

**§ 6505. Appropriations for contingent expenses of Senate; restrictions**

Appropriations made for contingent expenses of the Senate shall not be used for the payment of personal services except upon the express and specific authorization of the Senate in whose behalf such services are rendered. Nor shall such appropriations be used for any expenses not intimately and directly connected with the routine legislative business of the Senate, and the Government Accountability Office shall apply the provisions of this section in the settlement of the accounts of expenditures from said appropriations incurred for services or materials.

(Feb. 14, 1902, ch. 17, § 1, 32 Stat. 26; June 10, 1921, ch. 18, title III, § 304, 42 Stat. 24; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, § 204(45), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1737; Pub. L. 108-271, § 8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section was formerly classified to section 68-2 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section, and to section 671 of former Title 31, prior to the enactment of Title 31, Money and Finance, by Pub. L. 97-258, § 1, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 877.

Section is based on provisions of proviso on 32 Stat. 26, act of Feb. 14, 1902, ch. 17, the Urgent Deficiency Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1902, as those provisions relate to appropriations for contingent expenses of Senate. Provisions of that proviso relating to appropriations for expenses of House of Representatives are classified to section 5506 of this title.

**AMENDMENTS**

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 amended provisions relating to appropriations for expenses of House. See Codification note above.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS**

“Government Accountability Office” substituted in text for “General Accounting Office” pursuant to section 8 of Pub. L. 108-271, set out as a note under section 702 of Title 31, Money and Finance, which redesignated the General Accounting Office and any references thereto as the Government Accountability Office. Previously, “General Accounting Office” substituted in text for “accounting officers of the Treasury” pursuant to act June 10, 1921, which transferred powers and duties of Comptroller, six auditors, and certain other employees of the Treasury to General Accounting Office. See section 701 et seq. of Title 31.

**§ 6506. Separate accounts for “Secretary of the Senate” and for “Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate”; establishment within Senate contingent fund; inclusion of funds in existing accounts**

(a) Effective October 1, 1983—

(1) there shall be, within the contingent fund of the Senate, a separate account for the “Secretary of the Senate”, and a separate account for the “Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate”;

(2) the account for “Automobiles and Maintenance”, within the contingent fund of the Senate, is abolished, and funds for the purchase, lease, exchange, maintenance, and operation of vehicles for the Senate shall be included in the separate account, established by

paragraph (1), for the “Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate”; and

(3) the account for “Postage Stamps”, within the contingent fund of the Senate, is abolished; and funds for special delivery postage of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate shall be included in the separate account, established by paragraph (1), for the “Secretary of the Senate”; funds for special delivery postage of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate shall be included in the separate account, established by paragraph (1), for the “Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate”; and postage stamps for the Secretaries for the Majority and the Minority and other offices and officers of the Senate, as authorized by law, shall be included in the account for “Miscellaneous Items”, within the contingent fund of the Senate.

(b) Any provision of law which was enacted, or any Senate resolution which was agreed to, prior to October 1, 1983, and which authorizes moneys in the contingent fund of the Senate to be expended by or for the use of the Secretary of the Senate, or his office (whether generally or from a specified account within such fund) may on and after October 1, 1983, be construed to authorize such moneys to be expended from the separate account, within such fund, established by subsection (a)(1) for the “Secretary of the Senate”; and any provision of law which was enacted prior to October 1, 1983, and which authorizes moneys in the contingent fund of the Senate to be expended by or for the use of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, or his office (whether generally or from a specified account within such fund) may on and after October 1, 1983, be construed to authorize such moneys to be expended from the separate account, within such fund, established by subsection (a)(1) for the “Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate”.

(Pub. L. 98-51, title I, § 103, July 14, 1983, 97 Stat. 266.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section was formerly classified to section 68-3 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriation Act, 1984, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriation, 1984.

**§ 6507. Insurance of office funds of Secretary of Senate and Sergeant at Arms; payment of premiums**

The Secretary of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms on and after June 27, 1956, are authorized and directed to protect the funds of their respective offices by purchasing insurance in an amount necessary to protect said funds against loss. Premiums on such insurance shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate, upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

(June 27, 1956, ch. 453, 70 Stat. 360.)

**Editorial Notes****CODIFICATION**

Section was formerly classified to section 65a of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1957, act June 27, 1956.

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Aug. 5, 1955, ch. 568, 69 Stat. 504.  
 July 2, 1954, ch. 455, title I, 68 Stat. 400.  
 Aug. 1, 1953, ch. 304, title I, 67 Stat. 321.  
 July 9, 1952, ch. 598, 66 Stat. 467.  
 Oct. 11, 1951, ch. 485, 65 Stat. 392.  
 Sept. 6, 1950, ch. 896, Ch. II, 64 Stat. 597.  
 June 22, 1949, ch. 235, 63 Stat. 219.  
 June 14, 1948, ch. 467, 62 Stat. 425.

**§ 6508. Transfers from appropriations account for expenses of Office of Secretary of Senate and Office of Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of Senate**

(a) The Secretary of the Senate is authorized, with the approval of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, to transfer, during any fiscal year (1) from the appropriations account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, for expenses of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, such sums as he shall specify to the Senate appropriations account, appropriated under the headings “Salaries, Officers and Employees” and “Office of the Secretary”, and (2) from the Senate appropriations account, appropriated under the headings “Salaries, Officers and Employees” and “Office of the Secretary” to the appropriations account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, for expenses of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, such sums as he shall specify; and any funds so transferred shall be available in like manner and for the same purposes as are other funds in the account to which the funds are transferred.

(b) The Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate is authorized, with the approval of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, to transfer, during any fiscal year, from the appropriations account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, for expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, such sums as he shall specify to the appropriations account, appropriated under the headings “Salaries, Officers and Employees” and “Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper”; and any funds so transferred shall be available in like manner and for the same purposes as are other funds in the account to which the funds are transferred.

(Pub. L. 100-458, title I, § 3, Oct. 1, 1988, 102 Stat. 2161; Pub. L. 101-302, title III, § 317, May 25, 1990, 104 Stat. 247.)

**Editorial Notes****CODIFICATION**

Section was formerly classified to section 68-6 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1989, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1989.

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation act:

Pub. L. 100-202, § 101(i) [title I, § 8], Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329-290, 1329-295.

**AMENDMENTS**

1990—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101-302 designated existing provisions as cl. (1) and added cl. (2).

**§ 6509. Vouchering Senate office charges**

**(a) Senate support office charges**

Charges for expenses of any office, the funds of which are disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate, may be vouchered by a Senate support office paying such expenses or to which such charges are owed for goods or services provided, if—

(1) such charges are paid on behalf of the office incurring such expenses by such Senate support office; or

(2) such charges are payable to such Senate support office for goods or services provided by such office to the office incurring such expenses.

**(b) Payment charged to official funds**

Payments under this section shall be charged to the official funds of the office on whose behalf the expenses were paid, or which received the goods or services for which payment is required.

**(c) Certification**

Any voucher submitted by a Senate support office pursuant to this section shall be accompanied by a certification from such office of the amount and that such purchases were of the nature that they could be charged to the official funds of the office on whose behalf charges were paid, or to which goods or services were provided.

**(d) Regulations**

Vouchers under this section shall be submitted and paid subject to such regulations as may be promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

(Pub. L. 103-69, title I, § 1, Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 695.)

**Editorial Notes****CODIFICATION**

Section was formerly classified to section 68-8 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1994, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1994.

**§ 6510. Materials, supplies, and fuel payments from Senate contingent fund**

Payments from the contingent fund of the Senate for materials and supplies (including fuel) purchased on and after July 8, 1935, through the Administrator of General Services shall be made by check upon vouchers approved by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

(July 8, 1935, ch. 374, 49 Stat. 463; Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title I, § 102, 60 Stat. 814; June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, § 102(a), 63 Stat. 380.)