

question of personal privilege had been stated when a Member presented a newspaper article quoting a book containing an accusation that a Member permitted the use of his frank by one of questionable character.⁽¹²⁾

§ 8. Office and Personnel Allowances; Supplies

Congress has established a variety of allowances and allotments which enable Members to equip, staff, and operate offices, both in the Capitol and in the home district.⁽¹³⁾ Some allotments are furnished in kind with no dollar limit, such as office space in federal buildings.⁽¹⁴⁾ Other allotments are limited to a certain dollar value, such as postage stamps⁽¹⁵⁾ and electrical office

12. 39 USC §3215, enacted into law by Pub. L. No. 91-375, 84 Stat. 754, Aug. 12, 1970, prohibits a Member from lending or permitting another to use his frank.
13. The allowances and allotments discussed in this section apply to the Delegates from the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands and to the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico, unless otherwise indicated.
14. See 40 USC §§ 177-184 (House office buildings) and 2 USC § 122 (home district office buildings).
15. See 2 USC § 42c.

equipment furnished to Members.⁽¹⁶⁾ Other expenses of Members are reimbursed by the House up to a certain limit, such as telephone service⁽¹⁷⁾ and home district office space in nonfederal buildings.⁽¹⁸⁾ Another method of financing prevails over clerk-hire, which is paid directly by the House of Representatives to employees of the Member.⁽¹⁹⁾ If an allowance may be withdrawn in cash as needed, as may the stationery allowance,⁽²⁰⁾ the allowance is taxable income to the Member.⁽¹⁾

All office allowances are drawn from the contingent fund of the House.⁽²⁾ Measures and regulations relating to such expenditures, and to the clerk-hire and office space of Members, are within the jurisdiction of the Committee

16. See 2 USC § 112e. The Committee on House Administration may prescribe the dollar value limit of mechanical office equipment.
17. See 2 USC §§ 46g and 46g-1.
18. See 2 USC § 122 and § 8.6, *infra* (power of Committee on House Administration to adjust the home district office allotment).
19. See 2 USC § 92.
20. See 2 USC § 46b.
 1. The Revenue Act of 1951, 65 Stat. 452, § 619(d), Oct. 20, 1951, which became effective Jan. 3, 1953, rendered cash allowances of Members accountable as taxable income.
 2. See 2 USC § 57(b).

on House Administration.⁽³⁾ Under the former practice, increases in the allowances of Members were brought before the House for its approval by resolution.⁽⁴⁾ In the 92d Congress, however, the Committee on House Administration was authorized by law to independently adjust the allowances of House Members.⁽⁵⁾ Any payment from the contingent fund must have the prior sanction of the committee.⁽⁶⁾

Each Member receives, by statute, an allotment of office space both at the Capitol and in the home district. An office in one of the House buildings is granted to the Member, based on a system of seniority and drawing lots.⁽⁷⁾ In the home district, the Representative is entitled to three locations for office space, to be located in federal buildings if space is available.⁽⁸⁾

3. See §8.1, *infra*.

For regulations promulgated by the Committee on House Administration, see Regulations of Travel and other Expenses of Committees and Members, Committee on House Administration, 92d Cong. (Mar. 1, 1971).

4. See, for example, §8.8, *infra*.

5. See §8.3, *infra*, including note as to later rescission of authority.

6. 2 USC §95.

7. See 40 USC §§177–184. For information on the allotment of space in House office buildings, see Ch. 4, *supra*.

8. See §8.6, *infra*, for adjustments made in the 92d Congress to the al-

The offices of Representatives in the House office buildings are furnished by the House. In addition, each Member is entitled to electric office equipment, to be credited against his allowance for that purpose.⁽⁹⁾ Electric equipment remains the property of the Clerk of the House during the period of its use.⁽¹⁰⁾

The most substantial allowance given to Members is the clerk-hire allowance, through which he staffs all his offices.⁽¹¹⁾ The max-

allowance for home district office space.

The Committee on House Administration has jurisdiction over all matters relating to office space for Members. *House Rules and Manual* §693 (1973).

9. The Committee on House Administration has authority to sanction the purchase of electric and mechanical office equipment for Members, to prescribe the type of equipment, and to issue regulations as to the use, maximum dollar limit, and depreciation of such property. 2 USC §112e.

10. See 2 USC §122e(b).

11. See 2 USC §332. For the disbursement of clerk-hire appropriations, see 2 USC §92.

The clerk-hire allowance for the Delegates from Guam and the Virgin Islands is 60 percent of that of Members (see 48 USC §1715). The Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico and the Delegate from the District of Columbia receive the same clerk-hire as Members.

imum allowance has been adjusted upwards in recent Congresses.⁽¹²⁾

Clerical help may be dismissed by a Member without cause,⁽¹³⁾ and under Rule XLIII clause 8, a Member may not retain anyone from his clerk-hire allowance who does not perform duties commensurate with his compensation. In the event a Member dies, his clerical help may remain on the House payroll until the time a successor is elected.⁽¹⁴⁾

Each Member is allotted a certain number of official publications, such as the *Congressional Record*,⁽¹⁵⁾ the *House Rules and Manual*,⁽¹⁶⁾ and the United States Code.⁽¹⁷⁾

12. See § 8.4, *infra*.

The maximum dollar limit for the clerk-hire allowance, formerly based on a base rate pay system, has since been changed to a gross annual rate pay system (see 2 USC § 331).

13. 2 USC § 92.

14. See 2 USC § 92b. Pending the election of a successor, such clerks perform duties under the supervision of the Clerk of the House.

15. 44 USC § 906.

16. See, for example, H. Res. 1170, 92d Cong. 2d Sess., Oct. 18, 1972 (printing and distribution of revised *House Rules and Manual*).

17. 2 USC § 54.

The Clerk of the House must distribute to Members copies of the Journal, copies of requested docu-

Necessary supplies are furnished a Member's office pursuant to statute. Each Representative receives postage stamps up to a certain dollar limit,⁽¹⁸⁾ and may draw upon a stationery account.⁽¹⁹⁾ For communications purposes, each Member is entitled to a certain number of "units" for long distance telephone calls, telegrams, and cables.⁽²⁰⁾ Units are calculated on the number of minutes, for telephone communications, and on the number of words, for telegram and cable communications.⁽¹⁾

ments printed by order of the House, and lists of reports which federal departments must make to Congress. Rule III clauses 2, 3, *House Rules and Manual* §§ 640, 641 (1973).

18. See 2 USC § 42c.

19. The stationery allowance, codified in 2 USC § 46b, has been adjusted by the Committee on House Administration (see § 8.7, *infra*).

A Member or Delegate elected to serve a portion of a term receives a prorated stationery allowance (see 2 USC § 46b-2).

20. See 2 USC § 46g. A Member or Delegate elected for a portion of a term receives a proportional amount of units.

1. Each Member receives a quarterly allowance in reimbursement for telephone service incurred outside the District of Columbia (see 2 USC § 46g-1). The Delegate from the District of Columbia is not entitled to that allowance.

Various office services are performed by officers and employees of the House. Members may have documents folded or prepared for bulk mailing by the House Folding Room. The Clerk of the House maintains radio and television studios for Members to make transcriptions and films. The Government Printing Office binds documents for House Members. The stationery room prints, without charge, official stationery for Members.

Advisory assistance on office operation is available from the House Office of Placement and Office Management.⁽²⁾

Cross References

Allowances and supplies of officers, officials, and employees, see Ch. 6, *supra*.
Distribution of official publications, see Ch. 5, *supra*.

House facilities in general, see Ch. 4, *supra*.

Jurisdiction of Committee on House Administration

§ 8.1 The Committee on House Administration has jurisdiction over all measures relating to allowances and clerk-hire for Members, office space, and appropriations and payments from the contingent fund of the House.

2. See 2 USC § 416.

The Committee on House Administration, created by the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946,⁽³⁾ has jurisdiction under the House rules,⁽⁴⁾ over employment of persons by the House, including clerks for Members, assignment of office space, and appropriations and payments from the contingent fund for allowances of Members. Any payments from the contingent fund must have the sanction of the Committee on House Administration.⁽⁵⁾ The committee regulates the purchase and use of electric office equipment for Members.⁽⁶⁾

In the 92d Congress, the committee was given plenary powers to periodically review and adjust the allowances of Members, without the requirement that the House consider and pass individual resolutions on the subject of allowances.⁽⁷⁾

§ 8.2 The Committee on House Administration announced a

3. 60 Stat. 812, Jan. 2, 1947.

4. *House Rules and Manual* § 693 (1973).

5. 2 USC § 95.

The committee may report at any time on all matters of expenditure from the contingent fund. See 99 CONG. REC 10360, 83d Cong. 1st Sess., July 29, 1953; 100 CONG. REC. 2282, 83d Cong. 2d Sess., Feb. 25, 1954.

6. 2 USC § 112e.

7. See § 8.3, *infra*.

policy to discourage the temporary employment, by Members and by committees, of personnel for periods of less than a month.

On Oct. 19, 1966,⁽⁸⁾ Wayne L. Hays, of Ohio, the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Accounts of the Committee on House Administration announced as follows:

MR. HAYS: . . . Today the House Committee on Administration passed unanimously a motion ordering and directing the chairman to notify all Members that, as of the 15th of November, any employee put on a Member's payroll, or a committee payroll, shall not be put on for a period of less than 1 month, except that if the person put on does not work out, and they desire to terminate his employment in less than a month, he may not reappear on the Member's payroll for a period of 6 months.

Adjustments of Allowances

§ 8.3 The Committee on House Administration became authorized by law in the 92d Congress to periodically review and adjust the office and supplies allowances of Members.

On July 21, 1971, the House agreed to House Resolution 457,⁽⁹⁾

8. 112 CONG. REC. 27653, 89th Cong. 2d Sess.
9. 117 CONG. REC. 26451, 92d Cong. 1st Sess. But see 2 USC §57a (authority substantially rescinded).

later enacted into permanent law,⁽¹⁰⁾ which empowered the Committee on House Administration to periodically review and adjust the allowances of Members of the House without requiring any action by the House. The resolution covered the following allowances: clerk-hire; postage stamps; stationery; telecommunications; official office space and official expenses in the district; official telephone service in the district; travel and mileage.

During debate on the resolution, it was stated by Mr. Frank Thompson, Jr., of New Jersey, a member of the committee, that any such action taken by the committee would be submitted to the House and printed in the *Congressional Record* on the day following a decision.⁽¹¹⁾

The purpose of the resolution, as stated by Mr. Thompson, was to "eliminate the need for coming to the floor a number of times each session with privileged resolutions on . . . routine allowances."⁽¹²⁾

The resolution, called up as privileged by the Committee on

10. 2 USC §57, enacted by Pub. L. No. 92-184, Ch. 4, 85 Stat. 636, Dec. 15, 1971.
11. 117 CONG. REC. 26446, 92d Cong. 1st Sess.
12. *Id.* at p. 26445

House Administration, read as follows:

Resolved, That (a) until otherwise provided by law, the Committee on House Administration may, as the committee considers appropriate, fix and adjust from time to time, by order of the committee, the amounts of allowances (including the terms, conditions, and other provisions pertaining to those allowances) within the following categories:

(1) for Members of the House of Representatives, the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico, and the Delegate from the District of Columbia—allowances for clerk hire, postage stamps, stationery, telephone and telegraph and other communications, official office space and official office expenses in the congressional district represented (including as applicable, a State, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia), official telephone services in the congressional district represented, and travel and mileage to and from the congressional district represented; and

(2) for the standing committees, the Speaker, the majority and minority leaders, the majority and minority whips, the Clerk, the Sergeant at Arms, the Doorkeeper, and the Postmaster of the House of Representatives—allowances for postage stamps, stationery, and telephone and telegraph and other communications.

(b) The contingent fund of the House of Representatives is made available to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

Clerk-hire Allowance

§ 8.4 The Committee on House Administration adjusted up-

wards the clerk-hire allowance of Members in the 92d and 93d Congresses.

On Feb. 29, 1972,⁽¹³⁾ Frank Thompson, Jr., of New Jersey, the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Accounts, Committee on House Administration, inserted in the Record an order equalizing the number of clerks and clerk-hire allowance for Members:

Order No. 3 equalizes the number of clerks and the amount of clerk hire allowance to all Members of the House of Representatives, the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico, and the Delegate from the District of Columbia. The former method of allocating this allowance—based on the population of a Member's district—has become obsolete under the new redistricting plans being adopted throughout the United States. Under these plans, congressional districts will be of a more uniform size.

Order No. 3 follows:

Resolved, That effective March 1, 1972, until otherwise provided by order of the Committee on House Administration, each Member of the House of Representatives, the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico, and the Delegate from the District of Columbia shall be entitled to an annual clerk hire allowance of \$157,092 for not to exceed 16 clerks. There shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives such sums as may be necessary to carry out this order until otherwise provided by law.

13. 118 CONG. REC. 6122, 92d Cong. 2d Sess.

The Committee on House Administration had ordered the adjustment pursuant to the authority granted to the committee by the House.⁽¹⁴⁾

On Apr. 18, 1973, Mr. Thompson inserted in the Record two orders further affecting the clerk-hire allowance of Members:⁽¹⁵⁾

COMMITTEE ORDER NO. 5

Resolved, That effective May 1, 1973, until otherwise provided by order of the Committee on House Administration, upon written request to the Committee on House Administration, a Member, the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico, or a Delegate to the House of Representatives may employ in lieu of 1 of the 16 clerks allowed under his clerk hire allowance, a research assistant at such salary as the Member may designate. The Member's annual clerk hire allowance will then be increased at the rate of \$20,000.

There shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives such sums as may be necessary to carry out this order until otherwise provided by law.

COMMITTEE ORDER NO. 6

Resolved, That effective May 1, 1973, until otherwise provided by order of

14. See § 8.3, *supra*.

The former base rate pay system on which clerk-hire was calculated was converted to a gross per annum salary system by the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, Pub. L. No. 91-510, 84 Stat. 1140, Oct. 26, 1970, codified in 2 USC 331.

15. 119 CONG. REC. 13074, 93d Cong. 1st Sess.

the Committee on House Administration, upon written request to the Committee on House Administration, a Member, the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico or a Delegate to the House of Representatives may allocate up to \$250 a month of any unused portion of his clerk hire allowance for the leasing of equipment necessary for the conduct of his office.

There shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives such sums as may be necessary to carry out this order until otherwise provided by law.⁽¹⁶⁾

§ 8.5 A resolution providing a minimum gross annual salary for all employees paid from clerk-hire allowances was not called up as privileged, since it did not involve the contingent fund but a separate clerk-hire appropriation.

On Feb. 3, 1971, Wayne L. Hays, of Ohio, Chairman of the Committee on House Administration, called up by unanimous consent a resolution providing for a minimum gross annual salary for all clerk-hire employees.⁽¹⁷⁾ The resolution was considered by

16. Pursuant to H. Res. 420, 93d Cong. 1st Sess., Sept. 18, 1973, each Member may also employ a "Lyndon Baines Johnson Congressional Intern," for a maximum of two months, at not to exceed \$500 per month.

17. 117 CONG. REC. 1517, 1518, 92d Cong. 1st Sess.

unanimous consent, since such a resolution, calling for expenditure not from the contingent fund but from the separate clerk-hire appropriation, is not privileged under Rule XI clause 22:

H. RES. 189

Resolved, That, until otherwise provided by law and notwithstanding any other authority to the contrary, effective at the beginning of the first pay period commencing on or after the date of adoption of this resolution no person shall be paid from the clerk hire allowance of any Member of the House of Representatives, the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico, or the Delegate from the District of Columbia at a per annum gross rate of less than \$1,200.

Home Office Allowance

§ 8.6 The Committee on House Administration modified the home district office space allowance of Members in the 92d Congress.

On Aug. 4, 1971,⁽¹⁸⁾ the Chairman of the Committee on House Administration inserted in the Record an order by that committee adjusting the allowance of Members for home district office space:

(Mr. Hays asked and was given permission to extend his remarks at this

¹⁸. 117 CONG. REC. 29526, 92d Cong. 1st Sess.

point in the Record and to include extraneous matter.)

MR. [WAYNE L.] HAYS [of Ohio]: Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 457, adopted by the House of Representatives on July 21, 1971, provided the Committee on House Administration the authority to fix and adjust from time to time various allowances by order of the committee. During House debate on House Resolution 457, the Members were assured that any order adopted by the committee under the authority of the resolution would be published in the Congressional Record in the first issue following the committee action. Pursuant to that commitment, the following order of the Committee on House Administration is submitted for printing in the Congressional Record. After careful consideration, the order was approved unanimously by the Subcommittee on Accounts on July 29, 1971, and adopted unanimously by the Committee on House Administration August 4, 1971.

TO ADJUST THE ALLOWANCE FOR RENTAL OF DISTRICT OFFICES

Resolved, That effective August 1, 1971, until otherwise provided by order of the Committee on House Administration, each Member of the House of Representatives shall be entitled to office space suitable for his use in the district he represents at not more than three places designated by him in such district. The Sergeant at Arms shall secure office space satisfactory to the Member in post offices or Federal buildings at not more than two locations if such space is available. Office space to which a Member is entitled under this resolution which is not secured by the Sergeant at Arms may be secured by the Member, and the Clerk shall approve for payment from the

contingent fund of the House of Representatives vouchers covering bona fide statements of amounts due for such office space not exceeding a total allowance to each Member of \$200 per month; but if a Member certifies to the Committee on House Administration that he is unable to obtain suitable space in his district for \$200 per month due to high rental rates or other factors, the Committee on House Administration may, as the Committee considers appropriate, direct the Clerk to approve for payment from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives vouchers covering bona fide statements of amounts due for suitable office space not exceeding a total allowance to each Member of \$350 per month. No Member shall be entitled to have more than two district offices outfitted with office equipment, carpeting and draperies at the expense of the General Services Administration.

As used in this resolution the term "Member" means any Member of the House of Representatives, the Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico and the Delegate of the District of Columbia.⁽¹⁹⁾

Another adjustment affecting the allowance was announced on Feb. 29, 1972:⁽²⁰⁾

MR. [FRANK] THOMPSON [Jr.] of New Jersey: Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 457, adopted by the House of Representatives on July 21, 1971, provided the Committee on House Administra-

19. For the authority of the Committee on House Administration to adjust such allowances, see §8.3, supra. For previous office space allowed under the United States Code, see 2 USC §122.
20. 118 CONG. REC. 6122, 92d Cong. 2d Sess.

tion the authority to fix and adjust from time to time various allowances by order of the committee. Pursuant to this authority, the committee has revised Order No. 1 and issued Order No. 3.

Order No. 1, revised, increases the number of allowable district offices in Federal office buildings from two to three. Some Members, because of the physical size of their districts require additional offices to adequately serve their constituents. This order gives those Members the authority to establish an additional office in a Federal building if such space is available.

Order No. 1, revised, follows:

Resolved, That effective January 25, 1972, each Member of the House of Representatives shall be entitled to office space suitable for his use in the district he represents at such places designated by him in such district. The Sergeant at Arms shall secure office space satisfactory to the Member in post offices or Federal buildings at not more than three (3) locations if such space is available. Office space to which a Member is entitled under this resolution which is not secured by the Sergeant at Arms may be secured by the Member, and the Clerk shall approve for payment from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives vouchers covering bona fide statements of amounts due for office space not exceeding a total allowance to each Member of \$200 per month; but if a Member certifies to the Committee on House Administration that he is unable to obtain suitable space in his district for \$200 per month due to high rental rates or other factors, the Committee on House Administration, may as the committee considers appropriate, direct the Clerk to approve for payment from the contingent fund of the House of Rep-

representatives vouchers covering bona fide statements of amounts due for suitable office space not exceeding a total allowance to each Member of \$350 per month. Members shall be entitled to have no more than three (3) district offices outfitted with office equipment, carpeting, and draperies at the expense of the General Services Administration.

As used in this resolution the term "Member" means any Member of the House of Representatives, the Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico, and the Delegate of the District of Columbia.

Stationery Allowance

§ 8.7 The Committee on House Administration increased the stationery allowance of Members in the 92d Congress.

On Oct. 5, 1972,⁽¹⁾ the Committee on House Administration increased the stationery allowance of Members by Order No. 4, submitted pursuant to the authority granted the committee to adjust allowances:

COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION: ORDER NO. 4—TO ADJUST THE ALLOWANCE FOR STATIONERY FOR REPRESENTATIVES, DELEGATES, AND RESIDENT COMMISSIONER

Resolved, That effective January 3, 1973, until otherwise provided by order of the Committee on House Administration; the allowance for stationery for each Member of the House of Representatives, Delegates, and Resident

1. 118 CONG. REC. 34177, 92d Cong. 2d Sess.

Commissioner shall be \$4,250 per regular session.⁽²⁾

Contingent Fund Appropriations as Privileged

§ 8.8 Resolutions which provided payment out of the contingent fund for additional office allowances of Members were called up as privileged.⁽³⁾

On May 26, 1966, a resolution from the Committee on House Administration providing payment from the contingent fund of sums to increase the basic clerk-hire allowance on each Member and the Resident Commissioner was called up as privileged:⁽⁴⁾

MR. [SAMUEL N.] FRIEDEL [of Maryland]: Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on House Administration, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 855) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

2. For the prior allowance, see 2 USC §46b.
3. The power granted to the Committee on House Administration in the 92d Congress to independently adjust allowances had made unnecessary the practice of offering privileged resolutions for payment from the contingent fund of allowances (see §8.3, supra).
4. 112 CONG. REC. 11654, 89th Cong. 2d Sess.

H. RES. 855

Resolved, That, effective on the first day of the first month which begins after the date of adoption of this resolution, there shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House, until otherwise provided by law, such sums as may be necessary to increase the basic clerk hire allowance of each Member and the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico by an additional \$7,500 per annum, and each such Member and Resident Commissioner shall be entitled to one clerk in addition to those to which he is otherwise entitled.

With the following committee amendment:

Line 7, strike out "\$7,500" and insert "\$7,000".

On Sept. 27, 1951,⁽⁵⁾ the House considered a resolution called up by the Committee on House Administration:

MR. [THOMAS B.] STANLEY [of Virginia]: Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on House Administration I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 318) with amendments, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That upon the request of any Member, officer, or committee of the House of Representatives and with the approval of the Committee on House Administration, the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to purchase electric office equipment for the use of such Member, officer, or committee. The cost of such equipment shall be paid from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives.

5. 97 CONG. REC. 12289, 82d Cong. 1st Sess.

Sec. 2. The Committee on House Administration shall prescribe such standards and regulations (including regulations establishing the types and maximum amount of electric office equipment which may be furnished to any Member, officer, or committee) as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

Sec. 3. Electric office equipment furnished under this resolution shall be registered in the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, and shall remain the property of the House of Representatives.

Sec. 4. For the purposes of this resolution, the term "Member" includes the Representatives in Congress, the Delegates from the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, and the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico. . . .

MR. [KARL M.] LECOMPTE [of Iowa]: Mr. Speaker, a parliamentary inquiry.

THE SPEAKER:⁽⁶⁾ The gentleman will state it.

MR. LECOMPTE: Is this a privileged resolution?

THE SPEAKER: The Chair would hold that this is a privileged resolution because the expenditure is out of the contingent fund of the House.⁽⁷⁾

6. Sam Rayburn (Tex.).

7. See also 116 CONG. REC. 39448, 39449, 91st Cong. 2d Sess., Dec. 2, 1970 (resolution for additional stationery allowance from contingent fund and resolution for increased telephone and telegraph allowance from contingent fund); 111 CONG. REC. 13799, 89th Cong. 1st Sess., June 16, 1965 (resolution authorizing employment by Members of student congressional interns, to be paid from contingent fund).

Legislation Amending Allowances

§ 8.9 A joint resolution to amend existing law by providing an increase in the number of electric typewriters furnished to each Member, to be paid for from the contingent fund, is not called up as privileged.⁽⁸⁾

On Sept. 15, 1965,⁽⁹⁾ a joint resolution reported from the Committee on House Administration, increasing the number of electric typewriters to be furnished to Members by the Clerk of the House, and amending a prior joint resolution on the same subject, was not called up as privileged, since it amended existing law.

8. In the 92d Congress, the Committee on House Administration was given independent power to adjust allowances, thereby obviating the necessity of offering resolutions to increase allowances (see § 8.3, *supra*).

9. 111 CONG. REC. 23985, 89th Cong. 1st Sess.

§ 8.10 Amendments to increase the clerk-hire allowance and to permit Members to adjust clerk-hire are legislation and not in order on pending appropriations bills.

On Dec. 6, 1944,⁽¹⁰⁾ Chairman Herbert C. Bonner, of North Carolina, ruled that an amendment fixing new rates of clerk-hire for Members and new rates of salaries for committee employees, and allowing Members to readjust those salaries, was legislation and was not in order on a pending appropriation bill.

On July 1, 1955,⁽¹¹⁾ Chairman William M. Colmer, of Mississippi, held an amendment increasing the basic rate of allowance for clerk-hire to be legislation and not in order on an appropriations bill.

10. 90 CONG. REC. 8937-39, 78th Cong. 2d Sess.

11. 101 CONG. REC. 9815, 9816, 84th Cong. 1st Sess.