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R E P O R T

together with

ADDITIONAL VIEWS

[To accompany H.R. 2771]

The Committee on Appropriations submits the following report in explanation of the accompanying bill making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

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SUMMARY OF BILL

The bill, as recommended by the Committee, provides appropriations for fiscal year 2008 legislative branch operations, which total $3,103,709,000.

Conforming with long practice under which each body of Congress determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, funds for the Senate are not included in the bill as reported to the House. Current appropriations estimates for the Senate for fiscal year 2008, as amended, including those under the Architect of the Capitol, total $980,583,000.

A comparative summary of the bill by title and agency follows:

SUMMARY OF THE BILL

[Note.—Excludes Senate items including those Senate items under Architect of the Capitol]

Agency	New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2007	Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2008	New budget (obligational) authority recommended in bill	Bill compared with—	
				New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2007	Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2008
TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH-APPROPRIATIONS					
House of Representatives	[1] $1,144,486,000	$1,235,042,000	$1,198,560,000	+$54,074,000	−$36,482,000
Joint items	24,155,000	27,540,000	21,112,000	−3,043,000	−6,428,000
Capitol Police	[1] 265,635,000	299,070,000	286,000,000	+20,365,000	−13,070,000
Office of Compliance	3,103,000	4,106,000	3,806,000	+703,000	−300,000
Congressional Budget Office	35,204,000	37,972,000	37,805,000	+2,601,000	−167,000
Architect of the Capitol (except Senate office buildings)	[1] 382,715,000	394,461,000	348,380,000	−34,335,000	−46,081,000
Library of Congress	508,760,000	661,616,000	572,512,000	+63,752,000	−89,104,000
Government Printing Office	122,050,000	181,979,000	125,776,000	+3,726,000	−56,203,000
Government Accountability Office	[1] 481,070,000	522,804,000	503,328,000	+22,258,000	−19,476,000
Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund	13,860,000	14,400,000	6,000,000	−7,860,000	−8,400,000
John C. Stennis Center	430,000	430,000	430,000		
Grand total, new budget, (obligational) authority (for items considered by House)	[1] $2,981,468,000	$3,379,420,000	$3,103,709,000	+$122,241,000	−$275,711,000

[1] Includes amounts provided in P.L. 110–28.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BILL

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Budget estimates.—The budget estimates considered by the Committee total $3,379,420,000, as amended. By law, budget requests for the legislative branch are transmitted to the Congress by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the President without change in the amounts submitted by the originating agency.

Committee recommendations.—A total of $3,103,709,000 in new budget (obligational) authority is recommended for fiscal year 2008. The bill does not include Senate items.

Comparison with fiscal year 2007 appropriations.—Compared with the appropriations enacted for fiscal year 2007, the recommendation of $3,103,709,000 in net new budget (obligational) authority for fiscal year 2008 is an increase of $122,241,000 above fiscal year 2007, including the fiscal year 2007 supplemental, and $275,711,000 below the amended budget request.

STRUCTURE OF THE BILL

The bill is divided into two titles:

Title I—Contains the appropriations for the House of Representatives, Joint Items, the Capitol Police, the Office of Compliance, the Congressional Budget Office, the Architect of the Capitol (except Senate office buildings), the Library of Congress, the Government Printing Office, the Government Accountability Office, the Open World Leadership Center, and the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development.

Title II—Contains general provisions.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH-WIDE MATTERS

Long Term Planning.—This year, as part of the regular budget hearing cycle, the Committee held extensive additional hearings focusing on long term planning. These hearings examined such issues as deferred maintenance within the Capitol complex; printing technology for the 21st century; and the digital revolution and what it means to the Library of Congress and libraries throughout the nation and the world. In addition, the Committee held monthly oversight hearings on the construction of the Capitol Visitor Center (CVC) project. In particular, the CVC hearings enabled the Committee to focus on problems, construction timelines, and the progress for bringing the CVC project through to fruition.

The Committee believes that these hearings jump started a process, in which agencies will look beyond one fiscal year to the next as they address their respective agency missions. The Committee realizes that all the agencies of the Legislative Branch have some kind of long term strategic plan. However, in light of the recent hearings, issues and ideas may have surfaced that require reexamination of those plans. The Committee directs all agencies to reexamine their current strategic plans and determine if additions, deletions and/or adjustments are required.

During this reexamination, agencies need to take into consideration the ever increasing strain on the Federal budget and the difficulty of supporting budget increases greater than the rate of inflation. In this regard, future budget requests need to reflect adjust-

ments resulting from the reexamination of strategic plans that will address the highest priority initiatives and, as appropriate for increased cost effectiveness, utilize new technology and management initiatives to enhance accountability, fiscal responsibility and physical security.

The Committee expects all agencies to understand that looking to the future is a top priority to the Committee. Continued budget requests that jump from one place to another, each and every year, and do not reflect a planned, fiscally responsible and systematically defendable approach will be unacceptable.

Personal Services Contracts.—The Committee is increasingly concerned with the personal services contracts awarded annually by the agencies of the Legislative Branch. The Committee directs that within 60 days of enactment of this Act all agencies (exclusive of the House and Senate) will provide to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate a report on all personal services contracts awarded during fiscal year 2006. This report should include the contractor name, contract purpose, contract period, was the contract openly competed, if not why not, and the total cost of the contract. The Committee further directs that beginning with the fiscal year 2009 budget justifications, all the agencies (exclusive of the House and Senate) will include as part of their annual budget justifications a report on all personal service contracts awarded for the previously completed fiscal year reflecting the same information required for contracts awarded during fiscal year 2006.

Women and Minority Owned Businesses.—It has come to the Committee's attention that some agencies of the Legislative Branch have no formal policy for contracting with women and minority owned businesses. The Committee believes that many opportunities exist for these businesses to be awarded contracts to perform services required from all agencies within the Legislative Branch. The Committee directs that all agencies, who have not done so, adopt within 60 days a formal written policy, in accordance with all applicable Federal laws, that provides for the consideration of contracting with this very important group of service providers. All agencies shall provide a copy of the policies to the Committee on Appropriations of the House and Senate within 60 days of enactment of this Act. The Committee further directs that all agencies provide an annual report on their compliance with this policy.

Budget Justifications.—The Committee reminds all agencies of the Legislative Branch that the annual budget justifications are prepared for the benefit of the Committee and the Committee Members. These justifications are not prepared for the benefit of the agency or its staff. It is imperative that justifications are accurate, concise, and understandable and provide information necessary for the appropriate consideration of the budget submission. Agencies are not to make significant changes to their justification books without consultation with the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate.

Legislative Language.—The Committee wants to remind all Legislative Branch agencies that language items to be included in the annual appropriations bill must be transmitted to the Congress as part of the President's annual budget request or a budget amendment. This process allows the Committee appropriate oversight, re-

view and consideration during the annual budget justification hearings and markup of the bill.

Mass Transit Benefits.—The Committee has included funding for the Federal Mass Transit Benefit Program for the agencies of the Legislative Branch. The Committee allowance provides a $110 per month allowance to the employees who participate in the program. The Committee encourages the agencies of the Legislative Branch to support employee participation in this very important program.

TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Committee bill recommends a total of $1,198,560,000 for the operations of the House of Representatives during fiscal year 2008. The allowance is $54,074,000 above the current level, including the fiscal year 2007 supplemental, and is $36,482,000 below the request.

The following tabulation summarizes the recommendations:

Item	*Amount*
Salaries and expenses:	
House leadership offices	$23,648,000
Members' representational allowances	581,000,000
Committee salaries and expenses	162,800,000
Salaries, officers and employees	169,393,000
Allowances and expenses	261,719,000
Total, Salaries and Expenses	$1,198,560,000
Total, House of Representatives	$1,198,560,000

PAYMENT TO WIDOWS AND HEIRS OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

2007 appropriation	[1] $330,000
2008 budget request	– – –
Committee recommendation	– – –

[1] Amount included in P.L. 110–28.

There are no payments recommended in this bill.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

2007 appropriation	[1] $1,144,486,000
2008 budget estimate	1,235,042,000
Committee recommendation	1,198,560,000

[1] Includes $6,767,000 provided in P.L. 110–28.

The appropriation for the operations of the House of Representatives is the salaries and expenses appropriation. The account includes the following House activities: House leadership offices; Members' representational allowances; committee salaries and expenses; salaries, officers and employees; allowances and expenses; and the child care center. The amount provided is $1,198,560,000.

HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES

2007 appropriation	$22,822,000
2008 budget estimate	23,648,000
Committee recommendation	23,648,000

The Committee recommends a total of $23,648,000 for the operations of the leadership offices during fiscal year 2008. This is an increase of $826,000 above the current level and is the same as the budget request.

The allocation by office follows:

House Leadership Offices

Item	*Amount*
Office of the Speaker	$4,761,000
Office of the Majority Floor Leader	2,188,000
Office of the Minority Floor Leader	4,090,000
Office of the Majority Whip	1,894,000
Office of the Minority Whip	1,420,000
Speaker's Office for Legislative Floor Activities	499,000
Republican Steering Committee	943,000
Republican Conference	1,631,000
Republican Policy Committee	325,000
Democratic Steering and Policy Committee	1,295,000
Democratic Caucus	1,604,000
Nine Minority Employees	1,498,000
Training and Program Development:	
Majority	290,000
Minority	290,000
Cloakroom Personnel:	
Majority	460,000
Minority	460,000
Total	$23,648,000

MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES

2007 appropriation	$554,716,000
2008 budget estimate	610,616,000
Committee recommendation	581,000,000

A total of $581,000,000 is recommended for the representational allowances of the Members of the House, the so-called MRA account. The Committee bill provides $391,768,300 for clerk hire salaries, $153,035,400 for official expenses, and $36,196,300 for official mail. It should be noted that these components are fungible under regulations prescribed by the Committee on House Administration. Each Member has an overall consolidated allowance established by the Committee on House Administration from which staff salaries, office expenses, and mail costs are drawn. The level provided in the Committee recommendation reflects a 97 percent funding of the current authorization which is $597,000,000.

COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES

2007 appropriation	$150,272,000
2008 budget estimate	156,775,000
Committee recommendation	162,800,000

Standing Committees, special and select.—For the salaries and expenses of committees funded in the biennial funding resolution, $133,000,000 is provided.

Committee on Appropriations.—For the salaries and expenses of the Committee on Appropriations (including the studies and investigation activities authorized by section 202(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946), $29,800,000 is provided.

The amount above the fiscal year 2008 budget request reflects a base adjustment provided in the fiscal year 2007 Continuing Reso-

lution that was not incorporated into the fiscal year 2008 budget request.

Details of the funding resolution, H. Res. 202 (House Report 110–29) approved by the House for the 110th Congress, follow:

COMMITTEE FUNDING AUTHORIZATIONS, 110TH CONGRESS

Committee	1st session	2nd session	Total
Agriculture	$5,910,765	$6,084,541	$11,995,306
Armed Services	7,203,581	7,415,366	14,618,946
Budget	6,169,343	6,350,721	12,520,064
Education and Labor	7,989,475	8,224,365	16,213,840
Energy and Commerce	10,375,603	10,680,646	21,056,249
Financial Services	7,977,303	8,211,835	16,189,138
Foreign Affairs	8,569,776	8,821,728	17,391,504
Homeland Security	8,105,057	8,343,346	16,448,403
House Administration	5,033,242	5,181,219	10,214,461
Intelligence	5,157,724	5,309,361	10,467,084
Judiciary	8,055,250	8,292,074	16,347,324
Natural Resources	7,533,355	7,754,836	15,288,192
Oversight and Government Reform	10,644,994	10,957,956	21,602,950
Rules	3,376,815	3,476,093	6,852,908
Science and Technology	6,387,984	6,575,791	12,963,775
Small Business	2,939,758	3,026,187	5,965,945
Standards of Official Conduct	2,460,915	2,533,266	4,994,181
Transportation and Infrastructure	9,491,374	9,770,421	19,261,795
Veterans' Affairs	3,486,916	3,589,431	7,076,347
Ways and Means	9,382,384	9,658,226	19,040,609
Total	$136,251,614	$140,257,409	$276,509,021

Since the funding resolution is done on a biennial basis, the resolution for the 110th Congress will expire on December 31, 2008. This funding will support the first session of the 110th Congress and is provided through December 31, 2008.

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

2007 appropriation	$156,147,000
2008 budget estimate	174,382,000
Committee recommendation	169,393,000

The Committee recommendation for the salaries and expenses of House officers and employees of the various activities funded through this consolidated item is $169,393,000. This amount is $4,989,000 below the budget request and is $13,246,000 above the enacted level.

Culinary School Students.—The Committee believes that opportunities exist for culinary school students nationwide to enhance their skills by giving them the opportunity, as part of their regular curriculum, to define the menu and assist with the preparation of the selections offered in the Member's Dining Room. In that regard, the Committee requests that the Chief Administrative Officer contact culinary schools and explore the possibility for culinary school students to enhance their skills and make appropriate arrangements for the students to participate, on a rotational basis among the participants, in an "on the job training" or similar program.

Disability Access.—The Committee is very concerned with disability access throughout the entire Capitol complex. Therefore, the Committee directs the Chief Administrative Officer of the House, with the assistance of the Architect of the Capitol, the Government

Accountability Office and the Office of Compliance where necessary, to do a comprehensive assessment of the Capitol complex regarding disability access, including the House Chamber, both cloak rooms, and all committee rooms. This assessment should take into consideration the Office of Compliance's November 2005 Report on Americans with Disabilities Act Inspections Relating to Public Services and Accommodations conducted in the Legislative Branch during the 108th Congress. The Committee expects that this assessment with recommendations, a corrective action plan, and potential cost will be completed by June 30, 2008.

Alternative Pay Dates.—The Committee has received requests to include legislative language to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to establish alternative days for paying salaries of House employees. This legislation was intended to promote efficiency and conformity with generally accepted standards of accounting and auditing payroll activities.

The Committee is sympathetic to the challenges involved with modernizing the House payroll system. However, the Committee is not prepared to make any changes until the CAO has had an opportunity to address the problems associated with the present payroll system. In addition, the Committee would like to be assured that any future change in the payroll processing system will be undertaken in accordance with a detailed conversion plan.

Therefore, the Committee requests the CAO report by December 31, 2007 on the progress in eliminating problems associated with the present payroll system, and the benefits and costs associated with converting to a system utilizing alternative pay dates. The Committee encourages the CAO to consider the advantages associated with utilizing the expertise of government payroll service providers, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Finance Center.

Improved Access to Roll Call Information.—The Committee believes the public could benefit from more easily accessible roll call information. To that end, the Committee requests that the Chief Administrative Officer work with the Clerk of the House and the Library of Congress to study how, within the public House of Representatives website and the THOMAS website, a joint system might be developed to allow roll call searches by specific word, and report back to the Committee on Appropriations of the House by December 1, 2007.

Availability of Fair Trade Certified Coffee.—Currently, fair trade certified coffee is only available at two House food service locations. The Committee requests that the Chief Administrative Officer of the House work with the House food service contractor to determine what the requirements would be for expanding the availability of fair trade certified coffee and report back to the Committee by October 31, 2007.

Expanded Hours for the House Fitness Center.—The Committee believes that the physical and mental health of House staff is important. Therefore, the Committee urges the Chief Administrative Officer of the House to explore the possibilities of extending the closing time of the House Staff Fitness Center to provide better access to House staff, and report back to the Committee by October 31, 2007.

Remote Access Alternatives.—Since September 11th, considerable efforts have been made to allow Members, committees, and staff to operate from remote locations in the event of an extensive disruption at the Capitol complex. The Committee believes these efforts have been beneficial and is interested in whether any additional remote access alternatives might be useful. Therefore, the Committee requests that the Chief Administrative Officer of the House study the feasibility and cost effectiveness of additional remote access alternatives, and report back to the Committee by January 31, 2008.

House Child Care Center Evacuation Plan.—In the event of an emergency, the evacuation of the House Child Care Center is a priority. Therefore, the Committee urges the Chief Administrative Officer of the House to ensure that at all times a sufficient number of bus drivers are available to evacuate the House Child Care Center.

Emergency Alert System.—The Committee is concerned about the level of information that is currently available to Members, staff, and visitors to the Capitol complex in the event of an emergency. Therefore, the Committee requests that the House Sergeant at Arms study the utility of developing an automated emergency alert system that would provide customized, real-time information during emergencies and building evacuations, and report back to the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives by January 31, 2008.

Green the Capitol.—The Committee believes it is important to offset greenhouse gases generated by the House. In that regard, the Committee requests the Chief Administrative Officer purchase Carbon Financial Instruments to offset carbon produced by all House operations. These offsets should be fully transparent, verified, American, project-based offset credits.

The following table summarizes the funding allocation provided to each component of the account.

Salaries, Officers and Employees

Item	*Amount*
Office of the Clerk	$22,881,000
Office of the Sergeant at Arms	7,024,000
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer	116,891,000
Office of the Inspector General	4,457,000
Office of Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Operations	3,111,000
Office of General Counsel	1,202,000
Office of the Chaplain	166,000
Office of the Parliamentarian	1,828,000
Parliamentarian	(1,455,000)
Compilation of Precedents	(373,000)
Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House	3,046,000
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House	7,406,000
Office of Interparliamentary Affairs	752,000
Other authorized employees	170,000
Office of the Historian	459,000
Total	$169,393,000

ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

2007 appropriation	[1] $260,199,000
2008 budget estimate	269,621,000
Committee recommendation	261,719,000

[1] Includes $6,437,000, provided in P.L. 110–28.

A total of $261,719,000 is recommended for fiscal year 2008 for allowances and expenses. This amount is $7,902,000 below the request and is $1,520,000 above the current level. These funds include supplies, materials, administrative costs, and Federal tort claims; the costs of official mail for the committees, leadership, and administrative offices; employee benefits; miscellaneous items; Capitol Visitor Center; and Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery. Over 90% of these funds provide the employer share of retirement, health care, and unemployment compensation payments for House employees.

The following table sets forth the various expense categories within this appropriation:

Allowances and Expenses

Detail	*Recommended 2008*
Supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims	$3,688,000
Official mail (committees, administrative, and leadership offices)	410,000
Government contributions	237,410,000
Capitol Visitor Center	2,308,000
Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery	17,200,000
Miscellaneous items:	
House automobiles	143,000
Gratuities to beneficiaries of deceased staff	520,000
Interparliamentary receptions	40,000
Subtotal, miscellaneous items	$703,000
Total, allowances and expenses	$261,719,000

CHILD CARE CENTER

The bill provides authority for the House child care center budget, as required by Sec. 312(d)(1) of Public Law 102–90, as presented to the Committee by the Chief Administrative Officer. It should be noted that tuition and other center-generated revenues fund child care center operations.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Section 101 provides for unspent amounts remaining in Members' Representational Allowances account to be used for deficit reduction. Section 102 is a technical correction that allows the CAO to contract with a public entity for the operation of the House Fitness Facility. Section 103 provides for receipts to be credited to the account of the Chief Administrative Officer. Section 104 provides for receipts to be credited to the House Services Revolving Fund. Section 105 adjusts the salary of the former Speaker's staff.

JOINT ITEMS

The Committee recommends appropriations totaling $21,112,000 for fiscal year 2008 for the various joint committees and activities carried under this heading. The recommendation is $3,043,000 below the current fiscal year and is $6,428,000 below the amended budget request.

The following summarizes the recommendations:

Joint Items

Item	*Amount*
Joint Economic Committee	$4,398,000

Joint Items—Continued

Item	*Amount*
Joint Committee on Taxation	9,416,000
Office of the Attending Physician	2,820,000
Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office	4,448,000
Statements of Appropriations	30,000
Total	$21,112,000

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

2007 appropriation	$4,308,000
2008 budget estimate	4,398,000
Committee recommendation	4,398,000

The Committee has provided $4,398,000 for the Joint Economic Committee. This amount reflects an increase of $90,000 above the enacted level and is the same as the budget request.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

2007 appropriation	$8,773,000
2008 budget estimate	9,416,000
Committee recommendation	9,416,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $9,416,000 for the Joint Committee on Taxation. This amount reflects an increase of $643,000 above the enacted level and is the same as the budget request.

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

2007 appropriation	$2,520,000
2008 budget estimate	2,820,000
Committee recommendation	2,820,000

The Committee has approved $2,820,000 for medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances of Navy personnel detailed to the Office of the Attending Physician. This amount reflects an increase of $300,000 above the enacted level and is the same as the request.

CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE AND SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE

2007 appropriation	$8,524,000
2008 budget estimate	10,876,000
Committee recommendation	4,448,000

The Committee bill provides $4,448,000 for the operation of the Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office during the next fiscal year. This amount reflects a decrease of $4,076,000 below the enacted level and is $6,428,000 below the amended budget request.

STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS

2007 appropriation	$30,000
2008 budget estimate	30,000
Committee recommendation	30,000

The sum of $30,000 is included for the preparation of the usual compilation of the statements of appropriations for the 1st session of the 110th Congress. The House and Senate Committees on Appropriations compile this publication jointly.

CAPITOL POLICE

2007 appropriation	[1] $265,635,000
2008 budget estimate	299,070,000
Committee recommendation	286,000,000

[1] Includes $10,000,000 provided in P.L. 110–28.

The recommendations in the bill provide a total of $286,000,000 for the Salaries and Expenses of the Capitol Police during fiscal year 2008. This amount reflects $224,500,000 for salaries and $61,500,000 for general expenses.

Financial Management.—The Committee has patiently waited for the Capitol Police to successfully accomplish the financial management improvements it has promised this Committee. Beginning in fiscal year 2001 and annually thereafter, this Committee has expressed its concern about the Capitol Police's continual, pervasive financial management problems and disappointment with the Capitol Police over its lack of progress. In fiscal year 2001, the Capitol Police was statutorily required to establish a Chief Administrative Officer who would have the overall responsibility to improve administrative operations at the Capitol Police, including improving long-standing problems in financial management. The Capitol Police have been unsuccessful in stabilizing financial management, let alone achieving one of the most basic indicators of a successful financial management operation—auditable financial statements. The Capitol Police must take immediate action to address these issues.

The Committee acknowledges the commitment from the new Chief and Assistant Chief of the Capitol Police to make financial management a priority of the new administration. However, the Committee is still deeply concerned over the Capitol Police's lack of progress in developing fully functional financial management operations capable of obtaining audit opinions on a full set of financial statements. The Committee directs the Capitol Police Chief Administrative Officer (CPCAO) to implement **immediately** the corrective actions needed to resolve the financial management weaknesses identified by the GAO. The Committee further directs that the CPCAO prepare a report, within 60 days of enactment of the FY 2008 appropriations bill, to the Chief of the Capitol Police and the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate on the status of corrective actions planned including due dates, leading up to obtaining a clean opinion on a full set of financial statements not later than two years from the close of fiscal year 2007.

The Committee expects the Capitol Police Board, the Chief of the Capitol Police and the CPCAO to devote all the necessary resources required to achieve this objective and the Committee will not accept nor entertain any further delay or excuses for the poor management of financial operations.

Capitol Police/Library of Congress Police Merger.—It has come to the attention of the Committee that there is a disparity in the number of Capitol Police Officers assigned to the Library of Congress. The Committee directs the Chief of Police and the Librarian of Congress to work together to rectify the disparity in the number of Capitol Police officers assigned to the Library of Congress to the mutual satisfaction of both agencies. The Committee further directs that the two agencies will report to the Committees on Appropria-

tions of the House and Senate no later than October 31, 2007, on the action taken to bring this issue to closure. Further, the Committee directs that any further action taken on the merger of the Capitol and Library Police forces should in no way negatively impact the retirement benefits of any officer.

Radiological, Nuclear and Biological Detection.—The Committee directs the Capitol Police to enter into discussions with the Metropolitan District of Columbia Police and the Virginia and Maryland State Police to develop a Capitol Region radiological, nuclear and biological network. This capability will enhance regional homeland security and the Capitol Police should be prepared to discuss this issue at next's year budget hearings.

Electronic Mapping of the Capitol Complex.—The Committee directs the Capitol Police to explore the utility of electronic mapping of the Capitol Complex. In an emergency, quick access to the information provided by electronic mapping may help first responders save lives and mitigate damage. The Capitol Police should be prepared to discuss this issue at next year's budget hearings.

SALARIES

2007 appropriation	$217,135,000
2008 budget estimate	237,074,000
Committee recommendation	224,500,000

The Committee bill provides $224,500,000 for the salaries and benefits authorized for police services throughout the Capitol Police jurisdiction during fiscal year 2008. This is an increase of $7,365,000 over the enacted level and is $12,574,000 less than the request.

This level of funding will support the current staffing level of 1671 sworn, plus an additional 10 FTEs for the Library of Congress, for a total of 1681 sworn FTEs. Funding is also included to support 439 civilian FTEs. The Committee recommendation supports 25 of the 30 additional civilian FTEs requested. The following FTEs were not provided for: Records Manager for the Chief Administrative Office; one Auditor for the Office of the Inspector General; Administrative Officer for the Security Services Bureau; Administrative Officer for the Office of Information Systems; and the Administrative Assistant for the Operational Services Bureau.

GENERAL EXPENSES

2007 appropriation	[1] $48,500,000
2008 budget estimate	61,996,000
Committee recommendation	61,500,000

[1] Includes $10,000,000 provided in P.L. 110–28.

The amount of $61,500,000 is recommended for all general expenses of the Capitol Police for fiscal year 2008. This is an increase of $13,000,000 above the enacted level, including the amount provided in the fiscal year 2007 supplemental, and is $496,000 less than the request. The Committee recommendation includes $5,000,000 for the radio modernization program. The Committee directs that all funds for this program are withheld from obligation until approval of an obligation plan is approved by the Committees on Appropriations of the House and the Senate.

The Committee is concerned with the excessive growth above inflation in the administration accounts and directs a general reduction of $925,000. The Chief of Police is to report to the Committee by July 15, 2007 on the recommended allocation of this reduction. In addition, the Committee has made a reduction of $4,571,000 to General Expenses with the intent that $3,388,000 of this reduction can be funded with anticipated fiscal year 2007 salary savings and current available unobligated balances.

The Committee has provided the Department with operational flexibility to manage the "General Expenses" account at a program and project level. However, it has come to the Committees attention that the internal financial tracking of the obligations and expenditures for this account may circumvent Congressional intent and Committee reprogramming guidelines. Therefore, the Committee directs the Chief of the Capitol Police to report to the Committee on Appropriations of the House and Senate no later than August 1, 2007 on corrective action to assure that the financial management system will track obligations and expenditures in accordance with Congressional intent and Committee reprogramming guidelines.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Section 1001 authorizes transfers between the various accounts of the Capitol Police. Section 1002 increases the authorization for tuition reimbursement. Section 1003 provides advance payment authority for subscription services. In regard to any advance payment for subscription services, a discount offered to the Capitol Police must exceed the cost of the funds per the rate published by the United States Treasury (I TFM 6–8040.40).

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

2007 appropriation	$3,103,000
2008 budget estimate	4,106,000
Committee recommendation	3,806,000

The bill provides $3,806,000 for the Office of Compliance. This amount is $703,000 above the current level and is $300,000 below the budget request. This amount provides for 21 FTEs.

Electronic Mail Accessibility.—As part of their outreach program, the Office of Compliance periodically produces information for employees of the Legislative Branch covered by the Congressional Accountability Act. This information is mailed to employees and it has been noted that not all employees are receiving the material. The Committee believes that electronic mail would be a more cost effective and environmentally friendly method of transmitting this vital information, in keeping with the Speaker's "Greening the Capitol" initiative. Therefore, the Committee directs the Office of Compliance to work with the appropriate oversight committees of the House and Senate to achieve workplace electronic mail accessibility.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Section 1101 authorizes lump-sum payments to reward exceptional performance. Section 1102 authorizes an employee training and development program. Section 1103 requires legislative agencies to provide reimbursement to the Treasury, from existing funding, for payment of an award or settlement under the Congressional Accountability Act. The Committee believes that this provision will enhance accountability, encourage issues to be solved at a lower level, encourage work place fairness, and require periodic training of managers regarding their responsibility under the Congressional Accountability Act.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

2007 appropriation	$35,204,000
2008 budget estimate	37,972,000
Committee recommendation	37,805,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $37,805,000 for the Congressional Budget Office. This is $2,601,000 above the current year and is $167,000 below the budget request. This amount provides for 1 additional FTE and associated costs to assist Congress in identifying and analyzing potential ways of controlling future health care spending.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

2007 appropriation	[1] $382,715,000
2008 budget estimate	394,461,000
Committee recommendation	348,380,000

[1] Includes $50,000,000 provided in P.L. 110–28.

The Committee recommends a total of $348,380,000 for fiscal year 2008 for the various operational and maintenance activities under the jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC). Excluded is the Senate office building account, which will be considered by the Senate. This amount is $34,335,000 below the enacted level, including the $50,000,000 provided in the fiscal year 2007 supplemental, and is $46,081,000 below the request.

A summary of the appropriations recommended follows:

Architect of the Capitol (Excluding Senate)

Item	*Amount*
Architect of the Capitol:	
General Administration	$81,733,000
Capitol building	24,567,000
Capitol grounds	9,310,000
House office buildings	66,151,000
Capitol Power Plant	83,017,000
Library buildings and grounds	31,638,000
Capitol Police buildings and grounds;	16,109,000
Botanic Garden	8,310,000
Capitol Visitor Center	27,545,000
Total	$348,380,000

Capitol Building and Grounds Construction.—The Committee recognizes the significant role of slave labor in the construction of the Capitol Building and Capitol Grounds. During the 109th Con-

gress a task force was formed to plan a commemoration of the contribution of slave laborers to construction of the Capitol. The Committee supports the activities of the task force and directs the Architect of the Capitol to provide to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate a complete implementation plan, including information on the estimated cost, within 90 days of receipt of the task force's final report.

Statutory Inspector General.—Because of longstanding and continuing lapses in management practices in the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Committee must take action to address this situation.

The Committee has reached the limit with the ongoing difficulties in the Architect's office such as the delays and escalating costs of the Capitol Visitor Center; costs overruns and time delays on almost every other project, as well as the complete management breakdown, failure of appropriate oversight responsibilities, and total disregard for the human element surrounding the Capitol Power Plant utility tunnels. Therefore, the Committee has included in the bill the establishment of a statutory Inspector General (IG) to audit and report semi-annually on management, operational issues and other issues as outlined in an annual audit plan. The Committee directs the IG to ensure that the AOC is utilizing appropriate management practices and budgetary and accounting standards within the limitations of all laws applicable to the operations of the Office of the Architect. The Committee recommendation provides authority for the IG to establish a staff, but for purposes of establishing an immediate functionally operative office the Committee recommendation includes 7 FTEs and funding for the IG; a Deputy IG, utilizing existing authority for a senior level position; 2 GS–15 Auditors, 2 GS–15 Investigators, a GS–13 Management Analyst, a GS–7 Administrative Secretary, and the current GS–15 position. This action is not intended to displace the sole GS–15 non-statutory position that is currently assigned similar duties, but rather to increase the ability of the IG function to provide badly needed oversight and review of current operations.

The Committee directs the Architect of the Capitol to enter into a contract with an executive employment search organization to perform a nationwide recruitment of the Inspector General. The Committee further directs the formation of a panel comprised of the Inspectors General of the House of Representatives, the Library of Congress, and a representative selected by the Senate, to review the applications, interview the top applicants, and forward a recommendation, including not less than three applicants to the Architect of the Capitol for final selection after consultation with the House Committee on Administration and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration. The final selection will take place not less than 180 days after the enactment of this Act. The Committee further directs that the cost of this office will be absorbed within current funding levels.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

2007 appropriation	$77,128,000
2008 budget estimate	87,714,000
Committee recommendation	81,733,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $81,733,000, for fiscal year 2008. This amount is $4,605,000 above the amount provided in fiscal year 2007 and is $5,981,000 below the budget request. This account provides funds for personal services, equipment, communications, and other central support activities of the Architect of the Capitol.

A tabulation of the increases in the annual operating budget and the project budget follows:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2008 Operating Budget		
Personal Services	$49,041,000	$47,108,000
Operations	36,711,000	32,861,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	$85,752,000	$79,969,000
Fiscal Year 2008 Project Budget		
USPSs, Spare Hardware, and Software for AOC BASNet	$84,000	$84,000
Recertification of Lightning Protection Systems	130,000	130,000
Conversion to Electronic OPFs (Backfile Conversion)	198,000	.....
Switchgear, Generator, and ATS Maintenance	550,000	550,000
Energy Survey of Congressional Buildings (Study)	400,000	400,000
Arc Flash Labeling of Electrical Distribution Equipment	600,000	600,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	$1,962,000	$1,764,000
Total, General Administration	$87,714,000	$81,733,000

CAPITOL BUILDING

2007 appropriation	$23,886,000
2008 budget estimate	29,480,000
Committee recommendation	24,567,000

A total of $24,567,000 is recommended for the operation and maintenance of the Capitol building during fiscal year 2008. This amount is $681,000 above the amount provided in fiscal year 2007 and is $4,913,000 below the budget request.

A tabulation of the increases in the annual operating budget and the project budget follows:

CAPITOL BUILDING

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2008 Operating Budget		
Personal Services	$12,632,000	$12,632,000
Operations	2,480,000	2,472,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	$15,112,000	$15,104,000
Fiscal Year 2008 Project Budget		
Minton Tile Replacement	$650,000	$225,000
Computer, Telecom, & Electrical Support	298,000	298,000
Legislative Call System Upgrade, Phase II	150,000	150,000
Elevator Modernization H–9	240,000	.....

CAPITOL BUILDING—Continued

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Elevator Modernization S–4	240,000	.....
Conservation of Wall Paintings	500,000	.....
Inaugural Support, 2009	3,600,000	3,600,000
Emergency Exit Signs & Lighting, Phase III	1,000,000	1,000,000
West Grand Stair Enclosure	1,190,000	1,190,000
Chilled Water & Steam Mains Replacement (Design)	200,000	.....
Electrical Power Distribution System Replacement (Study)	2,400,000	.....
Storm, Sanitary Riser & Vent Piping Replacement (Study)	300,000	.....
Minor Construction	3,600,000	3,000,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	$14,368,000	$9,463,000
Total, Capitol Building	$29,480,000	$24,567,000

Capitol Grounds

2007 appropriation	$7,577,000
2008 budget estimate	10,225,000
Committee recommendation	9,310,000

The appropriation of $9,310,000 is recommended for the care and improvement of the grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House office buildings, and the Capitol power plant. This amount is an increase of $1,733,000 above the fiscal year 2007 level and is $915,000 below the request.

A tabulation of the increases in the annual operating budget and the project budget follows:

CAPITOL GROUNDS

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2008 Operating Budget		
Personal Services	$5,814,000	$5,803,000
Operations	3,196,000	2,427,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	$9,010,000	$8,230,000
Fiscal Year 2008 Project Budget		
60 Ton Snow Melting Unit Purchase	$310,000	.....
Perimeter Fence Replacement, Parking Lots	40,000	$40,000
Stabilization and Life Safety Projects, Summer House	540,000	540,000
Summer House Comprehensive Restoration (Design)	325,000	.....
Greening of the Capitol Initiative	.....	500,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	$1,215,000	$1,080,000
Total, Capitol Grounds	$10,225,000	$9,310,000

House Office Buildings

2007 appropriation	$59,896,000
2008 budget estimate	50,621,000
Committee recommendation	66,151,000

For House office buildings $66,151,000 has been provided. This amount is an increase of $6,255,000 above fiscal year 2007 and is $15,530,000 above the budget request.

House Member Office Plaque.—Each of the Member offices in the House Office Buildings has a place in history that deserves recognition. To that end, the Architect of the Capitol is directed to review options for preparing, at the request of a Member, a suitable plaque for installation in the Member's office. the plaque is to delineate the history of previous Members who have occupied the office. The AOC is to report back to the Committee on these options not later than 30 days after enactment of the accompanying bill.

A tabulation of the increases in the annual operating budget and the project budget follows:

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2008 Operating Budget		
Personal Services	$35,214,000	$34,711,000
Operations	5,707,000	5,640,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	$40,921,000	$40,351,000
Fiscal Year 2008 Project Budget		
Legislative Call System Replacement	$400,000	$400,000
Emergency Lighting Upgrade, RHOB (Phase 2)	4,390,000	4,390,000
FDA Building		16,000,000
Minor Construction	4,910,000	4,910,000
Greening of the Capitol Initiative		100,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	$9,700,000	$25,800,000
Total, House Office Buildings	$50,621,000	$66,151,000

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

2007 appropriation	[1] $123,313,000
2008 budget estimate	111,226,000
Committee recommendation net	83,017,000
Offsetting collections	8,000,000
Total available	$91,017,000

[1] Includes $50,000,000 provided in P.L. 110–28.

The Committee recommends the appropriation of $83,017,000 for the Capitol power plant for fiscal year 2008, plus offsetting collections of $8,000,000. This is a decrease of $40,296,000 below the enacted level, including the $50,000,000 provided in the fiscal year 2007 supplemental, and is $28,209,000 below the budget request.

The Committee has not included the requested $24,770,000 for Steam Tunnel repairs. The Committee provided $50,000,000 in the supplemental to address this very important life safety issue. The total amount provided to date is $77,600,000 for this initiative.

The Committee directs the Government Accountability Office, in consultation with the Department of Energy and within 90 days after enactment of the accompanying bill, to submit to the Committees on Appropriations a report detailing the expected percentage

increase in natural gas usage and costs of such usage at the Capitol Power Plant resulting from the Greening of the Capitol Initiative, as well as the forecasted impact on natural gas prices paid by American consumers should the percentage of natural gas used within the United States for heating and cooling be increased by the same rate as that of the Capitol Power Plant.

A tabulation of the increases in the annual operating budget and the project budget follows:

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2008 Operating Budget		
Personal Services	$8,997,000	$8,997,000
Utilities	72,471,000	72,639,000
Operations	5,152,000	4,361,000
Reimbursement	(8,000,000)	(8,000,000)
Subtotal, Operating Budget	$78,620,000	$77,997,000
Fiscal Year 2008 Project Budget		
Spare Gearbox and Hub & Blade Assembly for the West Plant	$75,000	$75,000
Electrical Breaker Materials	190,000	.....
Main Bulldozer	316,000	.....
Tunnel Repairs	24,770,000	.....
Hazardous Materials Survey (Study)	75,000	75,000
Dearator Replacement (Design)	80,000	.....
Waste Characterization (Study)	100,000	.....
Back-Up Blow-Down System Installation & Blowdown Heat Recovery (Design)	110,000	.....
East Refrigeration Plant Chillers Relocation (Design)	150,000	150,000
Steam and Chilled Water Piping Condition Assessment (Study)	200,000	.....
Wickes Boilers Useful Life (Study)	200,000	.....
OSHA Analysis of Plant Buildings (Study)	220,000	220,000
Structural Fireproofing and Integrity (Study)	220,000	220 000
Condensate and Water Piping & Valve Replacement (Design)	400,000	.....
City Water and Fire Loop Connection (Design)	500,000	.....
Boiler Plant Low Voltage Electrical Distribution System Replacement (Design)	1,000,000	.....
Minor Construction	4,000,000	1,010,000
Greening of the Capitol Initiative	.....	3,270,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	$32,606,000	$5,020,000
Total, Capitol Power Plant	$111,226,000	$83,017,000

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

2007 appropriation	$27,692,000
2008 budget estimate	42,788,000
Committee recommendation	31,638,000

For Library buildings and grounds $31,638,000 has been provided. This amount is an increase of $3,946,000 above the current fiscal year and is $11,150,000 below the request.

A tabulation of the increases in the annual operating budget and the project budget follows:

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2008 Operating Budget		
Personal Services	$12,289,000	$11,978,000
Operations	8,092,000	8,075,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	$20,381,000	$20,053,000
Fiscal Year 2008 Project Budget		
Sidewalk Replacement, LOC Campus	$100,000	.....
Electrical Vault Repairs	225,000	$225,000
Painting Arches, TJB	237,000	.....
95% Filtration LOC—Phase 1 of 3	250,000	.....
Backflow Preventer Installation	250,000	.....
Upgrade Power Data Center, JMMB	250,000	250,000
Life Safety Deficiencies Abatement	390,000	390,000
Transite Panel Abatement, TJB	580,000	580,000
Backflow Prevention (Design)	75,000	.....
Stained Glass Window Repairs, TJB (Study)	200,000	.....
Facility Conditions Assessment, TJB (Study)	700,000	.....
Ramp/Handrails Redesign and Garage Waterproofing, JAB (Design)	800,000	.....
Return Air System Modifications, Ground Floor Corridors, JAB	830,000	.....
Egress Improvements, LOC (Design)	1,000,000	1,000,000
Copyright Deposit Facility (Design)	2,130,000	.....
High Voltage Switchgear Replacement, JMMB	2,130,000	2,130,000
Secured Storage Facilities, JMMB	3,750,000	.....
Smoke Detector Upgrades. JAB	6,510,000	6,510,000
Minor Construction	2,000,000	500,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	$22,407,000	$11,585,000
Total, Library Buildings and Grounds	$42,788,000	$31,638,000

Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds, and Security

2007 appropriation	$11,768,000
2008 budget estimate	18,816,000
Committee recommendation	16,109,000

For Capitol Police buildings, grounds, and security $16,109,000 has been provided. This amount is a decrease of $2,707,000 below the budget request and is $4,341,000 above the amount provided in the current fiscal year.

A tabulation of the increases in the annual operating budget and the project budget follows:

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND SECURITY

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2008 Operating Budget		
Personal Services	$1,418,000	$1,192,000
Operations	12,698,000	12,417,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	$14,116,000	$13,609,000
Fiscal Year 2008 Project Budget		
Chiller Replacement, ACF (Design)	$300,000	.....
HVAC Controls Replacement, ACF (Design)	400,000	.....

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND SECURITY—Continued

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Vehicle Barriers, Independence Avenue, USCP	2,000,000	$2,000,000
Minor Construction	2,000,000	500,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	$4,700,000	$2,500,000
Total, Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds, and Security	$18,816,000	$16,109,000

Botanic Garden

2007 appropriation	$7,697,000
2008 budget estimate	9,707,000
Committee recommendation	8,310,000

The amount recommended for the Botanic Garden is $8,310,000. This amount is $1,397,000 below the budget request and is $613,000 above the current level.

The following tabulation summarizes the recommendations:

BOTANIC GARDEN

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2008 Operating Budget		
Personal Services	$5,513,000	$5,513,000
Operations	2,795,000	2,497,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	$8,308,000	$8,010,000
Fiscal Year 2008 Project Budget		
Partnership Support	$344,000	$100,000
Administration Building Repairs	200,000	200,000
Bartholdi Fountain Basin Repair and Basin Lightning	580,000	.....
Outdoor Plantings Design for Bartholdi Park (Design)	275,000	.....
Subtotal, Project Budget	$1,399,000	$300,000
Total, Botanic Garden	$9,707,000	$8,310,000

Capitol Visitor Center

2007 appropriation	$43,758,000
2008 budget estimate	33,884,000
Committee recommendation	27,545,000

The Committee recommends funding in the amount of $27,545,000 for the cost to complete, project fit-out, and operations. This amount is $6,339,000 below the amount requested and is $16,213,000 below the current fiscal year.

CVC Exhibits.—The Committee applauds the efforts made by those charged with the planned exhibits in the Capitol Visitor Center to include the historic roles of African American and women in Congress, However, the Committee remains concerned about the lack of representation of other racial groups in the exhibits, including Hispanic Americans and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, who have made historic contributions to our nation's Capitol.

The Committee urges that these omissions be corrected to truly represent the people of the United States.

CVC Working Space.—The Committee is dismayed by the failure of this project to provide adequate working space for Congress. Over $70 million will be spent for expansion space for the Congress, yet there is not one room in the CVC or the rest of the Capitol Building that is adequate for a meeting of Conferees of the Full Committees. The Architect of the Capitol is directed to report on the options and costs of reconfiguring space in the Capitol Building, including the CVC, to meet those needs. This report is to be included in the next CVC obligation plan required in this bill under the heading "Capitol Visitor Center".

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2008 Operating Budget		
Personal Services	$8,711,000	$5,494,000
Operations	5,013,000	2,051,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	$13,724,000	$7,545,000
Fiscal Year 2008 Project Fit-Out Budget		
Computer, Telecom & Electrical Upgrades	$100,000	.....
Ropes and Stanchions	60,000	.....
Construction	20,000,000	$20,000,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	$20,160,000	$20,000,000
Total, Capitol Visitor Center	$33,884,000	$27,545,000

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Section 1201 authorizes the Architect of the Capitol to enter into agreements for the Rosa Parks statue. The committee directs the Architect to provide periodic status reports on this project. Section 1202 establishes an Office of the Inspector General. Section 1203 authorizes a one-year pilot program for flexible work schedules. Section 1204 authorizes the payment of travel and transportation expenses of new appointees. Section 1205 allows the Architect to grant easements for rights of way on all property designated Capitol Grounds. Section 1206 provides authority for the Architect to award design-build construction contracts. Section 1207 provides for advance payments authority for subscription services. In regard to any advance payment for subscription services, a discount offered to the Architect of the Capitol must exceed the cost of the funds per the rate published by the United States Treasury (I TFM 6–8040.40). Section 1208 allows for insurance coverage for works of art borrowed for exhibits. Section 1209 provides for the maintenance of the Capitol Visitor Center. Section 1210 adjusts the approval process for leasing authority.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Committee recommends appropriations totaling $572,512,000 for the operations of the Library of Congress for fiscal year 2008.

The Committee has included a new administrative provision (Section 1304) that allows for the transfer of funds between appropriations with the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate. This new provision will provide Library management flexibility to address funding requirements for such programs as, but not limited to, Library-wide training, space management, information technology, and infrastructure requirements that all appropriations under the heading "LIBRARY OF CONGRESS" can address as agency priorities.

Student Loan Repayment Program.—The Committee believes that in order to meet the work-life expectations of a highly talented, motivated, and mobile new generation of workers a Student Loan Repayment Program is a benefit aimed at retaining skilled employees and a recruitment incentive for difficult-to-fill positions. Such a program will help the Library compete with the private and public sector for top talent. Therefore, the Committee directs the Library of Congress to develop an agency-wide Student Loan Repayment Program and include a proposal in the FY 2009 budget submission.

Rewards and Recognition.—In fiscal years 2005 and 2006 the Library of Congress has paid over $2.7 million and $2.3 million respectively, for incentive payments/staff awards/senior level bonuses to their employees. These payments have been made within the current salary and benefit funding provided to each separate appropriation and thus may decrease the ability to fund FTEs that the Committee intended to fund and be filled. Therefore, the Committee directs that, starting with the next budget submission, the budget justification will reflect a realignment of funding, and or associated decrease in FTEs, from the salary base to a separate line item for incentive payments/staff awards/senior level bonuses. Each and every year the Committee directs the Library to justify, in detail, the amount of funding required for this program and the expenditures by organization for the prior fiscal year.

The following table summarizes the allocation of funds by appropriation account:

Library of Congress

Item	*Amount*
Fiscal year 2008:	
Salaries and expenses	$394,650,000
Copyright Office	5,603,000
Congressional Research Service	104,518,000
Books for the blind and physically handicapped	67,741,000
Total	$572,512,000

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

2007 appropriation	$381,247,000
2008 budget estimate	461,102,000
Committee recommendation	394,650,000
(Plus: Authority to spend receipts)	(6,350,000)
Total available	$401,000,000

The sum of $394,650,000, plus $6,350,000 in offsetting receipts, is recommended for salaries and expenses, which is the basic appropriation for the operation of Library programs, an increase of $13,403,000 above the current level and a decrease of $66,452,000 below the request. The funding provided will support 2,835 FTE's, a reduction of 14 FTE's from the current level.

The Committee recommendation fully funds the request for the National Audio Visual Conservation Center. In 2007, construction will be completed; the entire property transferred to the government; staff relocations will continue; and the facility will become fully operational. The Committee thanks the Packard Humanities Institute for its contribution of this state-of-the-art conservation facility.

The recommendation fully funds the request for the "Purchase of Library Materials" program as reflected in the current Library Services Operating Plan. The Committee allowance fully funds the Global Legal Information Network (GLIN); escape hoods for Library patrons; and the workforce transformation project and the Digital Collections and Educational Curricula Program.

In addition, the Committee has provided $6,500,000 for the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP). The Committee supports the NDIIPP program however, the entire request cannot be provided for this fiscal year. The Committee has provided new language that, with Committee approval, authorizes the transfer of funding between Library accounts that might become available during the fiscal year to increase funding for this program.

The Committee has not included, because of budgetary constraints, the $43.9 million requested by the Library to be transferred to the Architect of the Capitol, for the construction of the Library of Congress Fort Meade Logistics Center. This is the first time that the Library has requested funding of this nature in the Library's budget rather than the Architect of the Capitol's submitting the Library's requirements in their budget. The Committee directs that in the future, requests under the jurisdiction of the Architect, on behalf of the Library, will be included in the Architect's budget submission. This is not to be interpreted that the Library's request for projects under the Architect's jurisdiction are to be submitted without exception. Rather, the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol are to work, within the AOC guidelines, to ensure that all Library requests receive timely information and appropriate instructions to meet AOC consideration deadlines. The Committee will not consider any further request of this nature as a result of the breakdown in the line of communication, the AOC process for project consideration, and/or misunderstanding of that process between the two organizations.

Franklin Collection.—The Committee supports the goal of bringing the Library's extensive 3,000 text collection of American books that were translated into Arabic, Persian, Pashtu, and Indonesian online in a digital format. As the first step in this endeavor, the Committee strongly encourages the Library to select an initial 150 to 300 titles on the basis of such criteria as age of reader, cultural importance, and importance of writer and translator, and to secure copyright permission for the digitization of these books.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

2007 appropriation	$58,420,000
2008 budget request	51,562,000
Committee recommendation	5,603,000
(Plus: Authority to spend receipts)	(44,224,000)
Total available	$49,827,000

Salaries and expenses.—The Committee recommends an appropriation of $5,603,000, plus authority to spend $44,224,000 in receipts, for the Copyright Office which is $1,735,000 below the request and $8,593,000 below the enacted level. The Committee recommendation includes $1,000,000 for the Records Preservation Project that is funded with offsetting collections. The Committee recommendation reflects an increase in authority to use $10,000,000 in prior year offsetting collections and projected fiscal year 2007 carryover balances. In addition, the Committee has provided $972,000 in direct appropriations for the salary and benefit costs of employees of the Copyright Royalty Judges Program.

The Committee congratulates the management and staff of the Copyright Office on the completion of the "Business Process Reengineering Project". This multi-year project, which is estimated to produce multi-million dollar annual savings, is an example of how agencies need to adjust business processes utilizing technology, new systems, equipment and employee training.

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

2007 appropriation	$100,786,000
2008 budget estimate	108,702,000
Committee recommendation	104,518,000

Salaries and expenses.—The Committee recommends $104,518,000 for fiscal year 2008. This amount is $3,732,000 above the current year and is $4,184,000 below the request. The funding provided will support 705 FTE's.

The Committee appreciates the excellent work of the entire staff of the Congressional Research Service. With that, the Subcommittee wants to especially acknowledge, as he enters into retirement, the many years of dedicated, professional support provided by Paul Dwyer. On behalf of the entire Appropriations Committee, we thank you for your almost 40 years of outstanding service to the American people.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

2007 appropriation	$53,614,000
2008 budget estimate	75,623,000
Committee recommendation	67,741,000

Salaries and expenses.—A total of $67,741,000 is recommended for the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, an increase of $14,127,000 over the amount provided in fiscal year 2007 and $7,882,000 below the request. This funding will continue to support 128 FTE's.

The Committee recommendation provides $12,500,000 for the new Digital Talking Book Program. The Committee supports this program; however, the entire request cannot be provided for this fiscal year. The Committee has provided new language that, with

Committee approval, authorizes the transfer of funding between Library accounts that might become available during the fiscal year to increase funding for this program.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The Committee has included four administrative provisions. Section 1301 provides for expenses related to official representation for the incentive awards program. Section 1302 provides obligation authority for various Library programs. Section 1303 changes the audit requirements for the Cooperative Acquisitions Program Revolving Fund. Section 1304 provides authority to transfer funds between Library accounts.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

2007 appropriation	$87,954,000
2008 budget estimate	109,541,000
Committee recommendation	87,892,000

The Committee has included an appropriation of $87,892,000 for printing and binding of congressional documents at the Government Printing Office for use by Congress. This amount is a decrease of $62,000 below the current level and is $21,649,000 below the request.

The Committee understands that this allowance may produce a deficit in this account for the coming fiscal year. With the recent approval to transfer $5.7 million of prior year funds, and the unknown work load of the new Congress, the Committee will address any potential shortfall in future budgets.

A comparative summary of the recommendation by category of work follows:

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

	Appropriation 2007	Requested 2008	Recommended 2008
Congressional Record program	$29,621,000	$27,981,000	
Miscellaneous publications	3,835,000	4,097,000	
U.S. Code and Supplements	4,828,000		
Miscellaneous printing and binding	18,651,000	20,009,000	
Details to Congress	3,082,000	2,944,000	
Document envelopes and document franks	883,000	1,027,000	
Business and committee calendars	2,885,000	3,189,000	
Bills, resolutions, and amendments	8,367,000	8,062,000	
Committee reports	4,016,000	4,051,000	
Documents	1,715,000	1,347,000	
Hearings	19,961,000	21,983,000	
Committee prints	2,446,000	1,770,000	
Total	$87,954,000	$109,541,000	$87,892,000

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

2007 appropriation	$33,096,000
2008 budget estimate	45,613,000
Committee recommendation	35,434,000

The Committee recommends the appropriation of $35,434,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Superintendent of Documents, a

part of the Government Printing Office. This amount is an increase of $2,338,000 over the enacted level and is $10,179,000 below the request.

The Committee recommendation provides $467,000 for mandatory pay and related costs; $521,000 for price level changes; $700,000 for data storage; $300,000 for the Federal Depository Library Program Tangible Distribution Systems modernization; $200,000 for the International Exchange Service Program modernization and $150,000 for CD–ROM data migration.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND

2007 appropriation	$1,000,000
2008 budget estimate	26,825,000
Committee recommendation	2,450,000

The Committee recommends $2,450,000 for the Government Printing Office Revolving Fund. This is an increase of $1,450,000 over the enacted level and is $24,375,000 below the request. This recommendation provides $2,000,000 for elevator repairs; $250,000 for fire alarm systems; and $200,000 for workforce retraining.

Physical Security.—The Committee is concerned about possible security lapses at the GPO facilities. Within 60 days of enactment of this Act, the GPO is to report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate on the current staffing plans for providing physical security to all GPO facilities.

The bill includes the usual language authorizing the operation of the revolving fund, authority to hire or purchase automobiles, and advisory councils, and consultants.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

2007 appropriation	[1] $481,070,000
2008 budget estimate	522,804,000
Committee recommendation	503,328,000
Offsetting collections	(7,510,000)
Total available	$510,838,000

[1] Includes $374,000 provided in P.L. 110–28.

The Committee has provided $503,328,000 in direct appropriations for the Government Accountability Office, plus $7,510,000 in offsetting collections derived from reimbursements for conducting financial audits of government corporations and rental of space in the GAO building. This amount is an increase of $22,258,000 above the current fiscal year, including the fiscal year 2007 supplemental, and is $19,476,000 less than the amended budget request. This amount provides for 3,217 FTEs, an increase of 57 FTEs above the current levels.

The Committee fully funds all mandatory pay and benefit changes and price level increases. This increase in funding will enable the GAO to address important issues facing the Congress such as healthcare; changing security threats; education; the environment; and continued audit work on the war in Iraq.

The Committee is dismayed to hear reports that GAO is moving slowly on resolving the issue of collective bargaining for GAO employees. A substantial number of employees have petitioned for

union representation, and the Committee expects GAO to move the process forward expeditiously. The Committee is especially concerned about reports of unusual efforts to challenge the rights of employees to participate in collective bargaining representation, and directs GAO to make certain that no extraordinary measures are taken which might have the effect of blocking or delaying the process. A substantial number of employees have petitioned for union representation, and the Committee expects the Comptroller General to move the process forward expeditiously.

Technology Assessment.—The Committee believes as technology continues to change and expand rapidly it is essential that the consequences of technological applications be anticipated, understood, and considered in determination of public policy on existing and emerging national problems. The Committee believes it is necessary for the Congress to equip itself with effective means for securing competent, timely and unbiased information concerning the effects of scientific and technical developments and use the information in the legislative assessment of matters pending before the Congress. The Committee has provided $2,500,000 for the Government Accountability Office to perform technology assessment studies in the coming fiscal year.

Capitol Power Plant.—Public Law 108–447, Section 1101 directed the Comptroller General to conduct a study and submit to the appropriate congressional committees and the Architect of the Capitol a report on the cost, cost effectiveness, benefits, and feasibility of the Architect of the Capitol entering into a contract with a private entity for the management and operation of the Capitol Power Plant (CPP). In a report to the Committee dated April 8, 2005, the Government Accountability Office reported "Because CPP is currently undertaking a major capital improvement project to expand the West Refrigeration Plant that will affect ongoing costs and may ultimately affect staffing, it is premature for us to comment on the feasibility of contracting for operation of CPP."

The Architect of the Capitol has reported to the Committee that the West Refrigeration Plant is projected to be completed by June 30, 2007. Therefore, in accordance with Public Law 108–447, Section 1101, the Comptroller General is directed to reexamine the cost, cost effectiveness, benefits, and feasibility of the Architect of the Capitol entering into a contract with a private entity for the management and operation of the CPP. The Committee directs that this reexamination include a recommendation, for or against, the feasibility of a private entity managing and operating the Capitol Power Plant. The Committee further directs that this reexamination will be completed no later than December 31, 2007.

Affirmative Action Plan.—An affirmative action plan is a blueprint for improving the employment and advancement opportunities for women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities. A formal affirmative action plan will assist the Government Accountability Office (GAO) in achieving an inclusive workforce, ensuring an environment of respect for all individuals, and offer opportunities for each person to develop to his or her full potential in support of the mission of the GAO. An affirmative action plan is a very important element of any human resources operation, and with the support and participation of the entire agency GAO will achieve measurable diversity within the workforce. Therefore, the Com-

mittee directs GAO to develop and institute an affirmative action plan with specific goals and objectives within 180 days of enactment of this Act to further the ability for women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities to achieve balanced representation within the GAO workforce.

Facilities Management.—Both the House of Representatives Chief Administrative Officer staff and the Architect of the Capitol have responsibility for elements of the House buildings infrastructure. Considerable effort must be undertaken on a regular basis to ensure the work undertaken by both organizations is coordinated and does not result in redundant or unfunded projects or activities. Significant cost savings might be realized by eliminating the split responsibilities and having facilities management services provided by one organization. Therefore, the Committee directs the Government Accountability Office to review the cost effectiveness of House Office Building facilities services and recommend whether a different approach to facilities management should be undertaken. This review should be completed by March 31, 2008 and should include comparing the House facilities with other organizations or institutions of similar size and character.

Tuition Reimbursement Parity.—The Committee directs the Government Accountability Office to conduct a review of the tuition reimbursement programs administered by the executive branch and submit to the Committees on Appropriations and House Administration, by not later than 6 months after the enactment of the accompanying bill, a report on the feasibility and cost of providing comparable benefits to legislative branch employees.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The Committee has included an administrative provision (Sec. 1401.) that repeals the unique Comptroller General Retirement system for any individual appointed Comptroller General after the date of the enactment of this Act. Future appointments to this position will be covered under the standard Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS).

PAYMENT TO THE OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND

2007 appropriation	$13,860,000
2008 budget estimate	14,400,000
Committee recommendation	6,000,000

The Committee recommends $6,000,000 for payment to the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund. This amount is $7,860,000 below the fiscal year 2007 level and is $8,400,000 below the budget request.

In addition, the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs fiscal year 2008 appropriation bill provides $6,000,000 to be transferred to the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund. Thus the total funding for the Open World Center will be $12,000,000, which is $1,860,000 below the current level and is $2,400,000 below the request.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The Committee has included an administrative provision (Sec. 1501) which transfers the Open World Leadership Center to the Department of State on October 1, 2008.

JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

2007 appropriation	$430,000
2008 budget estimate	430,000
Committee recommendation	430,000

The Committee has provided $430,000 for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development. This amount is the same as the fiscal year 2007 level and the fiscal year 2008 budget request.

TITLE II—GENERAL PROVISIONS

The customary language regarding emergency assistance for vehicles, fiscal year limitation, positions and allowances, consulting services, awards and settlements, the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council, the Architect to maintain and landscape areas on Washington Avenue SW., and a limitation on transfers of funds is included in this bill (Sec. 201–208).

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Appropriations bases its authority to report this legislation from clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the U.S. Constitution which states:

> "No money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in consequence of Appropriations made by law. . . ."

COMPARISON WITH THE BUDGET RESOLUTION

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the following table compares the levels of new budget authority provided in the bill with the appropriate allocation under section 302(b) of the Budget Act.

COMPARISON WITH BUDGET RESOLUTION

[In millions of dollars]

	Sec. 302(b)		This bill—	
	Budget authority	Outlays	Budget authority	Outlays
Discretionary	$4,024	$4,036	$3,104	[1] $3,299
Mandatory	126	126	126	126
Total	$4,150	$4,162	$3,230	$3,425

[1] Includes outlays from House and Senate prior-year budget authority.
Note.—Bill amounts excludes discretionary Senate-related items.

FIVE-YEAR PROJECTION OF OUTLAYS

Pursuant to section 308(a)(1)(B) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the following table contains five-year projections prepared by the Congressional Budget Office of outlays associated with the budget authority provided in the accompanying bill:

[In millions of dollars]

Budget Authority	$3,104
Outlays:	
2008	[1] 2,693
2009	307
2010	66
2011	15
2012	11

[1] Excludes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

ASSISTANCE TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Pursuant to section 308(a)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the amount of financial assistance to State and local governments is as follows:

The accompanying bill contains no funding for State and local assistance programs.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following table lists the transfers of funds included in the accompanying bill.

Indefinite transfer authority is authorized in Library of Congress, Congressional printing and binding, the Superintendent of Documents, and the Capitol Police programs.

STATEMENT OF GENERAL PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following is a statement of general performance goals and objectives for which this measure authorizes funding:

The Committee on Appropriations considers program performance, including a program's success in developing and attaining outcome-related goals and objectives, in developing funding recommendations.

RESCISSIONS

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following table list the rescissions in the accompanying bill:

The accompanying bill contains no rescissions.

CHANGES IN THE APPLICATION OF EXISTING LAW

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(1)(A) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted describing the effect of provisions in the accompanying bill that directly or indirectly change the application of existing law:

1. The bill provides that certain appropriation items remain available for more than one year where programs or projects are continuing in nature under the provisions of authorizing legislation but for which that legislation does not specifically authorize such extended availability. Most of these items have been carried in previous appropriation bills. This authority tends to result in savings by removing the incentive to commit funds at the end of the fiscal year.

2. The bill includes a number of provisions which place limitations on, or which authorize or reauthorize, the use of funds in the bill, or change or extend existing limitations, appropriations, or authorizations, and which under some circumstances might be construed as changing the application of existing law.

3. There is language that allows reimbursement for service to be used by the servicing entity.

4. The bill continues the practice of providing official reception and representation allowances for officers and offices of the legislative branch.

5. The bill authorizes expenses for employee awards, such as certificates or plaques and related ceremonial presentations, by certain agencies.

6. The bill authorizes salaries and expenses of the House Child Care Center.

7. The bill requires unspent funds remaining in Members' Representational Allowances to be used for deficit or debt reduction.

8. There is language authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer of the House to contract with a public or private entity for the operation of the House Fitness Facility.

9. There is language authorizing funds to be deposited in the Treasury to credit to the account of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

10. There is language that adjusts the salary of a position for former Speaker's staff.

11. There is language that authorizes allowances for employees of the Office of the Attending Physician.

12. There is language under "Capitol Police, General Expenses" authorizing advance payments for travel by Capitol Police personnel for training or other purposes, expenses associated with the relocation of liaison or instructor personnel from the Capitol Police force to and from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and for the costs of basic training of police personnel.

13.. The bill authorizes the transfer of funds within "Capitol Police, Salaries" and "Capitol Police, General Expenses", subject to approval.

14. The bill authorizes an increase in student loan reimbursements for the Capitol Police.

15. The bill authorizes the Capitol Police to make advance payments for subscription services.

16. There is language under the Office of Compliance providing for the disposal of personal property.

17. There is language under the Office of Compliance authorizing lump-sum payments to reward exceptional performance.

18. There is language under the Office of Compliance authorizing an employee development and training program.

19. There is language under the Office of Compliance authorizing reimbursement to the Treasury for payments of award and settlements.

20. There is language under "Capitol Power Plant", Architect of the Capitol, allowing reimbursements for chilled water and steam provided to the Government Printing Office, the Washington City Post Office, the Supreme Court, the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building, Union Station Complex and the Folger Shakespeare Library to be credited to this appropriation and made available for obligation.

21. There is language under the Architect of the Capitol, Botanic Garden that authorizes expenditures for the National Garden.

22. There is language under the Architect of the Capitol, Capitol Visitor Center, restricting the obligation of funds without prior approval.

23. There is language under the Architect of the Capitol authorizing the Architect to enter into an agreement for the Rosa Parks statute.

24. There is language under the Architect of the Capitol establishing an office of Inspector General.

25. There is language under the Architect of the Capitol authorizing a one-year flexible work schedule.

26. There is language that authorizes travel and transportation expenses for applicants for positions with the Architect of the Capitol.

27. There is language under the Architect of the Capitol granting authority for the Architect to grant easements.

28. There is language under the Architect of the Capitol providing for the Architect to award design build contracts.

29. There is language authorizing advance payments for subscriptions for the Architect of the Capitol.

30. There is language under the Architect of the Capitol authorizing payment for insurance for exhibits and works of art.

31. There is language authorizing for the purpose of maintenance the Capitol Visitor Center to be treated as an expense of the "Capitol Building".

32. There is language under the Architect of the Capitol regarding leasing authority approval.

33. There is authority to expend funds collected under the authority of 2 U.S.C. 150 and for international legal information, the balance to remain available until expended.

34. There is language authorizing the expenditure of funds for the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

35. There is language authorizing expenditure of receipts for the Copyright Royalty Judges.

36. There is language under "Congressional Research Service" which prohibits the publication of material unless approved by the appropriate committees.

37. There is language authorizing the temporary transfer of funds under the heading "Library of Congress, Salaries and Expenses".

38. There is language regarding the audit requirements of certain Library of Congress funds.

39. There is language authorizing the transfer of funds between the account under the heading "Library of Congress", subject to approval.

40. There is language under "Congressional printing and binding" restricting the use of funds appropriated to the Government Printing Office for the permanent edition of the Congressional Record for individual Representatives and Senators, Resident Commissioners, or Delegates, and language providing that appropriations recommended shall be available for the payment of obligations incurred under appropriations for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years, primarily due to the unpredictability of the volume of work generated by the Congress, limiting the printing of certain documents to a time certain, authorizing the transfer of unobligated balances and prohibiting the expenditure of funds for contract guard services as certain facilities.

41. Authorization of appropriations for Congressional printing and binding is included.

42. There is language under "Salaries and Expenses", Office of Superintendent of Documents, which authorizes the use of current appropriations to pay for printing certain publications in prior years for the depository library program. There is language authorizing the transfer of unexpended balances.

43. There is language authorizing the operation of the Government Printing Office revolving fund, and which authorizes travel expenses for advisory councils.

44. There is language relating to the Government Accountability Office authorizing the direct procurement of expert and consultant services under 5 U.S.C. 3109, at certain rates; authorizing the hire of one passenger motor vehicle, as required by 31 U.S.C. 1343; authorizing the General Accounting Office to make advance payments in foreign countries in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3324; and to provide certain benefits, including rental of living quarters in foreign countries; appropriations are authorized for administrative expenses of any other member department or agency to finance an appropriate share of the costs of the National Intergovernmental Audit Forum or a Regional Intergovernmental Audit Forum.

45. There is language under the Government Accountability Office eliminating the Comptroller General Retirement System for anyone appointed to the position of Comptroller General after enactment of this Act.

46. There is language that transfers the Open World Leadership Center to the Department of State beginning in fiscal year 2009.

47. In Section 201, there is language prohibiting the use of funds in the Act for the maintenance or care of private vehicles except for emergency assistance and cleaning as may be provided under regulations relating to parking facilities for the House issued by the Committee on House Administration and for the Senate by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

48. Section 203 provides that whenever any office or position not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of 1929 is appropriated for herein or whenever the rate of compensation or designation of any position appropriated for herein is different from that specifically established for such position by such Act, the rate of compensation and the designation of the position, or either, appropriated for or provided herein, shall be the permanent law with re-

spect thereto: Provided that the provisions herein for the various items of official expenses of Members, officers, and committees of the Senate and House, and clerk hire for Senators and Members shall be the permanent law with respect thereto.

49. Section 204 requires that certain information regarding consulting services shall be a matter of public record.

50. Section 206 authorizes legislative branch entities to share the costs of the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council.

51. Section 207 authorizes the Architect of the Capitol to maintain certain property.

52. Section 208 limits the transfer of funds in this Act.

53. There is language naming the main hall of the CVC Emancipation Hall.

COMPLIANCE WITH CLAUSE 3 OF RULE XIII (RAMSEYER RULE)

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

DIVISION G

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

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SEC. 103. CONTRACT FOR EXERCISE FACILITY. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives shall enter into a contract on a competitive basis with a [private entity] *public or private entity* for the management, operation, and maintenance of the exercise facility established for the use of employees of the House of Representatives which is constructed with funds made available under this Act.

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SEC. 105. (a) * * *

(b) USE OF AMOUNTS IN FUND.—Amounts in the Revolving Funds shall be used for any purpose designated by [the Chief Administrative Officer] *the Chief Administrative Officer, including purposes relating to energy and water conservation and environmental activities carried out in buildings, facilities, and grounds under the Chief Administrative Officer's jurisdiction,* which is approved by the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I—CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 101. Effective with respect to fiscal years beginning with fiscal year 1995, in the case of mail from outside sources presented to the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives (other than mail through the Postal Service and mail with postage otherwise paid) for internal delivery in the House of Representatives, the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to collect fees equal to the applicable postage. Amounts received by the Chief Administrative Officer as fees under the preceding sentence shall be [deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts] *deposited in the Treasury for credit to the account of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer*.

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SECTION 5 OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 1238, NINETY-FIRST CONGRESS

(As enacted into permenant law by chapter VIII of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1971)

SEC. 5. In order to provide staff assistance to the Speaker in connection with the administration, settlement, and conclusion of matters pertaining to or arising out of his incumbency in office as a Representative in Congress and as Speaker of the House of Representatives, the contingent fund of the House is hereby made available, for the period of two years immediately following the expiration of the term of office of the Speaker as a Representative in Congress in the Ninety-first Congress, for payment of the salaries of an Administrative Assistant, who shall be paid at a basic per annum rate of not to exceed the then current rate for step 11 of level 13 of the House Employees Schedule, as determined by the Speaker, a Secretary, who shall be paid at a basic per annum rate of not to exceed the then current rate for step 8 of level 12 of such Schedule, as determined by the Speaker, and an additional Secretary, who shall be paid at a gross per annum rate of not to exceed the then current rate for [step 1 of level 6] *step 7 of level 11* of such Schedule as determined by the Speaker, designated and appointed by the Speaker to serve as members of his office staff in such two-year period. Each person so designated and appointed shall be held and considered, for the duration of such appointment, as—

(1) * * *

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SECTION 908 OF THE EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL ACT, 2002

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYEES

SEC. 908. (a) * * *

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(c) LIMIT ON AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS.—The total amount paid by the Capitol Police with respect to any individual under the program under this section may not exceed [$40,000] *$60,000*.

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TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE

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PART III—EMPLOYEES

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SUBPART C—EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE

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CHAPTER 41—TRAINING

Sec.
4101. Definitions.

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4122. Training for employees of the Office of Compliance.

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§ 4122. Training for employees of the Office of Compliance

(a) The Executive Director of the Office of Compliance may, by regulation, make applicable such provisions of this chapter as the Executive Director determines necessary to provide for training of employees of the Office of Compliance. The regulations shall provide for training which, in the determination of the Executive Director, is consistent with the training provided by agencies under the preceding sections of this chapter.

(b) The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall provide the Executive Director of the Office of Compliance with such advice and assistance as the Executive Director may request in order to enable the Executive Director to carry out the purposes of this section.

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SUBPART D—PAY AND ALLOWANCES

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CHAPTER 57—TRAVEL, TRANSPORTATION, AND SUBSISTENCE

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SUBCHAPTER II—TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES; NEW APPOINTEES, STUDENT TRAINEES, AND TRANSFERRED EMPLOYEES

§ 5721. Definitions

For the purpose of this subchapter—

(1) "agency" means—

(A) * * *

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(G) the Architect of the Capitol;

[(G)] *(H)* the Government Printing Office; and

[(H)] *(I)* the government of the District of Columbia;

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SECTION 415 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995

SEC. 415. PAYMENTS.

(a) * * *

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(d) REIMBURSEMENT.—

(1) NOTIFICATION OF PAYMENTS MADE FROM ACCOUNT.—As soon as practicable after the Executive Director is made aware that a payment of an award or settlement under this chapter has been made from the account described in subsection (a), the Executive Director shall notify the head of the office to which the payment is attributable that the payment has been made, and shall include in the notification a statement of the amount of the payment.

(2) REIMBURSEMENT BY OFFICE.—Not later than 180 days after receiving a notification from the Executive Director under paragraph (1), the head of the office involved shall transfer to the account described in subsection (a), out of any funds available for operating expenses of the office, a payment equal to the amount specified in the notification.

ACT OF DECEMBER 1, 2005

(Public Law 109–116)

AN ACT To direct the Joint Committee on the Library to obtain a statue of Rosa Parks and to place the statue in the United States Capitol in National Statuary Hall, and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. PLACEMENT OF STATUE OF ROSA PARKS IN NATIONAL STATUARY HALL.

(a) OBTAINING STATUE.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Joint Committee on the Library shall enter into an agreement to obtain a statue of Rosa Parks, under such terms and conditions as the Joint Committee considers appropriate consistent with applicable law. *The Joint Committee may authorize the Architect of the Capitol to enter into the agreement required under this subsection on its behalf, under such terms and conditions as the Joint Committee may require.*

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SECTION 521 OF THE NATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION POLICY ACT

SEC. 521. DEFINITIONS.

As used in the part—

(1) The term "Federal agency" means—

(A) * * *

(B) each entity specified in paragraphs ❚(B) through (H)❚ *(B) through (I)* of subsection (1) of section 5721 of title 5, United States Code.

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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

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SEC. 1102. LEASING OF SPACE. (a) * * *

(b) CONDITIONS TO LEASE SPACE.—The Architect of the Capitol may lease space under subsection (a) upon submission of written notice of intent to lease such space to, and approved by—

(1) the [Committee on Rules and Administration] *Committees on Appropriations and Rules and Administration* of the Senate for space to be leased for the Senate;

(2) [the House Office Building Commission] *the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the House Office Building Commission* for space to be leased for the House of Representatives; and

(3) the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives[.]*, for space to be leased for any other entity under subsection (a).*

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SECTION 207 OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

SEC. 207. (a) * * *

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[(e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than March 31 of each year, the Librarian of Congress shall prepare and submit to Congress an audited financial statement for the revolving fund for the preceding fiscal year. The audit shall be conducted in accordance with Government Auditing Standards for financial audits issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.]

(e) AUDIT.—The revolving fund shall be subject to audit by the Comptroller General at the Comptroller General's discretion.

TITLE 31, UNITED STATES CODE

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SUBTITLE I—GENERAL

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CHAPTER 7—GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

SUBCHAPTER I—DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL ORGANIZATION

Sec.
701. Definitions.

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SUBCHAPTER V—ANNUITIES

771. Definitions.
[772. Annuity of the Comptroller General.]

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SUBCHAPTER III—PERSONNEL

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§ 735. Relationship to other laws

(a) Except as provided in section 733(c) of this title, this subchapter and subchapter IV of this chapter do not affect sections 702(b), 703, 731(c)–(e), **[**772, 775(a) and (d)**]** *or 775(b)* of this title.

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SUBCHAPTER V—ANNUITIES

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[§ 772. Annuity of the Comptroller General

[(a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a Comptroller General serving a complete term as Comptroller General or who retires under section 703(e)(1) of this title is entitled to receive an annuity for life equal to the pay the Comptroller General is receiving on completion of the term or at the time of retirement. An annuity of a Comptroller General who completes a term before becoming 65 years of age is reduced by .25 percent for each complete month the Comptroller General is under 65 years of age.

[(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a Comptroller General becoming permanently disabled shall be retired and is entitled to receive an annuity for life equal to—

[(1) the pay of the Comptroller General at the time of retirement if the Comptroller General served at least 10 years; or

[(2) 50 percent of the pay if the Comptroller General served less than 10 years.

[(c) A Comptroller General who, when appointed, is or has been subject to subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5 remains subject to such subchapter III or such chapter 84 (as the case may be) unless the Comptroller General elects in writing to receive an annuity under this section. An election is irrevocable and must be made within 10 years and 60 days after the start of service as Comptroller General. A Comptroller General electing to receive an annuity under this section is entitled to a refund of the lump-sum credit to the account of the Comptroller General in the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund.

[(d) A Comptroller General (except a Comptroller General remaining subject to subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5) shall—

[(1) deposit with the Government Accountability Office for redeposit in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts as a contribution to the annuity—

[(A) 3.5 percent of the pay received as Comptroller General before deductions are made under clause (2)(A) of this subsection plus 3 percent interest compounded every December 31 on the amount to be deposited, if electing survivor benefits under this subchapter; or

[(B) 8 percent of the pay received as Comptroller General before deductions are made under clause (2)(B) of this subsection plus 3 percent interest compounded every De-

cember 31 on the amount to be deposited, if not electing survivor benefits under this subchapter; and

[(2) have—

[(A) 3.5 percent of the pay received as Comptroller General deducted as a contribution to the annuity if electing survivor benefits under this subchapter; or

[(B) 8 percent of the pay received as Comptroller General deducted as a contribution to the annuity if not electing survivor benefits under this subchapter.

[(e) A Comptroller General receiving benefits under this section may not receive retirement or disability benefits under another law of the United States.]

§ 773. Election of survivor benefits

(a) To provide survivor benefits, a Comptroller General may elect in writing to reduce the pay and annuity of the Comptroller General. An election shall be made within 6 months of taking office [or, if an election is made under section 772(c) of this title, by the 60th day after making an election under section 772(c).].

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§ 774. Survivor annuities

(a) * * *

(b) A survivor annuity shall be paid under this subchapter when a Comptroller General—

(1) * * *

(2) dies in office [or while receiving an annuity under section 772 of this title];

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§ 775. Refunds

[(a) A Comptroller General separated from office before becoming entitled to receive an annuity under section 772 of this title is entitled to a lump-sum refund of the amount deducted from pay or deposited as a contribution under section 772, plus 3 percent interest on the amount compounded every December 31.

[(b) A Comptroller General making an election under section 773 of this title who is separated from office before becoming entitled to an annuity under section 772 of this title is entitled to a lump-sum refund of the amount deducted under section 773 of this title, plus 4 percent interest before January 1, 1948, and 3 percent interest after December 31, 1947, compounded every December 31 until the separation date.]

[(c)] *(a)* A lump-sum refund of the amounts deducted under [sections 772 and 773] *section 773* of this title, plus interest of 4 percent before January 1, 1948, and 3 percent after December 31, 1947, compounded every December 31 until the date of death, shall be paid under subsection [(d)] *(b)* of this section if—

(1) * * *

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[(d)] *(b)* If a Comptroller General or retired Comptroller General dies before a refund is made under this section, the refund shall be paid in the following order of precedence:

(1) * * *

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[(e)] *(c)* The General Counsel is not subject to section 771(1) and (2) of this title when making a decision about a surviving spouse or child under subsection [(c) or (d)] *(a) or (b)* of this section.

[(f)] *(d)* If the annuities of all individuals entitled to survivor annuities under this subchapter end before the amount of annuities paid equals the amount deducted under [sections 772 and 773] *section 773* of this title, plus interest of 4 percent before January 1, 1948, and 3 percent after December 31, 1947, compounded every December 31 until the date of death, the remainder shall be paid under subsection [(d)] *(b)* of this section.

§ 776. Payment of survivor benefits

(a) * * *

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(d)(1) A payment under subsection (c)(2)(B) of this section or section [775(d)] *775(b)* of this title is a bar to recovery by another individual.

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§ 777. Annuity increases

(a) * * *

(b) [An annuity under section 772 of this title may not be more than the basic pay of the Comptroller General.] A surviving spouse's annuity may be increased under this section without regard to any limitation set forth in section 774(e) of this title.

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APPROPRIATIONS NOT AUTHORIZED BY LAW

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(1)(B) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following table lists the appropriations in the accompanying bill which are not authorized by law for the period concerned:

The accompanying bill contains no appropriations not authorized by law.

EARMARKS

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, this bill, as reported, contains no congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(d), 9(e), or 9(f) of rule XXI.

FULL COMMITTEE VOTES

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the House of Representatives, the results of each roll call vote on an amendment or on the motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and those voting against, are printed below:

ROLL CALL NO. 1

Date: June 12, 2007
Measure: Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2008
Motion by: Ms. Wasserman Schultz
Description of Motion: Substitute amendment to the Kingston amendment, to provide an additional $5,000,000 for the Library of Congress' Digital Talking Books Program offset by an equal reduction to the Government Printing Office.
Results: Adopted 34 yeas to 26 nays.

Members Voting Yea	*Members Voting Nay*
Mr. Berry	Mr. Aderholt
Mr. Bishop	Mr. Alexander
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Calvert
Mr. Chandler	Mr. Carter
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Crenshaw
Ms. DeLauro	Mrs. Emerson
Mr. Dicks	Mr. Frelinghuysen
Mr. Farr	Mr. Goode
Mr. Fattah	Ms. Granger
Mr. Hinchey	Mr. Hobson
Mr. Honda	Mr. Kingston
Mr. Israel	Mr. Knollenberg
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Latham
Ms. Kaptur	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Kennedy	Mr. Peterson
Ms. Kilpatrick	Mr. Regula
Mr. LaHood	Mr. Rehberg
Ms. Lee	Mr. Rogers
Mrs. Lowey	Mr. Simpson
Ms. McCollum	Mr. Tiahrt
Mr. Mollohan	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Obey	Mr. Wamp
Mr. Pastor	Dr. Weldon
Mr. Price	Mr. Wicker
Mr. Rodriguez	Mr. Wolf
Mr. Rothman	Mr. Young
Ms. Roybal-Allard	
Mr. Ruppersberger	
Mr. Ryan	
Mr. Schiff	
Mr. Serrano	
Mr. Udall	
Mr. Visclosky	
Ms. Wasserman Schultz	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR 2007
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(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2007 Enacted	FY 2008 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request
TITLE I - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH					
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES					
Salaries and Expenses					
Payment to widows and heirs of deceased Members of Congress	330	---	---	-330	---
House Leadership Offices					
Office of the Speaker	4,614	4,761	4,761	+147	---
Office of the Majority Floor Leader	2,108	2,188	2,188	+80	---
Office of the Minority Floor Leader	3,953	4,090	4,090	+137	---
Office of the Majority Whip	1,813	1,894	1,894	+81	---
Office of the Minority Whip	1,358	1,420	1,420	+62	---
Speaker's Office for Legislative Floor Activities	487	499	499	+12	---
Republican Steering Committee	915	943	943	+28	---
Republican Conference	1,562	1,631	1,631	+69	---
Republican Policy Committee	310	325	325	+15	---
Democratic Steering and Policy Committee	1,232	1,295	1,295	+63	---
Democratic Caucus	1,555	1,604	1,604	+49	---
Nine minority employees	1,459	1,498	1,498	+39	---
Training and Program Development:					
Majority	290	290	290	---	---
Minority	290	290	290	---	---

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Cloakroom Personnel.					
Majority..	438	460	460	+22	---
Minority.....	438	460	460	+22	---
Subtotal, House Leadership Offices.....	22,822	23,648	23,648	+826	---
Members' Representational Allowances Including Members' Clerk Hire, Official Expenses of Members, and Official Mail					
Expenses.....	554,716	610,616	581,000	+26,284	-29,616
Committee Employees					
Standing Committees, Special and Select.....	124,406	129,662	133,000	+8,594	+3,338
Committee on Appropriations (including studies and investigations).....	25,866	27,113	29,800	+3,934	+2,687
Subtotal, Committee employees.....	150,272	156,775	162,800	+12,528	+6,025
Salaries, Officers and Employees					
Office of the Clerk..	21,676	22,881	22,881	+1,205	---
Office of the Sergeant at Arms.....	6,295	7,024	7,024	+729	---
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.....	106,064	120,612	116,891	+10,827	-3,721
Office of the Inspector General..... ...	4,016	4,457	4,457	+441	---
Office for Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Operations.....	4,010	4,242	3,111	-899	-1,131

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Office of General Counsel	968	1,202	1,202	+234	---
Office of the Chaplain	163	166	166	+3	---
Office of the Parliamentarian	1,778	1,828	1,828	+50	---
Office of the Parliamentarian	(1,415)	(1,455)	(1,455)	(+40)	---
Compilation of precedents of the House of Representatives	(363)	(373)	(373)	(+10)	---
Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House	2,472	3,046	3,046	+574	---
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House	7,025	7,406	7,406	+381	---
Office of Interparliamentary Affairs	724	752	752	+28	---
Other authorized employees	548	170	170	-378	---
Office of the Historian	408	596	459	+51	-137
Subtotal, Salaries, officers and employees	156,147	174,382	169,393	+13,246	-4,989
Allowances and Expenses					
Supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims	4,704	3,688	3,688	-1,016	---
Official mail for committees, leadership offices, and administrative offices of the House	410	410	410	---	---
Government contributions	226,904	239,447	237,410	+10,506	-2,037
Capitol Visitor Center	3,410	2,308	2,308	-1,102	---
Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery	17,631	23,065	17,200	-431	-5,865
Emergency appropriations	6,437	---	---	-6,437	---

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Miscellaneous items.....	703	703	703	---	---
Subtotal, Allowances and expenses.....	260,199	269,621	261,719	+1,520	-7,902
Total, Salaries and expenses.....	1,144,486	1,235,042	1,198,560	+54,074	-36,482
Total, House of Representatives.....	1,144,486	1,235,042	1,198,560	+54,074	-36,482
JOINT ITEMS					
Joint Economic Committee.....	4,308	4,398	4,398	+90	---
Joint Committee on Taxation....	8,773	9,416	9,416	+643	---
Office of the Attending Physician					
Medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances.	2,520	2,820	2,820	+300	---
Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office.....	8,524	10,876	4,448	-4,076	-6,428
Statements of Appropriations	30	30	30	---	---
Total, Joint items.....	24,155	27,540	21,112	-3,043	-6,428
CAPITOL POLICE					
Salaries.....	217,135	---	224,500	+7,365	+224,500
General expenses	38,500	---	61,500	+23,000	+61,500
Salaries and expenses..	---	299,070	---	---	-299,070

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Emergency appropriations..	10,000	---	---	-10,000	---
Total, Capitol Police.	265,635	299,070	286,000	+20,365	-13,070
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE					
Salaries and expenses.	3,103	4,106	3,806	+703	-300
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses.....	35,204	37,972	37,805	+2,601	-167
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL					
General administration.....	77,128	87,714	81,733	+4,605	-5,981
Capitol building.....	23,886	29,480	24,567	+681	-4,913
Capitol grounds.....	7,577	10,225	9,310	+1,733	-915
House office buildings.....	59,896	50,621	66,151	+6,255	+15,530
Capitol Power Plant...	79,847	119,226	91,017	+11,170	-28,209
Offsetting collections	-6,534	-8,000	-8,000	-1,466	---
Emergency appropriations...	50,000	---	---	-50,000	---
Net subtotal, Capitol Power Plant.....	123,313	111,226	83,017	-40,296	-28,209
Library buildings and grounds..	27,692	42,788	31,638	+3,946	-11,150
Capitol police buildings and grounds.....	11,768	18,816	16,109	+4,341	-2,707
Botanic garden.....	7,697	9,707	8,310	+613	-1,397

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Capitol Visitor Center	43,758	---	---	-43,758	---
CVC Project (cost-to-complete)	---	20,000	20,000	+20,000	---
CVC Operations	---	13,884	7,545	+7,545	-6,339
Total, Capitol Visitor Center	43,758	33,884	27,545	-16,213	-6,339
Total, Architect of the Capitol	382,715	394,461	348,380	-34,335	-46,081
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS					
Salaries and expenses	387,597	467,452	401,000	+13,403	-66,452
Authority to spend receipts	-6,350	-6,350	-6,350	---	---
Subtotal, Salaries and expenses	381,247	461,102	394,650	+13,403	-66,452
Rescissions	-49,549	---	---	+49,549	---

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Copyright Office, salaries and expenses	58,420	51,562	49,827	-8,593	-1,735
Authority to spend receipts	-35,758	-35,373	-44,224	-8,466	-8,851
Subtotal, Copyright Office	22,662	16,189	5,603	-17,059	-10,586
Congressional Research Service, salaries and expenses	100,786	108,702	104,518	+3,732	-4,184
Books for the blind and physically handicapped, Salaries and expenses	53,614	75,623	67,741	+14,127	-7,882
Total, Library of Congress	508,760	661,616	572,512	+63,752	-89,104
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE					
Congressional printing and binding	87,954	109,541	87,892	-62	-21,649
Office of Superintendent of Documents					
Salaries and expenses	33,096	45,613	35,434	+2,338	-10,179
Government Printing Office Revolving Fund	1,000	26,825	2,450	+1,450	-24,375
Total, Government Printing Office	122,050	181,979	125,776	+3,726	-56,203
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses	488,627	530,314	510,838	+22,211	-19,476
Emergency appropriations	374	---	---	-374	---
Offsetting collections	-7,931	-7,510	-7,510	+421	---
Total, Government Accountability Office	481,070	522,804	503,328	+22,258	-19,476

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OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER					
Payment to the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund.....	13,860	14,400	6,000	-7,860	-8,400
STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE					
Stennis Center for Public Service.....	430	430	430	---	---
Grand total....	2,981,468	3,379,420	3,103,709	+122,241	-275,711

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RECAPITULATION					
House of Representatives..	1,144,486	1,235,042	1,198,560	+54,074	-36,482
Joint Items.....	24,155	27,540	21,112	-3,043	-6,428
Capitol Police.....	265,635	299,070	286,000	+20,365	-13,070
Office of Compliance....	3,103	4,106	3,806	+703	-300
Congressional Budget Office.....	35,204	37,972	37,805	+2,601	-167
Architect of the Capitol.....	382,715	394,461	348,380	-34,335	-46,081
Library of Congress.....	508,760	661,616	572,512	+63,752	-89,104
Government Printing Office.....	122,050	181,979	125,776	+3,726	-56,203
Government Accountability Office.....	481,070	522,804	503,328	+22,258	-19,476
Open World Leadership Center.....	13,860	14,400	6,000	-7,860	-8,400
Stennis Center for Public Service.....	430	430	430	---	---
Grand total	2,981,468	3,379,420	3,103,709	+122,241	-275,711

ADDITIONAL VIEWS OF HON. JERRY LEWIS AND HON. ZACH WAMP

The Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill provides $3.1 billion in discretionary budget authority, which is $276 million (or 8.2 percent) below the budget request and $189 million (or 6.5 percent) above the FY 2007, enacted level. Compared to the actual spending in FY 2007 (including rescissions, but not emergency spending) the bill is a $122 million increase (or 4.1 percent).

On balance, the funding provided in this bill to operate the legislative branch agencies under the jurisdiction of the House is fiscally responsible. The exception to this fiscal responsibility is the $16 million included in this measure for Federal Office Building 8, commonly referred to as the former FDA building. This Subcommittee is one of only four Subcommittees whose allocation is actually below the request.

While we are strongly opposed to the excessive 302(a) funding level which increases FY 2008 discretionary spending in excess of $20 billion over the President's request, the 302(b) sub-allocation for the Legislative Branch bill is appropriate.

The Chair and the Ranking Member are both new in their roles on the Subcommittee. While they have worked together on issues related to the CVC, the same cannot necessarily be said about the development of this bill.

The development of this bill did not demonstrate the same level of bipartisanship shown by other Subcommittees considered prior to the Legislative Branch bill. The development of the bill was not as collaborative and inclusive as it could have, or for that matter, should have been and definitely not as it has been done in the past.

More than any other bill, this is the bill that the Subcommittee Chair and the Ranking Member should operate in a non-partisan manner, as they are simply stewards of this great institution. If we would have had a more inclusive process, we are certain that the Chair would have realized that the Open World Leadership Program enjoys bipartisan support on this Committee. Instead, the Chair proposed to end this program and close it out.

Furthermore, the Chair has included many new policy directives—some controversial—in the report, which was not available for Members to review at the Subcommittee markup.

AOC IG

We want to applaud the Chair for including an Inspector General for the Architect of the Capitol. This provision was included in the FY 2007 Legislative Branch Bill but as a result of the Omnibus Continuing Resolution process, the provision did not become law. Although there is no directive language related to the Capitol Visitors Center in this bill, the Chair, the Ranking Member and other members of the Subcommittee remain focused on pushing the

schedule and keeping the Architect's and contractor's feet to the fire as it relates to schedule and cost.

FOB 8

The bill provides $16 million for the former FDA building known as Federal Office Building 8 (FOB 8) located adjacent to the Ford House Office Building. As was said during the full committee markup, we need to think long and hard before we decide to again expand the Capitol Complex. At a time that we are struggling to get our arms around the massive project known as the Capitol Visitor's Center, the last thing we need to do is embark on another costly campus expansion project. Let us assure our colleagues, $16 million for security upgrades is just the tip of the iceberg. The General Services Administration has estimated that by proceeding with the revised plan, the total cost to the House and the Architect of the Capitol is $55,884,000, at a minimum. This is before incurring annual lease payments at roughly $10 to $15 million per year. Additionally, occupying another 200,000+ square feet of House office space hardly seems to comply with the new "carbon neutral" goal of Speaker Pelosi.

Greening of the Capitol

The bill earmarks $3.27 million to implement a "Greening of the Capitol" report which has not yet been finalized. The way we understand this funding provision is that we will pay more for natural gas than we are currently paying under contract for coal. This additional expenditure will cover the percentage of heating and cooling for House office buildings and the House portion of the Capitol. We are left to assume that sounding "environmental" is more important than being fiscally responsible.

Additionally, the bill contains $100,000 in the AOC House buildings account for the Greening of the Capitol Initiative for new environmentally friendly light bulbs—all of which contain mercury and will require HAZMAT procedures to dispose of such bulbs.

Finally, there is an additional $500,000 identified in the Capitol Grounds section of the report for an E–85 gas pump. It is our understanding that the House does not currently own or lease any E–85 vehicles. We are not sure if the plan moving forward is to retrofit current vehicles or buy or lease new vehicles to use the new E–85 gas pump provided in this measure. We are spending taxpayer dollars to implement the Chief Administrative Officer's "Greening of the Capitol" report—a report that has yet to be finalized and released.

While widespread bi-partisan support exists for energy efficiency upgrades and the use of renewable sources, the minority sees the current proposal as more "window dressing" than substance.

Government Accountability Office

With regard to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the Committee report attempts to have Congress interject itself into GAO's collective bargaining process to expedite the unionization effort at the agency. Language directing GAO to move expeditiously in establishing a union organizing process is included in the report

even though the Comptroller General, David Walker, has stated that he "supports the rights of GAO employees to organize if they so choose."

The report also asks GAO for an Affirmative Action Plan even though the Managing Director of Opportunity and Inclusiveness made the following point regarding this issue: "Based on our hiring and promotion statistics, GAO would currently exceed any reasonable affirmative action goals for women, African Americans and Asians. As such, requiring such a plan could limit, rather than enhance our diversity efforts."

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

The bill cuts $7 million from the budget request for this important program (Digital Talking Books) but still manages to fund "nice to have" new programs such as Greening of the Capitol and new House office space at FOB 8.

EMANCIPATION HALL

During full Committee Mr. Wamp and Mr. Jackson offered an amendment which was adopted to name the space located in the CVC, "Emancipation Hall." This matter came to the Committee's attention early in the Fiscal Year 2008 process when it became known that the AOC and others were calling this space, "The Great Hall." It is common sense that you cannot have two competing Great Halls, one in the CVC and one in the century old Library of Congress Jefferson Building, which are connected by a tunnel.

This grand hall is going to be the most prominent gathering space, outside of the rotunda, on the Capitol Grounds. The space needs a name that recognizes the importance and history of the Capitol.

In looking at the history of the Capitol, there is a glaring omission: to date there is no mention of the contributions slave labor made to the Capitol in the telling of its history or in the art work displayed. In fact, many people still do not know that it was slave labor that actually built this symbol of freedom. The time has come for us, the Congress of the United States of America, to realize the great opportunity we have before us. By naming this space Emancipation Hall we will finally honor those who have gone un-honored far too long.

Emancipation means free or equal. And there is no greater duty bestowed upon the Congress than to advance the principle of Freedom. Emancipation Hall will tell freedom's story to the millions of visitors every year. Like the Statue of Liberty, which stands tall in New York's harbor and represents the promise of Liberty, this hall will forever represent the promise of Freedom.

CAPITOL POLICE

The bill does an excellent job of funding essential Capitol Police priorities. We are particularly pleased that the Committee was able to provide an additional $5,000,000 for the Chief of Police's number one priority, the radio modernization program. We strongly endorse included report language on the poor management of financial operations, issues this Committee has dealt with for many years. We

would like to reiterate that the Chief Administrative Officer needs to make this the number one priority and implement corrective actions immediately.

CONCLUSION

We are disappointed this bill was not put together in a more collaborative manner with members of the subcommittee from both parties sitting down with staff two or three weeks prior to the bill's consideration. We are confident that over time we will be able to move forward working in a manner that better honors the traditions of this subcommittee.

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