

AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES BY COMMITTEES OF THE
SENATE

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Mr. BLUNT, from the Committee on Rules and Administration,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. Res. 73]

The Committee on Rules and Administration, having considered an original resolution (S. Res. 73) authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, and October 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017, reports it favorably without amendment and recommends that the resolution pass.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Since the 101st Congress, the Rules Committee has favorably reported out and the Senate has agreed to an omnibus biennial committee funding authorization for the standing, special, and select committees of the Senate. This procedure has consistently received strong support from committee chairmen and ranking members.

During the 113th Congress, the Rules Committee reported two separate funding resolutions and issued "expenditure guidance" to address sequester and appropriations reductions. The result of these efforts was to bring committee spending into closer alignment with available appropriations. For the 114th Congress, S. Res. 73 authorizes \$198,175,601 for committees, which is slightly less than the total amount authorized for the 113th Congress by S. Res. 64 and S. Res. 253. While this authorization is consistent with current and anticipated appropriations levels for the Congress, the Rules Committee will continue to monitor appropriations and will provide additional guidance to committees if necessary.

Prior to the 107th Congress, most committees allocated their funding two-thirds for the majority and one-third for the minority pursuant to Rule XXVII. Beginning with the 107th Congress, biennial negotiations over the allocation ratios for committee funding

produced Leadership guidance, which the Rules Committee used to develop committee budget guidelines.

In the 112th Congress, on February 3, 2011, the Leadership agreed on a new funding approach and stated their intention that it be used in future Congresses in place of biennial negotiations. That funding approach is based on the party division of the Senate but recognizes the majority's need for resources commensurate with its responsibilities in administering the committee. The Leadership agreed that 10 percent of the total majority and minority baseline salary amount, after allocations for administrative expenses and non-designated staff, would be set aside for the majority. The remaining 90 percent would be divided according to the party division of the Senate. The division of committee office space follows the same approach. For the 114th Congress, the party division for funding and office space purposes is 54 percent for the majority, 46 percent for the minority.

The Leadership colloquy further specified that regardless of the party division of the Senate, however, the minority share would never be less than 40 percent, and the majority would never exceed 60 percent including the 10 percent set aside for the majority. When Senate party ratios change, this approach provides greater stability than the earlier division of two-thirds for the majority and one-third for the minority.

The chairman and ranking member of any committee may, by mutual agreement, modify the apportionment of committee funding and office space.

The January 7, 2015, Joint Leadership colloquy and letter, submitted by the majority leader and the minority leader, are included below for informational purposes.

COLLOQUY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to engage in a colloquy with Senator Durbin on behalf of the Democratic leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, in the 112th Congress the Senate adopted a new funding allocation for Senate committees. This approach has served the Senate for the past two Congresses when the Democrats controlled the majority. I believe this approach will continue to serve the interests of the Senate and the public, regardless of which party is in the majority, by helping to retain core committee staff with institutional knowledge. This funding allocation is based on the party division of the Senate, with 10 percent of the total majority and minority salary baseline going to the majority for administrative expenses. However, regardless of the party division of the Senate, the minority share of the majority and minority salary baseline will not be less than 40 percent, and the majority share will not exceed 60 percent. It is my intent that this approach will continue to serve the Senate for this Congress and future Congresses.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, this approach met our needs for the last two Congresses, and I too would like to see it continue. In addition, last Congress, special reserves was restored to its historic purpose. We should continue to fund special reserves to the extent possible in order to be able to assist committees that face urgent,

unanticipated, nonrecurring needs. Recognizing the tight budgets we will face for the foreseeable future, it is necessary to continue to bring funding authorizations more in line with our actual resources while ensuring that committees are able to fulfill their responsibilities. I look forward to continuing to work with the majority leader to accomplish this.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a joint leadership letter be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

UNITED STATES SENATE,

Washington, DC, January 7, 2015.

We Mutually Commit to the Following for the 114th Congress: The Rules Committee is to determine the budgets of the committees of the Senate. The budgets of the committees, including joint and special committees, and all other subgroups, shall be apportioned to reflect the ratio of the Senate as of this date, including an additional ten percent (10%) from the majority and minority salary baseline to be allocated to the chairman for administrative expenses.

Special Reserves has been restored to its historic purpose. Requests for funding will only be considered when submitted by a committee chairman and ranking member for unanticipated, non-recurring needs. Such requests shall be granted only upon the approval of the chairman and ranking member of the Rules Committee.

Funds for committee expenses shall be available to each chairman consistent with the Senate rules and practices of the 113th Congress.

The division of committee office space shall be commensurate with this funding agreement.

The chairman and ranking member of any committee may, by mutual agreement, modify the apportionment of committee funding and office space.

MITCH MCCONNELL.
HARRY REID.

BACKGROUND

Beginning in the 106th Congress, the biennial committee funding cycle was divided into three segments: the 7-month period from March 1 through September 30 of the first calendar year of the Congress; the 12-month period from October 1 of the first calendar year through September 30 of the second calendar year; and the 5-month period from October 1 of the second calendar year through the last day of February of the third calendar year.

S. Res. 73, the omnibus committee funding resolution for the 114th Congress, was reported in lieu of Senate Resolutions 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 39, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 53, 55 and 57 which were reported by the Senate committees in conformance with paragraph 9 of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. An original

resolution, S. Res. 54, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration, is on the Senate calendar (Order No. 9) and is obviated by passage of S. Res. 73, since funding for the Rules Committee's expenditures in the 114th Congress is included in the omnibus funding resolution.

The funding will be allocated according to the ratios in the Leadership colloquy. There are no amounts authorized for COLAs in the 114th Congress for fiscal year 2015, 2016 and 2017. Therefore, committees were advised not to include COLAs in their budgets.

As stated in the Joint Leadership letter, the special reserves fund is being restored to its historic purpose. Requests for funding from special reserves will be considered only when submitted by a committee chairman and ranking member for unanticipated, non-recurring needs and to the extent that appropriated funds are available for special reserves. The request must be approved by the chairman and ranking member of the Rules Committee.

Similar to procedures used during the previous five Congresses, the Rules Committee offered committees the opportunity to streamline the authorization process. Committees whose budget requests were within guidelines specified by the Joint Leadership agreement and whose questionnaires were jointly signed by the chairman and ranking member were not required to testify on their funding resolution before the Rules Committee. All committees funded by S. Res. 73 submitted budgets and questionnaires that conformed to the guidelines.

For the 114th Congress, the Rules Committee prepared an original funding resolution incorporating a budget amount at the guidelines level for every committee included in the resolution. The Senate passed S. Res. 73, on February 12, 2015, by unanimous consent and without amendment.

TEXT OF S. RES. 73

Sec. 1. Aggregate Authorization.

(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of carrying out the powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, and under the appropriate authorizing resolutions of the Senate there is authorized for the period March 1, 2015, through September 30, 2015, in the aggregate of \$57,801,217, for the period October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016, in the aggregate of \$99,087,800, and for the period October 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017, in the aggregate of \$41,286,584, in accordance with the provisions of this resolution, for standing committees of the Senate, the Special Committee on Aging, the Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sec. 2. Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

	FY 2015 (7 mths)	FY 2016 (12 mths)	FY 2017 (5 mths)
Salary Baseline	\$2,166,044	\$3,876,077	\$1,475,032
2015 COLA			
2016 COLA			
2017 COLA			
Consultants	200,000	200,000	200,000
Training	40,000	40,000	40,000
Official Mail	6,047	10,367	4,320

	FY 2015 (7 mths)	FY 2016 (12 mths)	FY 2017 (5 mths)
Administrative Expenses	51,743	97,272	40,530
Budget Authority 114th Congress	2,463,834	4,223,716	1,759,882

Sec. 3. Committee on Armed Services

	FY 2015 (7 mths)	FY 2016 (12 mths)	FY 2017 (5 mths)
Salary Baseline	\$3,661,345	\$6,276,591	\$2,615,246
2015 COLA			
2016 COLA			
2017 COLA			
Consultants	46,667	80,000	33,334
Training	17,500	30,000	12,500
Official Mail	1,750	3,000	1,250
Administrative Expenses	56,583	97,000	40,416
Budget Authority 114th Congress	3,783,845	6,486,591	2,702,746

Sec. 4. Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

	FY 2015 (7 mths)	FY 2016 (12 mths)	FY 2017 (5 mths)
Salary Baseline	\$3,028,670	\$5,192,010	\$2,163,370
2015 COLA			
2016 COLA			
2017 COLA			
Consultants	8,370	14,348	5,978
Training	503	861	358
Official Mail	1,400	2,400	1,000
Administrative Expenses	80,210	137,500	57,290
Budget Authority 114th Congress	3,119,153	5,347,119	2,227,996

Sec. 5. Committee on the Budget

	FY 2015 (7 mths)	FY 2016 (12 mths)	FY 2017 (5 mths)
Salary Baseline	\$3,424,110	\$5,869,903	\$2,445,793
2015 COLA			
2016 COLA			
2017 COLA			
Consultants	0	0	0
Training	0	0	0
Official Mail	10,746	18,421	7,675
Administrative Expenses	99,516	170,600	71,084
Budget Authority 114th Congress	3,534,372	6,058,924	2,524,552

Sec. 6. Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

	FY 2015 (7 mths)	FY 2016 (12 mths)	FY 2017 (5 mths)
Salary Baseline	\$3,791,599	\$6,479,326	\$2,699,715
2015 COLA			
2016 COLA			
2017 COLA			
Consultants	0	0	0
Training	0	0	0
Official Mail	10,500	20,445	8,523
Administrative Expenses	77,482	150,939	62,891

	FY 2015 (7 mths)	FY 2016 (12 mths)	FY 2017 (5 mths)
Budget Authority 114th Congress	3,879,581	6,650,710	2,771,129

Sec. 7. Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

	FY 2015 (7 mths)	FY 2016 (12 mths)	FY 2017 (5 mths)
Salary Baseline	\$3,142,229	\$5,386,679	\$2,244,450
2015 COLA			
2016 COLA			
2017 COLA			
Consultants	0	0	0
Training	0	0	0
Official Mail	9,129	15,649	6,520
Administrative Expenses	68,164	116,853	48,689
Budget Authority 114th Congress	3,219,522	5,519,181	2,299,659

Sec. 8. Committee on Environment and Public Works

	FY 2015 (7 mths)	FY 2016 (12 mths)	FY 2017 (5 mths)
Salary Baseline	\$2,944,501	\$5,047,717	\$2,103,217
2015 COLA			
2016 COLA			
2017 COLA			
Consultants	4,667	8,000	3,333
Training	1,166	2,000	833
Official Mail	8,416	14,427	6,011
Administrative Expenses	102,121	175,064	72,943
Budget Authority 114th Congress	3,060,871	5,247,208	2,186,337

Sec. 9. Committee on Finance

	FY 2015 (7 mths)	FY 2016 (12 mths)	FY 2017 (5 mths)
Salary Baseline	\$4,584,301	\$7,858,802	\$3,274,501
2015 COLA			
2016 COLA			
2017 COLA			
Consultants	17,500	30,000	12,500
Training	5,833	10,000	4,167
Official Mail	10,480	17,965	7,485
Administrative Expenses	92,556	158,667	66,111
Budget Authority 114th Congress	4,710,670	8,075,434	3,364,764

Sec. 10. Committee on Foreign Relations

	FY 2015 (7 mths)	FY 2016 (12 mths)	FY 2017 (5 mths)
Salary Baseline	\$3,695,688	\$6,333,559	\$2,637,872
2015 COLA			
2016 COLA			
2017 COLA			
Consultants	0	0	0
Training	0	0	0
Official Mail	9,326	16,080	6,754
Administrative Expenses	184,014	317,265	133,251
Budget Authority 114th Congress	3,889,028	6,666,904	2,777,877

Sec. 11. Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

	FY 2015 (7 mths)	FY 2016 (12 mths)	FY 2017 (5 mths)
Salary Baseline	\$5,011,413	\$8,590,996	\$3,579,584
2015 COLA			
2016 COLA			
2017 COLA			
Consultants	0	0	0
Training	0	0	0
Official Mail	7,584	13,000	5,416
Administrative Expenses	86,490	148,268	61,777
Budget Authority 114th Congress	5,105,487	8,752,264	3,646,777

Sec. 12. Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

	FY 2015 (7 mths)	FY 2016 (12 mths)	FY 2017 (5 mths)
Salary Baseline	\$5,481,153	\$9,396,263	\$3,915,110
2015 COLA			
2016 COLA			
2017 COLA			
Consultants	0	0	0
Training	0	0	0
Official Mail	15,689	26,895	11,206
Administrative Expenses	94,811	162,533	67,722
Budget Authority 114th Congress	5,591,653	9,585,691	3,994,038

Sec. 13. Committee on the Judiciary

	FY 2015 (7 mths)	FY 2016 (12 mths)	FY 2017 (5 mths)
Salary Baseline	\$5,384,594	\$9,230,733	\$3,846,139
2015 COLA			
2016 COLA			
2017 COLA			
Consultants	0	0	0
Training	0	0	0
Official Mail	6,473	11,096	4,623
Administrative Expenses	70,321	120,550	50,229
Budget Authority 114th Congress	5,461,388	9,362,379	3,900,991

Sec. 14. Committee on Rules and Administration

	FY 2015 (7 mths)	FY 2016 (12 mths)	FY 2017 (5 mths)
Salary Baseline	\$1,356,993	\$2,326,273	\$969,280
2015 COLA			
2016 COLA			
2017 COLA			
Consultant	0	0	0
Training	0	0	0
Official Mail	4,634	7,944	3,310
Administrative Expenses	14,192	24,329	10,138
Budget Authority 114th Congress	1,375,819	2,358,546	982,728

Sec. 15. Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

	FY 2015 (7 mths)	FY 2016 (12 mths)	FY 2017 (5 mths)
Salary Baseline	\$1,444,452	\$2,476,204	\$1,031,752
2015 COLA			
2016 COLA			
2017 COLA			
Consultant	14,584	25,000	10,417
Training	5,833	10,000	4,168
Official Mail	3,753	6,434	2,681
Administrative Expenses	52,322	89,694	37,370
Budget Authority 114th Congress	1,520,944	2,607,332	1,086,388

Sec. 16. Committee on Veterans' Affairs

	FY 2015 (7 mths)	FY 2016 (12 mths)	FY 2017 (5 mths)
Salary Baseline	\$1,186,105	\$2,033,323	\$847,218
2015 COLA			
2016 COLA			
2017 COLA			
Consultants	10,000	20,000	8,000
Training	3,500	5,000	1,500
Official Mail	500	1,000	500
Administrative Expenses	83,417	141,000	59,583
Budget Authority 114th Congress	1,283,522	2,200,323	916,801

Sec. 17. Special Committee on Aging

	FY 2015 (7 mths)	FY 2016 (12 mths)	FY 2017 (5 mths)
Salary Baseline	\$1,347,763	\$2,193,200	\$966,121
2015 COLA			
2016 COLA			
2017 COLA			
Consultants	3,055	6,000	2,500
Training	3,000	6,000	1,500
Official Mail	2,000	6,000	1,500
Administrative Expenses	43,945	188,394	28,210
Budget Authority 114th Congress	1,399,763	2,399,594	999,831

Sec. 18. Select Committee on Intelligence

	FY 2015 (7 mths)	FY 2016 (12 mths)	FY 2017 (5 mths)
Salary Baseline	\$3,167,282	\$5,429,626	\$2,262,344
2015 COLA			
2016 COLA			
2017 COLA			
Consultants	10,000	17,144	7,143
Training	0	0	0
Official Mail	0	0	0
Administrative Expenses	40,166	68,856	28,690
Budget Authority 114th Congress	3,217,448	5,515,626	2,298,177

Sec. 19. Committee on Indian Affairs

	FY 2015 (7 mths)	FY 2016 (12 mths)	FY 2017 (5 mths)
Salary Baseline	\$1,109,628	\$1,902,219	\$792,591
2015 COLA			
2016 COLA			
2017 COLA			
Consultants	20,000	20,000	20,000
Training	20,000	20,000	20,000
Official Mail	3,959	6,786	2,828
Administrative Expenses	30,730	81,253	10,522
Budget Authority 114th Congress	1,184,317	2,030,258	845,941

OVERTIME

Committees have been advised that any overtime costs mandated by the Congressional Accountability Act must be absorbed within salary baselines funded in S. Res. 73.

COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS

There are no amounts authorized for COLAs in the 114th Congress for fiscal years 2015, 2016 and 2017. Therefore, committees were advised not to include COLAs in their budgets. It is the intent of the Rules Committee that amounts for COLAs shall only be available to the extent they are authorized by the order of the President pro tempore of the Senate pursuant to 2 U.S.C. section 4571, and provided sufficient funds are appropriated to pay for such expenses.

CERTIFICATION OF COMMITTEE EXPENSES

Vouchers are not required for certain types of official expenses which instead are certified as owed to Senate support agencies providing such goods and services to Senate committees. Examples of certifiable expenses include, but are not limited to, telecommunications, stationery supplies, official mail, and expenses for Senate recording and photographic services. The certified expenses are submitted by the Senate support agencies to the Rules Committee for approval.

Section 1 of the FY 1994 Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill provided permanent language in statute addressing this issue (2 U.S.C. 6509). Therefore, the specific authorization for certifications is no longer required in committee biennial funding resolutions and the language in section 1 of S. Res. 54 (107th Congress) has been modified by deleting section 1(b)(2) with the heading, **VOUCHERS NOT REQUIRED**.

PRINTING AND BINDING

Committee expenditures for printing and binding include the costs of preparation and publishing of documents in electronic and/or print format by GPO personnel. Although printing and binding funds are not included in individual committee budgets, the Committee on Rules and Administration advises all committees to be judicious in the use of these funds.

Printing and binding costs for committees authorized in S. Res. 64 and S. Res. 253 decreased from the end of the 112th Congress to the end of the 113th Congress by \$4,021,867.

The Committee reminds all Senate committees to adhere strictly to the provisions of Title 44 governing the printing and binding of documents.

A committee may not procure more than 300 copies of a hearing or other relevant documents except as authorized by 44 U.S.C. 703. Section 703 provides that extra copies not exceeding \$700 in cost may be obtained upon an order of the Joint Committee on Printing; extra copies at a cost of \$700 to \$1,200 must be authorized by simple resolution of the Senate; and a cost exceeding \$1,200 requires approval of both houses of Congress by concurrent or joint resolution. Such resolutions requesting printing are referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

“Extra copies” means additional numbers ordered at the time of original printing. Reprinting a document at a later time must be treated as a new publication.

Charges incurred by committees authorized by S. Res. 73 for GPO employees detailed as printers decreased 2% from the 112th to the 113th Congress. The cost of GPO employees detailed as printers to the Appropriations Committee was \$ 317,032.00 in 2013 and \$ 393,156.00 in 2014. The Rules Committee encourages committees to reduce costs associated with GPO detailees while still receiving the services and support they need. Effective with the 112th Congress, committees wishing to obtain or continue the services of a GPO detailee are required to obtain prior approval in writing from the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Every effort should be made to control costs by limiting the overtime of detailees. Committees that incur overtime charges on a recurring basis are advised to evaluate their printing operation and minimize a printer’s overtime except on a temporary basis when the extraordinary cost can be justified by the need for timely delivery of the committee’s legislative papers.

**COST OF GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE EMPLOYEES DETAILED
AS PRINTERS TO COMMITTEES AUTHORIZED BY S. RES. 73**

113TH CONGRESS

	2013	2014
S. Agriculture	109,728.00	88,938.00
S. Banking	212,328.00	147,150.00
S. Budget	114,120.00	74,952.00
S. Commerce	90,414.00	76,140.00
S. Energy	183,168.00	128,466.00
S. Environment	179,874.00	145,584.00
S. Finance	182,250.00	165,078.00
S. Foreign Relations	169,992.00	134,946.00
S. Gov't Affairs	92,988.00	78,408.00
S. Health, Educ., Labor	93,564.00	72,126.00
S. Indian Affairs	94,392.00	80,352.00
S. Judiciary	79,164.00	58,266.00
S. Veterans' Affairs	82,566.00	81,216.00
Total	1,684,548.00	1,331,622.00

EMPLOYEES DETAILED FROM OTHER AGENCIES

Sections 2 through 19 of the omnibus resolution include specific authorizing language on the use of detailed employees on either a reimbursable or non-reimbursable basis. This language, which has been included in biennial funding resolutions since 1989, continues the practice of permitting the detail or assignment of personnel from departments or agencies of the Federal government to the staff of a committee with or without reimbursement of that person's salary.

Pursuant to Standing Rule XXVII, paragraph 4,

“No committee shall appoint to its staff any experts or other personnel detailed or assigned from any department or agency of the Government, except with the written permission of the Committee on Rules and Administration.”

The Committee on Rules and Administration may monitor expenditures associated with the use of detailed employees in order to evaluate overall committee spending.

APPROVED DETAILED EMPLOYEES FROM THE 113th CONGRESS

Committee	Agency	Start Date	End Date
AGING, Special Committee on	National Science Foundation	1/28/2013	9/30/2013
AGING, Special Committee on	U. S. Government Accountability Office	11/4/2013	11/4/2014
AGING, Special Committee on	U. S. Department of Health and Human Services	12/9/2013	7/10/2014
AGING, Special Committee on	U. S. Department of Health and Human Services	2/25/2014	8/29/2014
AGING, Special Committee on	U. S. Government Accountability Office	5/5/2014	1/2/2015
AGING, Special Committee on	U. S. Government Accountability Office	11/17/2014	1/2/2015
AGRICULTURE Committee	U. S. Department of Agriculture	2/20/2013	9/30/2013
AGRICULTURE Committee	U. S. Department of Agriculture	4/26/2013	9/30/2013
AGRICULTURE Committee	U. S. Department of Agriculture	5/1/2013	9/30/2013
AGRICULTURE Committee	U. S. Department of Agriculture	11/23/2013	5/30/2014
AGRICULTURE Committee	U. S. Department of Agriculture	11/23/2013	1/31/2014
AGRICULTURE Committee	Commodity Futures Trading Commission	1/1/2014	7/31/2014
AGRICULTURE Committee	U. S. Department of Agriculture	6/30/2014	8/1/2014
AGRICULTURE Committee	U. S. Department of Agriculture	10/20/2014	12/31/2014
APPROPRIATIONS Committee	U. S. Department of Agriculture	1/3/2013	1/2/2015
APPROPRIATIONS Committee	U. S. Coast Guard	1/3/2013	7/1/2013
APPROPRIATIONS Committee	U. S. Environmental Protection Agency	1/3/2013	1/2/2015
APPROPRIATIONS Committee	Department of Defense	2/4/2013	12/31/2013
APPROPRIATIONS Committee	U. S. Department of Energy	2/27/2013	12/31/2013
APPROPRIATIONS Committee	U. S. Coast Guard	6/10/2013	1/2/2015
APPROPRIATIONS Committee	U. S. Department of the Interior	9/1/2013	2/28/2014
APPROPRIATIONS Committee	U. S. Department of Energy	1/14/2014	1/2/2015
APPROPRIATIONS Committee	U. S. Department of Agriculture	3/10/2014	12/31/2014
APPROPRIATIONS Committee	Department of Defense	3/11/2014	7/31/2014
BANKING, Housing, and Urban Development	Office of the Comptroller of the Currency	1/3/2013	2/28/2013
BANKING, Housing, and Urban Development	Office of the Comptroller of the Currency	3/25/2013	12/31/2014
BANKING, Housing, and Urban Development	U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission	5/8/2013	5/7/2014
BANKING, Housing, and Urban Development	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	5/13/2013	5/31/2014
BANKING, Housing, and Urban Development	Board of Governors of The Federal Reserve System	9/24/2013	12/14/2014
BANKING, Housing, and Urban Development	Department of the Treasury	10/21/2013	7/31/2014
BANKING, Housing, and Urban Development	U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission	4/21/2014	6/21/2014
BANKING, Housing, and Urban Development	Consumer Financial Protection Bureau	5/19/2014	12/31/2014

BANKING, Housing, and Urban Development	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	7/14/2014	12/31/2014
BUDGET Committee	Office of Management and Budget	2/25/2013	8/2/2013
BUDGET Committee	Office of Management and Budget	3/18/2013	7/5/2013
BUDGET Committee	U. S. Department of Labor	4/29/2013	9/30/2013
BUDGET Committee	Consumer Financial Protection Bureau	10/25/2013	12/31/2014
BUDGET Committee	U. S. Department of Labor	12/17/2013	4/4/2014
BUDGET Committee	Executive Office of the President	4/7/2014	8/1/2014
COMMERCE Committee	U. S. Coast Guard	1/3/2013	7/1/2013
COMMERCE Committee	U. S. Coast Guard	1/3/2013	9/30/2013
COMMERCE Committee	Federal Trade Commission	1/3/2013	8/19/2013
COMMERCE Committee	Federal Aviation Administration	1/3/2013	9/30/2013
COMMERCE Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	2/4/2013	8/2/2013
COMMERCE Committee	Federal Communications Commission	4/9/2013	9/30/2013
COMMERCE Committee	U. S. Coast Guard	7/16/2013	9/30/2013
COMMERCE Committee	Federal Trade Commission	7/22/2013	1/2/2015
COMMERCE Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	9/3/2013	9/30/2013
COMMERCE Committee	U. S. Department of Transportation	9/23/2013	2/1/2014
COMMERCE Committee	Federal Communications Commission	11/6/2013	10/31/2014
COMMERCE Committee	U. S. Department of Homeland Security	3/18/2014	1/2/2015
COMMERCE Committee	U. S. Department of Commerce	6/2/2014	1/2/2015
COMMERCE Committee	U. S. Department of Transportation	6/23/2014	12/31/2014
COMMERCE Committee	U. S. Coast Guard	6/27/2014	1/2/2015
ENERGY & Natural Resources Committee	U. S. Department of Agriculture	2/4/2013	9/30/2013
ENERGY & Natural Resources Committee	U. S. Department of Agriculture	2/4/2013	8/31/2013
ENERGY & Natural Resources Committee	U. S. Department of the Interior	4/1/2013	2/28/2014
ENERGY & Natural Resources Committee	Office of Management and Budget	5/13/2013	9/13/2013
ENERGY & Natural Resources Committee	U. S. Department of the Interior	4/21/2014	12/31/2014
ETHICS, Select Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	5/6/2013	10/4/2013
ETHICS, Select Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	7/31/2013	10/4/2013
ETHICS, Select Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	7/7/2014	9/26/2014
ETHICS, Select Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	5/5/2014	9/5/2014
FINANCE Committee	Office of Management and Budget	1/3/2013	1/4/2013
FINANCE Committee	U. S. Department of Health and Human Services	1/3/2013	1/31/2013
FINANCE Committee	U. S. Department of State	1/3/2013	2/15/2013
FINANCE Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	1/3/2013	3/19/2013
FINANCE Committee	U. S. Department of Health and Human Services	1/3/2013	6/30/2013

FINANCE Committee	U. S. Department of Homeland Security	1/3/2013	1/2/2015
FINANCE Committee	Central Intelligence Agency	2/4/2013	1/31/2014
FINANCE Committee	Social Security Administration	2/8/2013	7/3/2013
FINANCE Committee	U. S. Department of Health and Human Services	2/11/2013	9/30/2013
FINANCE Committee	U. S. Department of Health and Human Services	3/5/2013	6/30/2013
FINANCE Committee	Department of the Treasury	3/11/2013	3/10/2014
FINANCE Committee	Social Security Administration	3/11/2013	1/2/2015
FINANCE Committee	Social Security Administration	3/11/2013	1/2/2015
FINANCE Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	4/8/2013	6/6/2014
FINANCE Committee	U. S. Patent and Trademark Office	5/13/2013	1/2/2015
FINANCE Committee	U. S. Customs and Border Protection	5/30/2013	7/31/2014
FINANCE Committee	Congressional Research Service	9/3/2013	2/28/2014
FINANCE Committee	Social Security Administration	9/30/2013	2/14/2014
FINANCE Committee	U. S. Department of Homeland Security	12/2/2013	2/28/2014
FINANCE Committee	Consumer Financial Protection Bureau	12/16/2013	8/1/2014
FINANCE Committee	U. S. Department of Homeland Security	3/10/2014	8/8/2014
FINANCE Committee	Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	4/1/2014	1/2/2015
FINANCE Committee	Social Security Advisory Board	5/5/2014	8/15/2014
FINANCE Committee	U. S. Department of Health and Human Services	6/2/2014	1/2/2015
FINANCE Committee	Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	6/9/2014	1/2/2015
FINANCE Committee	Social Security Administration	7/14/2014	12/19/2014
FINANCE Committee	U. S. Department of Health and Human Services	8/25/2014	1/2/2015
FINANCE Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	10/14/2014	1/2/2015
FOREIGN RELATIONS Committee	Department of the Treasury	1/3/2013	2/19/2013
FOREIGN RELATIONS Committee	U. S. Department of State	1/3/2013	2/28/2013
FOREIGN RELATIONS Committee	U. S. Agency for International Development	1/3/2013	7/3/2013
FOREIGN RELATIONS Committee	U. S. Department of State	1/3/2013	7/8/2013
FOREIGN RELATIONS Committee	U. S. Department of State	1/3/2013	9/16/2013
FOREIGN RELATIONS Committee	Congressional Research Service	1/22/2013	2/28/2013
FOREIGN RELATIONS Committee	U. S. Department of State	2/19/2013	9/30/2013
FOREIGN RELATIONS Committee	U. S. Department of Homeland Security	3/1/2013	8/16/2013
FOREIGN RELATIONS Committee	U. S. Department of State	3/1/2013	9/1/2014
FOREIGN RELATIONS Committee	U. S. Department of State	10/30/2013	8/31/2014
FOREIGN RELATIONS Committee	Department of Defense	1/6/2014	12/31/2014
FOREIGN RELATIONS Committee	U. S. Department of State	2/7/2014	12/31/2014
FOREIGN RELATIONS Committee	U. S. Department of State	10/10/2014	1/2/2015
HELP-Health, Educ, Labor, Pensions Committee	U. S. Department of Labor	1/3/2013	4/11/2013
HELP-Health, Educ, Labor, Pensions Committee	National Labor Relations Board	1/3/2013	7/12/2013

HELP-Health, Educ, Labor, Pensions Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	1/28/2013	5/23/2014
HELP-Health, Educ, Labor, Pensions Committee	Consumer Financial Protection Bureau	3/4/2014	9/30/2014
HELP-Health, Educ, Labor, Pensions Committee	National Labor Relations Board	3/5/2013	9/5/2013
HELP-Health, Educ, Labor, Pensions Committee	U. S. Department of Health and Human Services	3/5/2013	4/30/2014
HELP-Health, Educ, Labor, Pensions Committee	Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	4/22/2013	12/31/2014
HELP-Health, Educ, Labor, Pensions Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	6/10/2013	9/5/2014
HELP-Health, Educ, Labor, Pensions Committee	U. S. Department of Health and Human Services	7/8/2013	11/22/2013
HELP-Health, Educ, Labor, Pensions Committee	U. S. Department of Education	7/22/2013	8/2/2013
HELP-Health, Educ, Labor, Pensions Committee	U. S. Department of Education	10/21/2013	3/31/2014
HELP-Health, Educ, Labor, Pensions Committee	U. S. Department of Labor	2/10/2014	7/25/2014
HELP-Health, Educ, Labor, Pensions Committee	U. S. Department of Health and Human Services	5/12/2014	10/1/2014
HELP-Health, Educ, Labor, Pensions Committee	U. S. Department of Health and Human Services	6/2/2014	12/12/2014
HELP-Health, Educ, Labor, Pensions Committee	U. S. Department of Education	10/1/2014	1/2/2015
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	Government Accountability Office	1/3/2013	1/23/2013
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	Government Accountability Office	1/3/2013	3/22/2013
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	Government Accountability Office	1/3/2013	4/26/2013
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Department of State	1/3/2013	9/30/2013

HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Coast Guard	1/3/2013	1/2/2015
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Department of Homeland Security	1/3/2013	1/2/2015
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Department of Commerce	3/1/2013	12/31/2014
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Department of Veterans' Affairs	3/4/2013	2/14/2014
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Department of Homeland Security	4/1/2013	9/27/2013
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	4/22/2013	4/14/2014
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Department of Justice	4/22/2013	6/27/2014
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	4/29/2013	4/25/2014
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	Department of Defense	5/2/2013	12/3/2013
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	5/13/2013	5/13/2014
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Department of Homeland Security	6/3/2013	6/3/2014
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Department of Homeland Security	6/10/2013	1/30/2014
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	7/1/2013	6/30/2014
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General	8/27/2013	1/2/2015
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Department of Homeland Security	11/4/2013	1/2/2015
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	11/25/2013	11/21/2014
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	Department of Defense	1/6/2014	12/12/2014
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	Department of the Treasury	1/6/2014	12/31/2014
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	Department of Defense	1/8/2014	12/19/2014
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Department of Energy	2/10/2014	1/2/2015
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	2/18/2014	12/31/2014
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Department of Homeland Security	2/24/2014	8/22/2014
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts	2/25/2014	1/2/2015
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Department of Transportation	3/10/2014	9/29/2014

HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. General Services Administration	3/24/2014	9/24/2014
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	5/5/2014	1/2/2015
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	7/7/2014	12/31/2014
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	7/14/2014	12/31/2014
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Customs and Border Protection	7/14/2014	1/2/2015
HOMELAND SECURITY & Govt. Affairs Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	12/8/2014	1/2/2015
INDIAN AFFAIRS Committee	U. S. Department of Agriculture	3/31/2014	8/22/2014
INDIAN AFFAIRS Committee	U. S. Department of the Interior	9/4/2014	1/2/2015
INTELLIGENCE, Select Committee	U. S. Department of Justice	6/2/2014	12/3/2014
INTELLIGENCE, Select Committee	Office of the Director of National Intelligence	6/2/2014	1/2/2015
JUDICIARY Committee	U. S. Department of Justice	1/3/2013	2/28/2013
JUDICIARY Committee	U. S. Department of Justice	1/3/2013	2/28/2013
JUDICIARY Committee	Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts	1/3/2013	4/4/2013
JUDICIARY Committee	U. S. Department of Homeland Security	1/3/2013	9/30/2013
JUDICIARY Committee	U. S. Department of Justice	1/3/2013	10/28/2013
JUDICIARY Committee	U. S. Department of Justice	1/3/2013	12/13/2013
JUDICIARY Committee	U. S. Department of Homeland Security	1/3/2013	10/15/2014
JUDICIARY Committee	U. S. Department of Homeland Security	1/3/2013	1/2/2015
JUDICIARY Committee	U. S. Department of Justice	2/25/2013	4/5/2014
JUDICIARY Committee	Social Security Administration	3/25/2013	9/25/2013
JUDICIARY Committee	U. S. Department of State	3/25/2013	3/27/2014
JUDICIARY Committee	Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts	6/10/2013	6/11/2014
JUDICIARY Committee	U. S. Department of Justice	11/8/2013	6/20/2014
JUDICIARY Committee	U. S. Department of Homeland Security	1/31/2014	1/2/2015
JUDICIARY Committee	U. S. Department of Justice	2/3/2014	1/2/2015
JUDICIARY Committee	U. S. Department of Justice	2/18/2014	8/17/2014
JUDICIARY Committee	Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts	6/9/2014	1/2/2015
JUDICIARY Committee	U. S. Department of Justice	7/7/2014	1/2/2015
JUDICIARY Committee	U. S. Department of Homeland Security	7/28/2014	1/2/2015
JUDICIARY Committee	Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts	8/25/2014	1/2/2015
JUDICIARY Committee	U. S. Department of Justice	9/2/2014	1/2/2015
JUDICIARY Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	9/11/2014	1/2/2015
JUDICIARY Committee	U. S. Department of Justice	9/22/2014	1/2/2015
JUDICIARY Committee	U. S. Department of Justice	10/20/2014	1/2/2015
SMALL BUSINESS Committee	National Archives and Records Administration	1/3/2013	1/31/2013
SMALL BUSINESS Committee	National Archives and Records Administration	1/3/2013	1/31/2013
SMALL BUSINESS Committee	U. S. Small Business Administration	6/2/2014	12/19/2014
SMALL BUSINESS Committee	U. S. Small Business Administration	7/14/2014	8/1/2014
SMALL BUSINESS Committee	Department of the Treasury	8/18/2014	12/12/2014

Veterans' Affairs Committee	U. S. Government Accountability Office	1/3/2013	8/2/2013
Veterans' Affairs Committee	U. S. Marine Corps	1/7/2013	9/30/2013
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Department of Veterans' Affairs	2/4/2013	6/28/2013
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Department of Defense	1/2/2014	12/31/2014

SPECIAL RESERVES

For the 114th Congress, S. Res. 73 restores the special reserve fund to its historic purpose and authorizes up to 7 percent of the amounts available in the appropriations account “Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations” for special reserves. Requests for funding must be for unanticipated, non-recurring needs and require the signature of both the committee chairman and ranking member. Approval of such requests requires the approval of the chairman and ranking member of the Rules Committee and are dependent upon availability of appropriated funds.

HISTORY OF SPECIAL RESERVES

Congress	Special Reserves Use	Notes	Funding Authority
101	Unexpended funds from one authorization to next.	Biennial funding cycle began	S. Res. 66
102	Retain 50% of unexpended funds as of 2/28/93 for non-recurring needs.		S. Res. 62 Rept 102-15
103	Prohibition on carrying forward unexpended balances beyond 3/1/95.		S. Res. 71
104	Unexpended funds from one authorization may carry to the next authorization.		S. Res. 73
105	Transferred unexpended balances into a special reserve fund for unanticipated, non-recurring needs.		S. Res. 54
106	Special reserves available for unanticipated, non-recurring needs.		S. Res. 49 S.Res. 189
107	Same as 106th Congress		S. Res. 54
108	Same as 106th Congress		S. Res. 66
109	Same as 106th Congress		S. Res. 50
110	Upon request, each Ranking Member provided an allocation equal to 49% of the 10% administrative funds that had been available to the Chairman in 109th Congress.	A total of \$4,794,387 was requested and authorized in the 110th Congress to fulfill the Leadership colloquy. This funding was added to the budget baselines of the respective committees for the 111th Congress.	S. Res. 89
111	Upon request, 89% of special reserves would be available to each chair/ranking member for administrative expenses to be allocated at a 60% to 40% ratio, majority/minority respectively. This allowed individual minority committee funding levels to remain unchanged. The Rules Committee determined that an additional 5% of special reserves may have been required to satisfy the intent of the colloquy and authorized use of those funds. Special reserves available for unanticipated, non-recurring needs.	The Committee on the Judiciary made two requests for special reserves for the retirements of Justices David Souter (2009) and John Paul Stevens (2010) from the Supreme Court. Both requests were approved by the chairman and ranking member of the Rules Committee. To accommodate the special reserve request for FY2009, S. Res. 152 was passed to increase the amount of special reserves that had been provided in S. Res. 73.	S. Res. 73 S. Res. 152
112	Special reserves unavailable		S. Res. 81
113	Special reserves unavailable		S. Res. 64 S. Res. 253

HISTORY OF SPECIAL RESERVES—Continued

Congress	Special Reserves Use	Notes	Funding Authority
114	7% of Inquiries and Investigations account available for un-anticipated non-recurring needs.		S. Res 73

LEGISLATIVE REPORT BY SENATE COMMITTEES

Rule XXVI, section 8b of the Standing Rules of the Senate requires that, in each odd-numbered year, each committee shall submit to the Senate, not later than March 31st, a report on the activities of that committee during the Congress ending at noon on January 3rd of such year.

POLICY ON COMMITTEE WORK AND HOUSING FOR COMMITTEE STAFF

Pursuant to each committee's authorizing resolution, funds are made available from the Contingent Fund of the Senate to assist a committee in carrying out its powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate. These responsibilities include holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate. Therefore, committee staff may not engage in work other than committee business.

In addition, it remains the policy of the Rules Committee that all staff paid by committee funds will be housed in committee space.

Space allocations will be strictly tied to authorized committee staff and detailed employees approved by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

COMMITTEE ECONOMIC ALLOCATION PROGRAM

The Senate Sergeant at Arms (SAA) will fund office automation needs for committees on a per capita basis, which includes authorized staff and detailed employees identified in the committee budget submission. This fund is referred to as the Economic Allocation Fund (EAF). Upon submission and approval by the Committee on Rules and Administration of staffing levels, committees will be able to purchase items to meet their business requirements from the standard, approved products available from the SAA. Non-standard hardware or software requests will be at committee expense and must include costs for maintenance, service, and support. Any non-standard purchases in excess of \$500 must be approved in advance by the Rules Committee.

A committee chairman shall ensure that each full-time employee and full-time, authorized detailed employee on the committee be provided with a workstation and have appropriate access to related office equipment.

The funding levels provided will be sufficient to provide for regular replacement of hardware, as well as purchases of software updates. Any computers in excess of authorized levels must be returned to the SAA.

In the use of these funds, the Rules Committee and SAA recommend all committee chairmen adopt energy-efficient office equipment, including virtual servers available through the SAA. These

servers save space and reduce noise and heat in the office, support all critical continuity requirements of an office, and cost less than physical servers.

ECONOMIC ALLOCATION FUND—114TH CONGRESS

Committee	Allocation
Aging	\$102,000.00
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	156,400.00
Appropriations	391,000.00
Armed Services	187,000.00
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs	180,200.00
Budget	224,400.00
Commerce, Science, and Transportation	285,600.00
Energy and Natural Resources	197,200.00
Environment and Public Works	210,800.00
Ethics	51,000.00
Finance	391,000.00
Foreign Relations	251,600.00
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions	380,800.00
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	459,000.00
Indian Affairs	85,000.00
Intelligence	285,600.00
Joint Economic	163,200.00
Judiciary	448,800.00
Rules and Administration	119,000.00
Small Business	112,200.00
Veterans' Affairs	112,200.00
Total	4,794,000.00

CONSULTANTS

S. Res. 73 specifies the funding available for committees to hire consultants, as otherwise authorized by statute.

COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE

It is the position of the Committee on Rules and Administration that funds are already incorporated into Members' personal office accounts for the purpose of providing legislative assistance with committee duties.

The legislative assistance allowance was established in the 94th Congress by passage of S. Res. 60, agreed to on June 12, 1975. It authorized each Senator serving on a committee to hire staff to assist with committee work. This new authorization was preserved and continued in S. Res. 4 in the 95th Congress, when the Senate reorganized the committee system by passing amendments to the Standing Rules of the Senate regarding the jurisdiction and size of committees.

Later in the 95th Congress, the legislative assistance allowance was made permanent and codified into law by section 111 of P.L. 95-94. This provision, as amended by P.L. 100-137 and P.L. 102-392, currently provides funding for three positions in each Senator's office at an annual rate of \$171,315 each for a total of \$513,945 per office, or \$51,394,500 for all 100 Senators in FY 13.

These funds may be adjusted each fiscal year by the authorized cost of living adjustment for Senate offices by the order of the President pro tempore.

ARCHIVING

Under Senate Rule XXVI(10)(a) and 2 U.S.C. 4301(d), committee records are the property of the Senate. At the end of each Congress, non-current committee records are transferred to the Archives in accordance with Senate Rule XI(1) and 44 U.S.C. 2118. To ensure the preservation of the Senate's permanently valuable records, the Rules Committee requests that each committee submit to the Rules Committee their National Archives Records Transfer Report. It is recommended that committees consult with the Senate Archivist on the proper preparation of electronic and paper records for permanent archive storage.

