

(Pub. L. 86-420, § 3, Apr. 9, 1960, 74 Stat. 40.)

§ 276k. Auditing of accounts

The certificate of the Chairman of the House delegation or the Senate delegation of the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary group shall on and after April 9, 1960 be final and conclusive upon the accounting officers in the auditing of the accounts of the United States group of the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary group.

(Pub. L. 86-420, § 4, Apr. 9, 1960, 74 Stat. 40.)

SUBCHAPTER II-A—BRITISH-AMERICAN
INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

§ 276l. British-American Interparliamentary Group

(a) Establishment and meetings

Not to exceed 24 Members of Congress shall be appointed to meet annually and when the Congress is not in session (except that this restriction shall not apply to meetings held in the United States), with representatives of the House of Commons and the House of Lords of the Parliament of Great Britain for discussion of common problems in the interest of relations between the United States and Great Britain. The Members of Congress so appointed shall be referred to as the “United States group” of the United States Interparliamentary Group.

(b) Appointment of Members

Of the Members of Congress appointed for purposes of this section—

(1) half shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from among Members of the House (not less than 4 of whom shall be members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs), and

(2) half shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, upon recommendations of the majority and minority leaders of the Senate, from among Members of the Senate (not less than 4 of whom shall be members of the Committee on Foreign Relations) unless the majority and minority leaders of the Senate determine otherwise.

(c) Chair and Vice Chair

(1) The Chair or Vice Chair of the House delegation of the United States group shall be a member from the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

(2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate the Chair or Vice Chair of the Senate delegation.

(d) Funding

There is authorized to be appropriated \$50,000 for each fiscal year to assist in meeting the expenses of the United States group for each fiscal year for which an appropriation is made, half of which shall be for the House delegation and half of which shall be for the Senate delegation. The House and Senate portions of such appropriations shall be disbursed on vouchers to be approved by the Chair of the House delegation and the Chair of the Senate delegation, respectively.

(e) Certification of expenditures

The certificate of the Chair of the House delegation or the Senate delegation of the United

States group shall be final and conclusive upon the accounting officers in the auditing of the accounts of the United States group.

(f) Annual report

The United States group shall submit to the Congress a report for each fiscal year for which an appropriation is made for the United States group, which shall include its expenditures under such appropriation.

(Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 168, Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 676.)

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 168 of Pub. L. 102-138. Subsec. (g) of section 168 of Pub. L. 102-138 amended section 1928e of this title.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENSES OF
INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUPS

Pub. L. 98-164, title I, § 109(b), (c), Nov. 22, 1983, 97 Stat. 1019, as amended by Pub. L. 99-415, § 7(b), Sept. 19, 1986, 100 Stat. 949; Pub. L. 100-459, title III, § 303(b), Oct. 1, 1988, 102 Stat. 2207; Pub. L. 101-515, title III, § 304(b), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2128; Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, § 1000(a)(7) [div. A, title VII, § 701(a)], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A-459; Pub. L. 107-77, title IV, § 408(b)(4), Nov. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 791; Pub. L. 110-161, div. J, title VI, § 634(s), Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2331, provided that:

“(b) There are authorized to be appropriated each fiscal year \$100,000, to be equally divided between delegations of the Senate and the House of Representatives, to assist in meeting the expenses of the United States Group of the British-American Parliamentary Group. Amounts appropriated under this section [amending section 1928e of this title and enacting this note] are authorized to remain available until expended.

“(c) There are authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year \$100,000 for expenses of United States participation in the Transatlantic Legislators’ Dialogue (United States-European Union Interparliamentary Group).”

[A permanent appropriation to carry out section 109(b) and (c) of Pub. L. 98-164, set out above, is contained in section 101(a) [title III, § 303] of Pub. L. 100-202, set out as a Permanent Appropriation for Delegation Expenses note under section 276e of this title.]

SUBCHAPTER II-B—UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (CSCE)

§ 276m. United States Delegation to Parliamentary Assembly of Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE)

(a) Establishment

In accordance with the allocation of seats to the United States in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (hereinafter referred to as the “CSCE Assembly”) not to exceed 17 Members of Congress shall be appointed to meet jointly and annually with representative parliamentary groups from other Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) member-nations for the purposes of—

(1) assessing the implementation of the objectives of the CSCE;

(2) discussing subjects addressed during the meetings of the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and the biennial Summit of Heads of State or Government;

(3) initiating and promoting such national and multilateral measures as may further cooperation and security in Europe.

(b) Appointment of Delegation

For each meeting of the CSCE Assembly, there shall be appointed a United States Delegation, as follows:

(1) In 1992 and every even-numbered year thereafter, 9 Members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House from Members of the House (not less than 4 of whom, including the Chairman of the United States Delegation, shall be from the Committee on Foreign Affairs); and 8 Members shall, upon recommendations of the Majority and Minority leaders of the Senate, be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate from Members of the Senate (not less than 4 of whom, including the Vice Chairman of the United States Delegation, shall be from the Committee on Foreign Relations, unless the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, upon recommendations of the Majority and Minority leaders of the Senate, determines otherwise).

(2) In every odd-numbered year beginning in 1993, 9 Members shall, upon recommendation of the Majority and Minority Leaders¹ of the Senate, be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate from Members of the Senate (not less than 4 of whom, including the Chairman of the United States Delegation, shall be from the Committee on Foreign Relations, unless the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, upon recommendations of the Majority and Minority leaders of the Senate, determines otherwise); and 8 Members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House from Members of the House (not less than 4 of whom, including the Vice Chairman, shall be from the Committee on Foreign Affairs).

(c) Administrative support

For the purpose of providing general staff support and continuity between successive delegations, each United States Delegation shall have 2 secretaries (one of whom shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and one of whom shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Delegation of the Senate).

(d) Funding**(1) United States participation**

There is authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year \$80,000 to assist in meeting the expenses of the United States delegation.² For each fiscal year for which an appropriation is made under this subsection, half of such appropriation may be disbursed on voucher to be approved by the Chairman and half of such appropriation may be disbursed on voucher to be approved by the Vice Chairman.

(2) Availability of appropriations

Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subsection are authorized to be available until expended.

(e) Annual report

The United States Delegation shall, for each fiscal year for which an appropriation is made, submit to the Congress a report including its ex-

penditures under such appropriation. The certificate of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the United States Delegation shall be final and conclusive upon the accounting officers in the auditing of the accounts of the United States Delegation.

(Pub. L. 102-138, title I, §169, Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 677.)

EX. ORD. NO. 13029. CHANGE OF NAME OF CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

Ex. Ord. No. 13029, Dec. 3, 1996, 61 F.R. 64591, provided in part that effective Jan. 1, 1995, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe would be called the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

SUBCHAPTER II-C—UNITED STATES SENATE-CHINA INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

§ 276n. United States Senate-China Interparliamentary Group

(a) Establishment and meetings

Not to exceed 12 Senators shall be appointed to meet annually with representatives of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China for discussion of common problems in the interest of relations between the United States and China. The Senators so appointed shall be referred to as the "United States group" of the United States Senate-China Interparliamentary Group.

(b) Appointment of Members

The President pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint Senators under this section upon the recommendations of the majority and minority leaders of the Senate. The President pro tempore of the Senate shall designate 1 Senator as the Chair of the United States group.

(c) Funding

There is authorized to be appropriated \$100,000 for each fiscal year to assist in meeting the expenses of the United States group for each fiscal year for which an appropriation is made. Appropriations shall be disbursed on vouchers to be approved by the Chair of the United States group.

(d) Certification of expenditures

The certificate of the Chair of the United States group shall be final and conclusive upon the accounting officers in the auditing of the accounts of the United States group.

(e) Fiscal year 2004 funding

There is authorized within the contingent fund of the Senate under the appropriation account "MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS" \$75,000 for fiscal year 2004 to assist in meeting the official expenses of the United States Senate-China Interparliamentary Group including conference room expenses, hospitality expenses, and food and food-related expenses. Expenses shall be paid on vouchers to be approved by the Chair of the United States group. The Secretary of the Senate is authorized to advance such sums as necessary to carry out this subsection.

(f) Appropriations

There are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the

¹ So in original. Probably should not be capitalized.

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