

Subcommittee (Purpose)	Budget authority	Outlays
Agriculture, the FDA and Related Agencies (Primarily for the Commodity Credit Corporation Fund)	\$3,563,000,000	\$3,088,000,000
Defense (Primarily for the repair of U.S.S. Cole)	249,000,000	185,000,000
Energy and Water Development (Primarily for nuclear nonproliferation)	214,000,000	133,000,000
Foreign Operations (Primarily for debt restructuring and international disaster assistance)	467,000,000	55,000,000
Interior (Primarily for Wildland fire management)	1,689,000,000	710,000,000
Legislative Branch (Primarily for the FHA general and special risk program account)	52,000,000	36,000,000
Transportation (Primarily for federal aid highways)	718,000,000	193,000,000
Treasury, Postal Service and General Government (For the Counterterrorism Fund)	55,000,000	55,000,000
Veterans, HUD and Independent Agencies (Primarily for FEMA disaster relief)	1,296,000,000	-8,000,000

Those allocation adjustments will change the allocation of House Committee on Appropriations to \$609,656,000,000 in budget authority and \$636,827,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2001. The aggregate total will increase to \$1,537,861,000,000 in budget authority and \$1,506,048,000,000 in outlays.

Questions may be directed to Dan Kowalski or Jim Bates at extension 67270.

FIRE SAFETY AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, late last month the Office of Compliance reported on its comprehensive fire-safety inspections of the three Library of Congress buildings.

After previous dire warnings over the last two years from the House Inspector General and the Compliance Office about the state of fire protection in the Capitol and congressional office buildings, I had hoped for a better report on conditions at the Library. Unfortunately, the Compliance Office found that the Library buildings suffer from many of the same deficiencies as the Capitol and congressional buildings.

I strongly believe that Congress must take every reasonable step to maximize the physical safety of the thousands who work in the Capitol complex every day and of the millions who visit every year. Congress also has a responsibility to safeguard the numerous valuable artifacts, many of them irreplaceable, which are housed in the Capitol and among the Library's collections.

In view of the Compliance Office's findings at the Library, the new Chairman of the House Administration Committee [Mr. NEY] and I have written jointly to the Architect of the Capitol, who has responsibility for maintaining the Library's buildings, asking for a detailed report on the status of his efforts to correct the deficiencies there. Specifically, we have requested detailed plans, timelines, and an identification of any additional resources needed to complete the task. We have also written to the House Inspector General, who has demonstrated substantial expertise in fire-protection matters, asking his office to participate in regular meetings with Architect and Library staff, offer whatever guidance he deems appropriate, and monitor progress, as he does in connection with ongoing fire-safety work in the House.

Last September the Architect unveiled before the House Administration Committee a staff reorganization plan that places all AOC fire-safety work under the supervision of a single senior-level subordinate, as proposed in a bill (H.R. 4366) that I introduced in the last Congress. The AOC is clearly moving in the right direction and I appreciate the progress he has made. The Chairman and I look forward to working with the Architect to ensure the deficiencies previously noted, and those

just identified at the Library, are remedied as soon as practicable. I include for the RECORD the texts of our letters to the Architect and the Inspector General of the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, DC, February 7, 2001.
Hon. ALAN M. HANTMAN, AIA,
The Architect of the Capitol,
The Capitol.

DEAR MR. HANTMAN: We have received the recent Office of Compliance report on its fire-safety inspections of the Library of Congress buildings. As you know, the Office found numerous fire-safety deficiencies in the three Library buildings, the same types of deficiencies found last year during thorough inspections of the Capitol and congressional office buildings. We are greatly concerned about the report and the grave danger posed to Library employees, visitors, and to the Library's enormous collection of books and artifacts, many irreplaceable, by decades of inadequate attention to fire-safety matters. We know you share our concern, and trust that you also share our determination to see these additional deficiencies corrected at the earliest possible date.

Toward that goal, we ask that you provide us immediately with a comprehensive report on the status of AOC efforts to correct deficiencies found in the Library buildings. Please provide detailed plans for the correction of deficiencies that remain uncorrected, including an identification of any additional resources that you may need to complete the work and timelines for its completion. We also ask that you assess the level of fire protection now afforded to the Library's most valuable artifacts, and indicate how you will prioritize the correction of deficiencies related to their protection.

We appreciate the progress that AOC has made in addressing fire-safety deficiencies in the House office buildings since the Inspector General's and Compliance Office's previous reports. We hope the Library can benefit from the AOC's experience in addressing those deficiencies. In that vein, we encourage you to incorporate into your approach for the Library the use of frequent, regular meetings among AOC, Library, and House Inspector General staff, to coordinate efforts and facilitate communication. A similar approach has worked well in the House.

Thanking you for your prompt attention to this request, with kindest regards, we remain

Sincerely yours,
BOB NEY,
Chairman.
STENY H. HOYER,
Ranking Member.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, DC, February 7, 2001.
Hon. STEVEN A. MCNAMARA,
Inspector General, House of Representatives,
Ford House Office Building.

DEAR MR. MCNAMARA: As you know, the Office of Compliance just reported on the results of its fire-safety inspections of the Library of Congress buildings. The Compliance Office found numerous fire-safety deficiencies in the three Library buildings, the

same types of deficiencies that it and your office found during prior inspections of the Capitol and House office buildings. We are greatly concerned about the danger posed to Library employees, visitors, and to the Library's valuable collection of books and artifacts, many irreplaceable, by the effects of decades of inadequate attention to fire safety. We are eager to help the Architect of the Capitol reverse these effects.

Your office has considerable expertise in such matters, and you continue to oversee the Architect's efforts to correct fire-safety deficiencies in the Capitol and House buildings. We write to ask that you similarly monitor the AOC's work to correct the fire-safety deficiencies at the Library, offer the AOC and the Library whatever guidance you may deem appropriate, and keep the Committee apprised of progress. As work progresses, should you have any concerns, please bring them to the Committee's attention immediately. To coordinate efforts and facilitate communications, we have urged the Architect to incorporate into his approach at the Library a plan to conduct regular, frequent meetings among AOC staff, Library staff and your staff, as he has done in the House.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter, with kindest regards, we remain

Sincerely yours,
BOB NEY,
Chairman.
STENY H. HOYER,
Ranking Member.

BUDGET PRIORITIES AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, the most important issue facing this Congress is the amount of the tax cut that has been proposed by the President and by the majority party, and a majority of Americans apparently think that this tax cut would be in their best interests. Today I would like to make five points why I disagree, and try to explain why I think a cut of this proposed magnitude is potentially disastrous.

The five points that I would like to make are, one, CBO's 10-year surplus projections are highly unreliable; secondly, the tax cut is skewed to benefit those who need the assistance the least; third, I believe that this tax cut is fiscally irresponsible in that it is substantially understated; fourthly, the tax cut ignores the financial catastrophe that we know is going to occur when the baby boom generation retires in another few years; and, fifth, it does not address what I believe is our highest priority, which is to pay off our public debt before we do anything else with the surplus.