

(2) When a meeting, discussion, etc., to which paragraph (a)(1) of this section refers takes place at a substantial distance from the employee's home, he or she may accept reimbursement for the actual cost of transportation and necessary subsistence, or expenses, but in no case shall he or she receive any amount for personal benefit. Such reimbursements shall be reported by the employee to his or her immediate supervisors.

(3) An employee may accept fees for speeches, etc. dealing with subjects other than Peace Corps or Peace Corps programs when no official funds have been used in connection with his or her appearance and such activities do not interfere with the efficient performance of his or her duties.

(4) In order to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest, whether or not a fee is offered should not be determinative of whether an employee makes a speech or participates in a discussion if the subject is Peace Corps or its programs, or if such services are part of the employee's official duties.

(b) *Racial segregation.* No employee may participate for Peace Corps in conferences or speak for Peace Corps before audiences where any racial group has been segregated or excluded from the meeting, from any of the facilities or conferences, or from membership in the organization sponsoring the conference or meeting.

(1) When a request for Peace Corps speakers or participation is received under circumstances where segregation may be practiced, the Director of Public Affairs shall make specific inquiry as to the practices of the organization before the request is filled.

(2) If the inviting organization shows a willingness to modify its practices, Peace Corps will cooperate in such efforts.

(3) Exceptions to this paragraph may be made only by the Director, Peace Corps and in his or her discretion.

§ 307.735-311 Partisan political activity.

(a) *Prohibited activities.* No employee may:

(1) Use his or her official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering

with an election or affecting the result thereof; or

(2) Take any active part in partisan political management or in political campaigns, except as may be provided by or pursuant to statute, 5 U.S.C. 7324.

(b) *Intermittent employees.* Persons employed on an irregular or occasional basis are subject to paragraph (a) of this section only while in active duty status and for the 24 hours of any day of actual employment.

(c) *Excepted activities.* Paragraph (a) of this section does not apply to:

(1) Nonpartisan campaigns and elections in which none of the candidates is to be nominated by or elected as representing a national or State political party, such as most school board elections; or

(2) Political activities connected with questions of public interest which are not specifically identified with national or State political parties, such as constitutional amendments, referenda, and the like (5 U.S.C. 7326).

(d) *Excepted communities.* Paragraph (a) of this section does not apply to employees who are residents of certain communities. These communities, which have been designated by the Office of Personnel Policy and Operations (5 CFR 733.301), consist of a number of communities in suburban Washington, DC, and a few communities elsewhere in which a majority of the voters are Government employees. Employees who are residents of the designated communities may be candidates for, or campaign for others who are candidates for, local office if they or the candidates for whom they are campaigning are running as independent candidates. An employee may hold local office only in accordance with §§ 307.735-301 through 307.735-306 relating to outside employment and associations.

(e) Special Government employees are subject to the statute for the 24 hours of each day or which they do any work for the Government.

(f) While regular employees may explain and support governmental programs that have been enacted into law, in exercising their official responsibilities they should not publicly support or oppose pending legislation, except in testimony required by the Congress.