

§ 25. Allowances—Clerk-Hire Allowance

By statute,⁽²⁰⁾ a specified allowance is given for office personnel in the offices of the majority and minority whips, in addition to the clerk-hire allowances given to Members generally. Similarly, a statute⁽¹⁾ contains specific provisions relating to allowances for airmail and special delivery stamps in the offices of the majority and minority whips.

Allowances

§ 25.1 On occasion, the clerk-hire allowance of the whips has been increased, or new positions created in the offices of the whips, and payments authorized from the contingent fund of the House.

In the 83d Congress, a resolution was offered relating to the employment of administrative assistants in the offices of the majority and minority whips; the proceedings were as follows:⁽²⁾

MR. [CHARLES A.] HALLECK [of Indiana]: Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged

20. 2 USC § 333.

1. 1. 2 USC § 42d.

2. 99 CONG. REC. 1219, 83d Cong. 1st Sess., Feb. 18, 1953.

resolution (H. Res. 147) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That in order to enable the majority whip and the minority whip each to employ an administrative assistant at a rate of basic compensation not to exceed \$8,000 per annum, there shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House, until otherwise provided by law, compensation for the employment of such administrative assistants.

The resolution was agreed to.

Similarly, on Mar. 9, 1965,⁽³⁾ the following resolution relating in part to the compensation of administrative assistants to the party whips, was adopted:

H. RES. 258

Resolved, That, effective March 1, 1965, there shall be payable from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, until otherwise provided by law, an amount which will permit the payment of basic compensation per annum, at a rate not in excess of the highest amount which, together with additional compensation authorized by law, will not exceed the maximum rate authorized by the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, to the administrative assistant of each of the following: . . .

(4) the majority whip of the House;

(5) the minority whip of the House

. . .

As a further illustration, a resolution adopted on Jan. 26, 1966,⁽⁴⁾

3. 111 CONG. REC. 4405, 89th Cong. 1st Sess.

4. 112 CONG. REC. 1125, 89th Cong. 2d Sess.

authorized additional clerical help in the offices of, among others, the majority and minority whips, as follows.

H. RES. 690

Resolved, That effective February 1, 1966, there shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, until otherwise provided

by law, such sums as may be necessary for: . . .

(b) An additional position in the Office of the Majority Whip, the basic compensation of which shall be at a rate not to exceed \$2,500 per annum.

(c) An additional position in the Office of the Minority Whip, the basic compensation of which shall be at a rate not to exceed \$2,500 per annum.