

COMMISSION ON ART AND ANTIQUITIES OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE ¹ 128

(a) The ideal concept of public office, expressed by the words, “A public office is a public trust”, signifies that the officer has been entrusted with public power by the people; that the officer holds this power in trust to be used only for their benefit and never for the benefit of himself or of a few; and that the officer must never conduct his own affairs so as to infringe on the public interest. All official conduct of Members of the Senate should be guided by this paramount concept of public office.

[Pub. L. 100-696, Nov. 18, 1988.]

INTERPARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITIES AND RECEPTION OF CERTAIN FOREIGN OFFICIALS 129

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized from March 1, 1981, until otherwise provided by law, to expend not to exceed \$25,000 each fiscal year to assist the Senate properly to discharge and coordinate its activities and responsibilities in connection with participation in various interparliamentary institutions and to facilitate the interchange and reception in the United States of members of foreign legislative bodies and prominent officials of foreign governments and intergovernmental organizations.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to pay from the contingent fund of the Senate the actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection with activities authorized by this resolution and approved in advance by the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations upon vouchers certified by the Senator incurring such expenses and approved by the chairman.

[S. Res. 247, 87-2, Feb. 7, 1962; S. Res. 91, 94-1, Mar. 18, 1975; S. Res. 281, 96-2, Mar. 11, 1980.]

AUTHORIZING THE DISPLAY OF THE SENATE LEADERSHIP PORTRAIT COLLECTION IN THE SENATE LOBBY 130

Resolved, That (a) portraits in the Senate Leadership Portrait Collection may be displayed in the Senate Lobby at the direction of the Senate Commission on Art in accordance with guidelines prescribed pursuant to subsection (d).

¹Became Senate Commission on Art, and enacted into permanent law by Pub.L. 100-696, Nov. 18, 1988. See 2 U.S.C. §§2101-2108; Senate Manual sections 917-924.

(b) The Senate Leadership Portrait Collection shall consist of portraits selected by the Senate Commission on Art of Majority or Minority Leaders and Presidents pro tempore of the Senate.

(c) Any portrait for the Senate Leadership Portrait Collection that is acquired on or after the date of adoption of this resolution shall be of an appropriate size for display in the Senate Lobby, as determined by the Senate Commission on Art.

(d) The Senate Commission on Art shall prescribe such guidelines as it deems necessary, subject to the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration, to carry out this resolution.

[S. Res. 148, 109-1, May 18, 2005.]

131 ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR AFFIXING AND REMOVING PERMANENT ARTWORK AND SEMI-PERMANENT ARTWORK IN THE SENATE WING OF THE CAPITOL AND IN THE SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Resolved, No permanent artwork or semi-permanent artwork may be affixed to or removed from the walls, floors, or ceilings of the public spaces and committee rooms of the Senate wing of the Capitol and the Senate office buildings unless—

- (1) the Senate Commission on Art—
 - (A) has recommended the affixation or removal; and
 - (B) in the case of an affixation of permanent artwork or semi-permanent artwork—
 - (i) has recommended an appropriate location for the affixation; and
 - (ii) has determined that—
 - (I) not less than 25 years have passed since the death of any subject in a portrait included in the permanent artwork or semi-permanent artwork; and
 - (II) not less than 25 years have passed since the commemorative event that is to be portrayed in the permanent artwork or semi-permanent artwork; and
- (2) the Senate has passed a Senate resolution approving the recommendation of the Senate Commission on Art.

SEC. 2. Sense of the Senate.