

**for compensation to be payable from the contingent fund of the House to employees of the Democratic Steering Committee.**

On Aug. 24, 1965,<sup>(9)</sup> the following resolution was adopted by the House:

H. RES. 543

*Resolved*, That, effective September 1, 1965, there shall be payable from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, until otherwise provided by law, compensation at a basic rate per annum not exceeding the maximum rate authorized by the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, to one employee of each of the following:

- (1) the House Democratic Steering Committee; and
- (2) the House Republican Conference.

Later in the first session of the 89th Congress,<sup>(10)</sup> compensation for an additional employee of the Steering Committee was authorized by the following resolution:

H. RES. 625

*Resolved*, That, effective November 1, 1965, there shall be payable from

9. 111 CONG. REC. 21545, 89th Cong. 1st Sess. A resolution authorizing an increase in the compensation of the positions referred to in H. Res. 543, 89th Cong. 1st Sess. (1965), was rejected in the 91st Congress. See 116 CONG. REC. 27449, 27451, 91st Cong. 2d Sess., Aug. 5, 1970.
10. 111 CONG. REC. 28563, Oct. 22, 1965.

the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, until otherwise provided by law, compensation at a basic rate not exceeding \$4,180 per annum to one additional employee of each of the following:

- (1) the House Democratic Steering Committee; and
- (2) the House Republican Conference.

***Expense Allowance***

**§ 13.2 The House adopted a resolution providing for payment for certain expenses of the Democratic Steering Committee from the contingent fund of the House.**

In the second session of the 89th Congress,<sup>(11)</sup> the following resolution was agreed to by the House:

H. RES. 661

*Resolved*, That, effective January 3, 1966, there shall be payable from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, until otherwise provided by law, not to exceed \$5,000 annually for necessary expenses, other than salaries, to each of the following:

- (1) the House Democratic Steering Committee; and
- (2) the House Republican Conference.

**§ 14. Patronage Committee**

Formerly, the patronage of the House was distributed through a

11. 112 CONG. REC. 170, Jan. 13, 1966.

patronage committee nominated by the Committee on Committees and elected by the majority caucus. Thus, in 1911, a caucus resolution<sup>(12)</sup> provided for a committee that would distribute the appointive positions in the House organization among the members of “the various state delegations.” And in 1918, the Republicans being in the majority, Republican members received from the temporary Chairman of their Committee on Committees instructions relating to the distribution of patronage.<sup>(13)</sup>

At the present time, the distribution of jobs through patronage is a very informal process. Many jobs on Capitol Hill, including a number in the offices of the Doorkeeper and the Sergeant at Arms of the House, are awarded through patronage, but no clear criteria exist by which the control of patronage is distributed to Members of the House. State delegations may be assigned quotas of jobs to be awarded under the patronage system.<sup>(14)</sup>

12. See 8 Cannon's Precedents § 3627.

13. See 8 Cannon's Precedents § 3628.

14. See *Congressional Quarterly's Guide to the Congress of the United States*, Congressional Quarterly Service (Washington, D.C., 1971), p. 428. For more detailed discussion of the Patronage Committee, see Ch. 7, *infra*.

## § 15. Official Objectors' Committees

On the Consent and Private Calendars are placed bills of a noncontroversial nature, susceptible of passage by the House without extensive debate.<sup>(15)</sup> Objection may be made, however, to consideration of any bill that has been called on either calendar, in which case disposition of the bill proceeds according to the rules of the House. For the purpose of determining whether objection should be made to any bills that have been called up on either calendar, official objectors appointed to act for each party analyze carefully the bills to be considered.<sup>(16)</sup> Official Objectors' Committees are appointed by each party's floor leader.<sup>(17)</sup>

Proceedings relating to bills on the Private Calendar are set forth in a House rule providing, in part, that,<sup>(18)</sup>

On the first Tuesday of each month . . . the Speaker shall direct the Clerk to call the bills and resolutions on the Private Calendar. Should objection be

15. For general discussion of the Private and Consent Calendars, see Ch. 22, *infra*.

16. See §§ 15.2, 15.4, *infra*.

17. See §§ 15.1, 15.3, *infra*.

18. Rule XXIV clause 6, *House Rules and Manual* § 893 (1973).