine, before the appointment of any individual as an employee under the supervision of that officer of the Congress, whether that individual possesses the qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the duties and responsibilities to be assigned to him; and

(2) to remove or otherwise discipline any employee under his supervision.

**(b) “Officer of the Congress” defined**

As used in this section, the term “officer of the Congress” means—

(1) an elected officer of the Senate or House of Representatives who is not a Member of the Senate or House; and

(2) The Architect of the Capitol.

(Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, § 431, Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1190.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 60-1 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 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.

**§ 4102. Purchase of supplies for Senate and House**

Supplies for use of the Senate and the House of Representatives may be purchased in accordance with the schedule of contract articles and prices of the Administrator of General Services.

(June 5, 1920, ch. 253, § 1, 41 Stat. 1036; Ex. Ord. No. 6166, June 10, 1933, § 1; June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, § 102, 63 Stat. 380.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 111 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Bureau of Federal Supply and its functions and duties transferred to Administrator of General Services by act June 30, 1949.

Effective Jan. 1, 1947, Procurement Division of Treasury Department changed to Bureau of Federal Supply by former regulation § 5.7 of subpart A of Part 5 of Title 41, Public Contracts, 11 F.R. 13638, issued by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Ex. Ord. No. 6166, abolished General Supply Committee of Treasury Department and vested it in Procurement Division. Public Buildings Branch of Procurement Division was in turn changed to Public Buildings Administration to be within Federal Works Agency by Reorg. Plan No. I, §§ 301, 303, eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2729, 53 Stat. 1426, 1427.

**§ 4103. Contracts to furnish property, supplies, or services to Congress; terms varying from those offered other entities of Federal Government**

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any contract which is entered into by any person and either the Administrator of General Services or a contracting officer of any ex-

ecutive agency and under which such person agrees to sell or lease to the Federal Government (or any one or more entities thereof) any unit of property, supplies, or services at a specified price or under specified terms and conditions (or both), such person may sell or lease to the Congress the same type of such property, supplies, or services at a unit price or under terms and conditions (or both) which are different from those specified in such contract; and any such sale or lease of any unit or units of such property, supplies, or services to the Congress shall not be taken into account for the purpose of determining the price at which, or the terms and conditions under which, such person is obligated under such contract to sell or lease any unit of such property, supplies, or services to any entity of the Federal Government other than the Congress. For purposes of the preceding sentence, any sale or lease of property, supplies, or services to the Senate (or any office or instrumentality thereof) or to the House of Representatives (or any office or instrumentality thereof) shall be deemed to be a sale or lease of such property, supplies, or services to the Congress.

(Pub. L. 98-63, title I, §903(a), July 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 336.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 111b of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1983.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 98-63, title I, §903(b), July 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 336, provided that: "The provisions of this section [enacting this section] shall take effect with respect to sales or leases of property, supplies, or services to the Congress after the date of enactment of this section [July 30, 1983]."

#### SALE OR LEASE OF PROPERTY, SUPPLIES, OR SERVICES TO CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE DEEMED SALE OR LEASE TO CONGRESS

Sale or lease of property, supplies, or services to the Congressional Budget Office deemed a sale or lease of such property, supplies, or services to the Congress, see section 605 of this title.

#### § 4104. American goods to be preferred in purchases for Senate and House

The Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives shall, in disbursing the public moneys for the use of the two Houses, respectively, purchase only articles the growth and manufacture of the United States, provided the articles required can be procured of such growth and manufacture upon as good terms as to quality and price as are demanded for like articles of foreign growth and manufacture.

(R.S. §69; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(57), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1738.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 109 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

R.S. §69 derived from act June 17, 1844, ch. 105, §1, 5 Stat. 681.

#### AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 substituted "Chief Administrative Officer" for "Clerk".

#### § 4105. Purchase of paper, envelopes, etc., for stationery rooms of Senate and House

Paper, envelopes, and blank books required by the stationery rooms of the Senate and House of Representatives for sale to Senators and Members for official use may be purchased from the Director of the Government Publishing Office at actual cost thereof and payment therefor shall be made before delivery.

(June 5, 1920, ch. 253, §1, 41 Stat. 1036; Pub. L. 113-235, div. H, title I, §1301(d), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2537.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 110 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Stationery room of House of Representatives redesignated Office Supply Service.

"Director of the Government Publishing Office" substituted for "Public Printer" in text on authority of section 1301(d) of Pub. L. 113-235, set out as a note under section 301 of Title 44, Public Printing and Documents.

#### § 4106. Stationery rooms of House and Senate; specification of classes of articles purchasable

The Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, respectively, shall make and issue regulations specifying the classes of articles which may be purchased by or through the stationery rooms of the House and Senate.

(May 13, 1926, ch. 294, §2, 44 Stat. 552; Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title I, §102, 60 Stat. 814; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(65), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1739.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 119 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

#### AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 substituted "Committee on House Oversight" for "Committee on Accounts".

1946—Act Aug. 2, 1946, substituted "Committee on Rules and Administration" for "Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses".

#### 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.

Stationery room of House of Representatives redesignated Office Supply Service.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1946 AMENDMENT

Act Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title I, §142, 60 Stat. 834, provided that the amendment made by that act is effective Jan. 2, 1947.

#### § 4107. Withdrawal of unexpended balances of appropriations

Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the unexpended balances of appropriations