

ing program, project, activity, or personnel approved by the Congress, or (C) results from any general savings from a reduction in personnel which would result in a change in existing programs, activities, or projects approved by the Congress.

**(b) Final 15 days in which funds available**

Funds appropriated for the Department of State may not be available for obligation or expenditure through any reprogramming described in subsection (a) during the period which is the last 15 days in which such funds are available unless notice of such reprogramming is made before such period.

**(c) Waiver**

The Secretary of State may waive the notification requirement of subsection (a), if the Secretary determines that failure to do so would pose a substantial risk to human health or welfare. In the case of any waiver under this subsection, notification to the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives shall be provided as soon as practicable, but not later than 3 days after taking the action to which the notification requirement was applicable, and shall contain an explanation of the emergency circumstances.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, §34, as added Pub. L. 98-164, title I, §123, Nov. 22, 1983, 97 Stat. 1025; amended Pub. L. 100-204, title I, §121, Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1339; Pub. L. 102-138, title I, §117(b), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 657; Pub. L. 103-236, title I, §122(c), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 392; Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. B, title XXII, §2243, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-823.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 34 of act Aug. 1, 1956, was renumbered sections 35 and 36 by sections 123 and 124 of Pub. L. 98-164, and subsequently renumbered, and set out as a Short Title of 1956 Amendment note under section 2651 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-138, title I, §111(1), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 654.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-277, §2243(1), in introductory provisions, substituted “International Relations and the Committee on Appropriations” for “Foreign Affairs” and inserted “and the Committee on Appropriations” after “Foreign Relations”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-277, §2243(2), added subsec. (c).  
1994—Subsec. (a)(7). Pub. L. 103-236 substituted “\$1,000,000” for “\$500,000”.

1991—Subsec. (a)(7). Pub. L. 102-138 substituted “\$500,000” for “\$250,000”.

1987—Pub. L. 100-204 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on International Relations of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Foreign Affairs of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007.

**§ 2706a. Rewards payments**

The Secretary may transfer to and merge with “Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service” for rewards payments unobligated bal-

ances of funds appropriated under “Diplomatic and Consular Programs” for this fiscal year and for each fiscal year on and after December 26, 2007, at no later than the end of the fifth fiscal year after the fiscal year for which any such funds were appropriated or otherwise made available.

(Pub. L. 110-161, div. J, title I (part), Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2278.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Secretary, referred to in text, means the Secretary of State.

**§ 2707. International communications and information policy; duties of Secretary of State**

(a) Repealed. Pub. L. 103-236, title I, §162(k)(1)(A), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 408.

(b) The Secretary of State shall be responsible for formulation, coordination, and oversight of foreign policy related to international communications and information policy. The Secretary of State shall—

(1) exercise primary authority for the conduct of foreign policy with respect to such telecommunications functions, including the determination of United States positions and the conduct of United States participation in negotiations with foreign governments and international bodies. In exercising this responsibility, the Secretary shall coordinate with other agencies as appropriate, and, in particular, shall give full consideration to the authority vested by law or Executive order in the Federal Communications Commission, the Department of Commerce and the Office of the United States Trade Representative in this area;

(2) maintain continuing liaison with other executive branch agencies concerned with international communications and information policy and with the Federal Communications Commission, as appropriate;

(3) in accordance with such authority as may be delegated by the President pursuant to Executive order, supervise and coordinate the activities of any senior interagency policy-making group on international telecommunications and information policy and chair such interagency meetings as may be necessary to coordinate actions on pending issues;<sup>1</sup>

(4) coordinate the activities of, and assist as appropriate, interagency working level task forces and committees concerned with specific aspects of international communications and information policy;

(5) maintain liaison with the members and staffs of committees of the Congress concerned with international communications and information policy and provide testimony before such committees;

(6) maintain appropriate liaison with representatives of the private sector to keep informed of their interests and problems, meet with them, and provide such assistance as may be needed to ensure that matters of concern to the private sector are promptly considered by the Department or other executive branch agencies; and

<sup>1</sup> So in original.