

1978—Pub. L. 95-492, §2, Oct. 20, 1978, 92 Stat. 1642, added item 2545.

1972—Pub. L. 92-249, Mar. 10, 1972, 86 Stat. 62, added item 2544.

1958—Pub. L. 85-861, §1(48)(B), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1459, added item 2543.

§ 2551. Equipment and barracks: national veterans' organizations

(a) The Secretary of a military department, under conditions prescribed by him, may lend cots, blankets, pillows, mattresses, bed sacks, and other supplies under the jurisdiction of that department to any recognized national veterans' organization for use at its national or state convention or national youth athletic or recreation tournament. He may, under conditions prescribed by him, also permit the organization to use unoccupied barracks under the jurisdiction of that department for such an occasion.

(b) Property lent under subsection (a) may be delivered on terms and at times agreed upon by the Secretary of the military department concerned and representatives of the veterans' organization. However, the veterans' organization must defray any expense incurred by the United States in the delivery, return, rehabilitation, or replacement of that property, as determined by the Secretary.

(c) The Secretary of the military department concerned shall require a good and sufficient bond for the return in good condition of property lent or used under subsection (a).

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 142, §2541; renumbered §2551, Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title X, §1033(b)(1)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-260.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
2541(a)	5:150m.	Aug. 1, 1949, ch. 372, 63 Stat. 483.
2541(b)	5:150n.	
2541(c)	5:150o.	

In subsection (a), the word "may" is substituted for the words "are authorized to * * * at their discretion". The word "supplies" is substituted for the words "articles or equipment". The words "available" and "as may be needed" are omitted as surplusage. The words "under the jurisdiction of that department" are substituted for the words "of the Army, Navy, or Air Force" and "under their respective jurisdictions".

In subsection (b), the words "prior to any such conventions or national youth athletic or recreation tournaments" are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (c), the words "require of" are substituted for the words "take from".

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2551 was renumbered section 2561 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106-398 renumbered section 2541 of this title as this section.

§ 2552. Equipment for instruction and practice: American National Red Cross

The Secretary of a military department, under regulations to be prescribed by him, may lend equipment under the jurisdiction of that department that is on hand, and that can be tempo-

rarily spared, to any organization formed by the American National Red Cross that needs it for instruction and practice for the purpose of aiding the Army, Navy, or Air Force in time of war. The Secretary shall by regulation require the immediate return, upon request, of equipment lent under this section. The Secretary shall require a bond, in double the value of the property issued under this section, for the care and safekeeping of that property and for its return when required.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 142, §2542; renumbered §2552, Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title X, §1033(b)(1)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-260.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
2542	10:1255. 10:1256. 34:549. 34:550.	May 8, 1914, J. Res. 15, 38 Stat. 771.

The word "may" is substituted for the words "is authorized * * * at his discretion", in 10:1255 and 34:549. The word "lend" is substituted for the word "issue", in 10:1255 and 34:549. The words "proper", "to be", "out of equipment for medical or other establishments", and "belonging to the Government", in 10:1255 and 34:549, are omitted as surplusage. The words "that needs it" are substituted for the words "as may appear to be required". The words "under the jurisdiction of that department" are inserted for clarity. The words "upon request" are substituted for the words "when called for by the authority which issued them".

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2552 was renumbered section 2562 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106-398 renumbered section 2542 of this title as this section.

§ 2553. Equipment and services: Presidential inaugural ceremonies

(a) ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of Defense may, with respect to the ceremonies relating to the inauguration of a President, provide the assistance referred to in subsection (b) to—

- (1) the Presidential Inaugural Committee; and
- (2) the congressional Joint Inaugural Committee.

(b) ASSISTANCE.—Assistance that may be provided under subsection (a) is the following:

- (1) Planning and carrying out activities relating to security and safety.
- (2) Planning and carrying out ceremonial activities.
- (3) Loan of property.
- (4) Any other assistance that the Secretary considers appropriate.

(c) REIMBURSEMENT.—(1) The Presidential Inaugural Committee shall reimburse the Secretary for any costs incurred in connection with the provision to the committee of assistance referred to in subsection (b)(4).

(2) Costs reimbursed under paragraph (1) shall be credited to the appropriations from which the

costs were paid. The amount credited to an appropriation shall be proportionate to the amount of the costs charged to that appropriation.

(d) **LOANED PROPERTY.**—With respect to property loaned for a presidential inauguration under subsection (b)(3), the Presidential Inaugural Committee shall—

(1) return that property within nine days after the date of the ceremony inaugurating the President;

(2) give good and sufficient bond for the return in good order and condition of that property;

(3) indemnify the United States for any loss of, or damage to, that property; and

(4) defray any expense incurred for the delivery, return, rehabilitation, replacement, or operation of that property.

(e) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “Presidential Inaugural Committee” means the committee referred to in section 501 of title 36 that is appointed with respect to the inauguration of a President-elect and Vice President-elect.

(2) The term “congressional Joint Inaugural Committee” means the joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives referred to in section 507 of title 36 that is appointed with respect to the inauguration of a President-elect and Vice President-elect.

(Added Pub. L. 85–861, §1(48)(A), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1458, §2543; amended Pub. L. 96–513, title V, §511(81), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2927; Pub. L. 104–201, div. A, title III, §366(a), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2495; Pub. L. 105–225, §4(a)(2), Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1498; renumbered §2553, Pub. L. 106–398, §1 [[div. A], title X, §1033(b)(1)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A–260.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
2543(a)	36:726 (1st sentence).	Aug. 6, 1956, ch. 974,
2543(b)	36:726 (less 1st and 2d sentences).	§§1(b)(1) (as applicable to §6), 6, 70 Stat. 1049, 1050.
2543(c)	36:721(b)(1) (as applicable to 36:726). 36:726 (2d sentence).	

In subsection (a), the words “under section 721 of title 36” are inserted for clarity. The words “ensigns” and “Red Cross flags” are omitted as covered by the word “flags”.

In subsection (b), the words “and the whole without expense to the United States” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (c), the words “nine days after the date of the ceremony inaugurating the President” are substituted for the words “five days after the end of the inaugural period”, in 36:726 (2d sentence), and 36:721(b)(1).

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2553 was renumbered section 2563 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106–398 renumbered section 2543 of this title as this section.

1998—Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 105–225, §4(a)(2)(A), substituted “section 501 of title 36” for “subsection (b)(2) of the first section of the Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies Act (36 U.S.C. 721)”.

Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 105–225, §4(a)(2)(B), substituted “section 507 of title 36” for “the proviso in section 9 of

the Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies Act (36 U.S.C. 729)”.

1996—Pub. L. 104–201 substituted “Equipment and services: Presidential inaugural ceremonies” for “Equipment: Inaugural Committee” in section catchline and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

“(a) The Secretary of Defense, under such conditions as he may prescribe, may lend, to an Inaugural Committee established under the first section of the Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies Act (36 U.S.C. 721), hospital tents, smaller tents, camp appliances, hospital furniture, flags other than battle flags, flagpoles, litters, and ambulances and the services of their drivers, that can be spared without detriment to the public service.

“(b) The Inaugural Committee must give a good and sufficient bond for the return in good order and condition of property lent under subsection (a).

“(c) Property lent under subsection (a) shall be returned within nine days after the date of the ceremony inaugurating the President. The Inaugural Committee shall—

“(1) indemnify the United States for any loss of, or damage to, property lent under subsection (a); and

“(2) defray any expense incurred for the delivery, return, rehabilitation, replacement, or operation of that property.”

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96–513 substituted “the first section of the Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies Act (36 U.S.C. 721)” for “section 721 of title 36”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96–513 effective Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701(b)(3) of Pub. L. 96–513, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

§ 2554. Equipment and other services: Boy Scout Jamborees

(a) The Secretary of Defense is hereby authorized, under such regulations as he may prescribe, to lend to the Boy Scouts of America, for the use and accommodation of Scouts, Scouters, and officials who attend any national or world Boy Scout Jamboree, such cots, blankets, commissary equipment, flags, refrigerators, and other equipment and without reimbursement, furnish services and expendable medical supplies, as may be necessary or useful to the extent that items are in stock and items or services are available.

(b) Such equipment is authorized to be delivered at such time prior to the holding of any national or world Boy Scout Jamboree, and to be returned at such time after the close of any such jamboree, as may be agreed upon by the Secretary of Defense and the Boy Scouts of America. No expense shall be incurred by the United States Government for the delivery, return, rehabilitation, or replacement of such equipment.

(c) The Secretary of Defense, before delivering such property, shall take from the Boy Scouts of America, good and sufficient bond for the safe return of such property in good order and condition, and the whole without expense to the United States.

(d) The Secretary of Defense is hereby authorized under such regulations as he may prescribe, to provide, without expense to the United States Government, transportation from the United States or military commands overseas, and return, on vessels of the Military Sealift Command or aircraft of the Air Mobility Command for (1) those Boy Scouts, Scouters, and officials