



GENERAL COUNSEL

GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
1600 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301-1600

APR 10 2000

The Honorable Al Gore
President of the Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

The Department of Defense proposes the enclosed legislation to authorize the reimbursement for the parking expenses of recruiters and other designated military personnel who have specific duties that require them to use their privately-owned vehicles in civilian communities. This proposal is part of the departmental legislative program for the Second Session of the 106th Congress and we urge its enactment.

This proposal would add section 1052a to title 10, United States Code, to authorize reimbursement of parking expenses incurred by military recruiters, Senior ROTC cadre members, and Military Entrance Processing Command (MEPCOM) members in the performance of their assigned duties. Parking expenses for privately-owned vehicles at some MEPCOM locations, recruiting locations, and ROTC detachments are prohibitive. There is no current authority for us to make such reimbursement. This legislation provides that authority and addresses a significant quality of life issue for military recruiters, MEPCOM members, and ROTC cadre members. The costs for this proposal are minimal and would be paid from current operational funding for such activities.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection, from the standpoint of the Administration's program, to the presentation of this initiative for your consideration and the consideration of the Congress.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Dworkin
Acting General Counsel

Enclosure
As Stated





GENERAL COUNSEL

GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
1600 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301-1600

SEP 13 2000

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Department of Defense proposes the enclosed legislation to authorize the reimbursement for the parking expenses of recruiters and other designated military personnel who have specific duties that require them to use their privately-owned vehicles in civilian communities. This proposal is part of the departmental legislative program for the Second Session of the 106th Congress and we urge its enactment.

This proposal would add section 1052a to title 10, United States Code, to authorize reimbursement of parking expenses incurred by military recruiters, Senior ROTC cadre members, and Military Entrance Processing Command (MEPCOM) members in the performance of their assigned duties. Parking expenses for privately-owned vehicles at some MEPCOM locations, recruiting locations, and ROTC detachments are prohibitive. There is no current authority for us to make such reimbursement. This legislation provides that authority and addresses a significant quality of life issue for military recruiters, MEPCOM members, and ROTC cadre members. The costs for this proposal are minimal and would be paid from current operational funding for such activities.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection, from the standpoint of the Administration's program, to the presentation of this initiative for your consideration and the consideration of the Congress.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Dworkin
Acting General Counsel

Enclosure
As Stated



**SEC. ____ . AUTHORITY TO REIMBURSE MILITARY RECRUITERS, SENIOR
ROTC CADRE, AND MILITARY ENTRANCE PROCESSING
PERSONNEL FOR CERTAIN PARKING EXPENSES.**

1 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 53 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting
2 after section 1052 the following new section:

3 **“§1052a. Reimbursement for parking expenses**

4 “(a) PAYMENT FOR PARKING.—The Secretary of Defense may carry out a program to
5 reimburse Department of Defense employees and members of the armed forces under the
6 Secretary's jurisdiction, who are assigned or detailed as stated in subsection (b) for expenses
7 incurred in parking a privately-owned vehicle at a place of duty.

8 “(b) ELIGIBLE JOBS.—For a person to be eligible for the reimbursement of expenses
9 authorized under subsection (a), the person must be—

10 “(1) assigned to duty as a recruiter for the armed forces;

11 “(2) detailed as a member of a Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps detachment;

12 or

13 “(3) assigned to duty with a military entrance processing facility.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.— The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter 53 of
15 title 10 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1052 the following new item:

16 “1052a. Reimbursement for parking expenses.”.

Sectional Analysis

This proposal would modify title 10, United States Code, by adding section 1052a to authorize reimbursement of parking expenses incurred by military recruiters, Senior ROTC cadre members, and Military Entrance Processing Command (MEPCOM) members in the performance of their assigned duties. Parking expenses for privately owned vehicles at some MEPCOM locations, recruiting locations, and ROTC detachments are prohibitive. Moreover, DoD legal

opinions and Comptroller General opinions uniformly conclude that DoD civilians and military members cannot be reimbursed for parking expenses absent specific statutory authority. This legislation provides that authority and addresses a significant quality of life issue for military recruiters, MEPCOM members, and ROTC cadre members.