

The Republican bill, desperate to spend no money helping schools but to fool the American public into thinking it helps schools, does nothing more than provide a free airplane ticket to Las Vegas for every school board member in the country so that they can take the school bond money to Vegas and see whether they can beat the odds. If they beat the odds, they can keep the profits for the kids.

Oh, if they lose the money, well, that is what Orange County, California, did, the county to the south of Lois and myself. They tried to play this arbitrage game, and they went bankrupt.

Mr. ETHERIDGE. I thank the gentleman. On that note, let me remind him and those who happen to be watching this evening that as school opens this fall, we will have showing up at the schoolhouse doors across America in the public schools more children than have ever been to public schools in America's history. Last year, as you remember, the secretary released his report on the baby-boom echo, which means all those baby-boomers after World War II now are having children and they are showing up.

Tonight I can report to Members we have talked with the Department today, we do not have the report on the numbers, but there is one thing we can say from what we have heard, that what we saw last year was a ripple compared to what we are going to see when the report comes out very shortly, because those numbers are just absolutely exploding all across America.

In my district, as an example, the baby-boom echoes, we have counties that are in double digits. You say well, there has to be a lot of economic growth there. Unfortunately, they happen to be counties adjacent to an urban center where they are getting a lot of residential growth, not a lot of economic-commercial growth.

For instance, one county, Franklin, had 19.6 percent growth over the last 8 years. My home county, 18.9; Lee County, 17.1, Nash, 17.3. They are all rural counties in transition and property taxes are under a burden. Wade County, the capital county, right at 30 percent. They are welcoming anywhere from 4,000 to 6,000 students this fall, and they have done it for the last several years. That is true across America. The pressure is getting so great out there, and this is a way we can be a help.

Mr. Speaker, the Republican leadership is putting the final touch, and as we heard already, has already put their touches on the final tax bill. We will find out tomorrow morning if they really care about making sure the children in this country have an opportunity for a decent place to go to school. Because if you are in a cold environment in the winter and a hot environment in the summer, and the building roofs leak and the wind blows

through the walls, you can talk all you want to about quality education, and then we wonder why we cannot recruit teachers and retain teachers. You do not have to be very bright to figure that out. Business figured that out a long time ago. They provide a good environment for their employees and quality training.

We can do something about it. It is within our goal. We stood in line today to sign the Rangel bill to make sure we got a discharge petition. Today my colleagues are working on it.

Mr. Speaker, I know our time is about to expire. Let me thank my two colleagues from California for joining me this evening. On behalf of the children of America, who only have us to speak for them, because they do not vote, and some of their parents do not take the opportunity to vote, I thank you for coming this evening and sharing and getting into the record the importance of school construction and opportunities for our children.

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#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SWEENEY). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 44 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DREIER) at 12 o'clock and 38 minutes a.m.

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#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2488, THE TAXPAYER REFUND AND RELIEF ACT OF 1999

Mr. LINDER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-291) on the resolution (H. Res. 274) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2488) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, to provide marriage penalty relief, to reduce taxes on savings and investments, to provide estate and gift tax relief, to provide incentives for education savings and health care, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2684, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2000

Mr. LINDER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-292) on the resolution (H. Res. 275) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2684) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 1467, EXTENDING THE FUNDING LEVELS FOR AVIATION PROGRAMS FOR 60 DAYS

Mr. LINDER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-293) on the resolution (H. Res. 276) providing for consideration of the Senate bill (S. 1467) to extend the funding levels for aviation programs for 60 days, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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#### CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1905

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 1905) making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes:

##### CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 106-290)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1905) "making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes", having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

##### Amendment numbered 1:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 1, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed, insert:

##### SENATE

##### EXPENSE ALLOWANCES

*For expense allowances of the Vice President, \$10,000; the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, \$10,000; Majority Leader of the Senate, \$10,000; Minority Leader of the Senate, \$10,000; Majority Whip of the Senate, \$5,000; Minority Whip of the Senate, \$5,000; and Chairmen of the Majority and Minority Conference Committees, \$3,000 for each Chairman; in all, \$56,000.*

##### REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

*For representation allowances of the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate, \$15,000 for each such Leader; in all, \$30,000.*

## SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

For compensation of officers, employees, and others as authorized by law, including agency contributions, \$89,968,000, which shall be paid from this appropriation without regard to the below limitations, as follows:

## OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

For the Office of the Vice President, \$1,721,000.

## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

For the Office of the President Pro Tempore, \$437,000.

## OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

For Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders, \$2,644,000.

## OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS

For Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips, \$1,634,000.

## COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

For salaries of the Committee on Appropriations, \$6,525,000.

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

For the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority, at rates of compensation to be fixed by the Chairman of each such committee, \$1,132,000 for each such committee; in all, \$2,264,000.

## OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE MAJORITY AND THE CONFERENCE OF THE MINORITY

For Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority, \$590,000.

## POLICY COMMITTEES

For salaries of the Majority Policy Committee and the Minority Policy Committee, \$1,151,000 for each such committee; in all, \$2,302,000.

## OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

For Office of the Chaplain, \$277,000.

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

For Office of the Secretary, \$14,202,000.

## OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER

For Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, \$34,794,000.

## OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY

For Offices of the Secretary for the Majority and the Secretary for the Minority, \$1,246,000.

## AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS AND RELATED EXPENSES

For agency contributions for employee benefits, as authorized by law, and related expenses, \$21,332,000.

## OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF THE SENATE

For salaries and expenses of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate, \$3,901,000.

## OFFICE OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

For salaries and expenses of the Office of Senate Legal Counsel, \$1,035,000.

## EXPENSE ALLOWANCES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE, AND SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY OF THE SENATE

For expense allowances of the Secretary of the Senate, \$3,000; Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, \$3,000; Secretary for the Majority of the Senate, \$3,000; Secretary for the Minority of the Senate, \$3,000; in all, \$12,000.

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE

## INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

For expenses of inquiries and investigations ordered by the Senate, or conducted pursuant to section 134(a) of Public Law 601, Seventy-ninth

Congress, as amended, section 112 of Public Law 96-304 and Senate Resolution 281, agreed to March 11, 1980, \$71,604,000.

## EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE CAUCUS ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

For expenses of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, \$370,000.

## SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

For expenses of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, \$1,511,000.

## SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

For expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, \$66,261,000.

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

For miscellaneous items, \$8,655,000.

## SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT

For Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account, \$245,703,000.

## OFFICIAL MAIL COSTS

For expenses necessary for official mail costs of the Senate, \$300,000.

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. Effective in the case of any fiscal year which begins on or after October 1, 1999, clause (iii) of paragraph (3)(A) of section 506(b) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1973 (2 U.S.C. 58(b)) is amended to read as follows:

“(iii) subject to subparagraph (B)—

“(I) in case the Senator represents Alabama, \$116,300, Alaska, \$221,600, Arizona, \$128,975, Arkansas, \$118,250, California, \$168,950, Colorado, \$124,100, Connecticut, \$105,575, Delaware, \$95,825, Florida, \$120,200, Georgia, \$116,300, Hawaii, \$245,000, Idaho, \$128,000, Illinois, \$138,725, Indiana, \$116,300, Iowa, \$119,225, Kansas, \$119,225, Kentucky, \$115,325, Louisiana, \$120,200, Maine, \$110,450, Maryland, \$100,700, Massachusetts, \$114,350, Michigan, \$124,100, Minnesota, \$120,200, Mississippi, \$118,250, Missouri, \$121,175, Montana, \$128,000, Nebraska, \$120,200, Nevada, \$129,950, New Hampshire, \$106,550, New Jersey, \$110,450, New Mexico, \$125,075, New York, \$145,550, North Carolina, \$112,400, North Dakota, \$119,225, Ohio, \$129,950, Oklahoma, \$123,125, Oregon, \$132,875, Pennsylvania, \$128,975, Rhode Island, \$104,600, South Carolina, \$110,450, South Dakota, \$120,200, Tennessee, \$116,300, Texas, \$149,450, Utah, \$128,000, Vermont, \$105,575, Virginia, \$106,550, Washington, \$135,800, West Virginia, \$105,575, Wisconsin, \$119,225, Wyoming, \$123,125, plus

“(II) the amount that is equal to the Senator's share for the fiscal year, as determined in accordance with regulations of the Committee on Rules and Administration, of the amount made available within the Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account in the contingent fund of the Senate for official mail expenses of Senators, plus”.

(b) Subparagraph (B) of section 506(b)(3) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1973 (2 U.S.C. 58(b)(3)) is amended—

(1) by striking “that part of the amount referred to in subparagraph (A)(iii) that is not specifically allocated for official mail expenses” and inserting “the amount referred to in subparagraph (A)(iii)(I)”; and

(2) by striking: “the part of the amount referred to in subparagraph (A)(iii) that is allocated for official mail expenses” and inserting “the amount referred to in subparagraph (A)(iii)(I)”.

(c) The amendments made by this section shall apply to any fiscal year which begins on or after October 1, 1999.

SEC. 2. Effective on and after October 1, 1999, each of the dollar amounts contained in the table under section 105(d)(1)(A) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1968 (2 U.S.C.

61-1(d)(1)(A)) shall be deemed to be the dollar amounts in that table, as increased by section 8 of Public Law 105-275, increased by an additional \$50,000 each.

SEC. 3. SENATE OFFICE SPACE ALLOCATIONS. Section 3 under the heading “ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS” in the appropriation for the Senate in the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1975 (2 U.S.C. 59; 88 Stat. 428) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the following:

“(1) 5,000 square feet if the population of the State of the Senator is less than 3,000,000;”;

(B) by striking “8,000” in paragraph (13) and inserting “8,200”; and

(C) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through (13) as paragraphs (2) through (12), respectively; and

(2) in subsection (c)(2)—

(A) by striking “\$30,000” and inserting “\$40,000”;;

(B) by striking “4,800” and inserting “5,000”;;

(C) by striking “\$734” and inserting “\$1,000”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following: “Effective beginning with the 106th Congress, the aggregate amount in effect under this paragraph for any Congress shall be increased by the inflation adjustment factor for the calendar year in which the Congress begins. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the inflation adjustment factor for any calendar year is a fraction the numerator of which is the implicit price deflator for the gross domestic product as computed and published by the Department of Commerce for the preceding calendar year and the denominator of which is such deflator for the calendar year 1998.”.

SEC. 4. Section 6(c) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-275; 2 U.S.C. 121b-1(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) The provisions of section 4 of the Act of July 31, 1946 (40 U.S.C. 193d), except for the provisions relating to solicitation, shall not apply to any activity carried out pursuant to this section, subject to approval of such activities by the Committee on Rules and Administration.”.

SEC. 5. The first section of Public Law 87-82 (40 U.S.C. 174j-1) is amended by adding at the end the following: “The provisions of section 4 of the Act of July 31, 1946 (40 U.S.C. 193d), except for the provisions relating to solicitation, shall not apply to any activity carried out pursuant to this section, subject to the approval of such activities by the Committee on Rules and Administration.”.

SEC. 6. The Legislative Counsel may, subject to the approval of the President pro tempore of the Senate, designate one of the Senior Counsels appointed under section 102 of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1979 (2 U.S.C. 274 note; Public Law 95-391; 92 Stat. 771) as Deputy Legislative Counsel. The Deputy Legislative Counsel shall perform the functions of the Legislative Counsel during the absence or disability of the Legislative Counsel, or when the office is vacant.

SEC. 7. Section 814(i) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1986 and 1987 (22 U.S.C. 2291 note) is amended by striking “September 30, 1999” and inserting “September 30, 2002”.

and strike all beginning on page 2, line 5, of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 1905, down through page 11, line 12, and insert the following:

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses of the House of Representatives, \$760,884,000, as follows:

## HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES

For salaries and expenses, as authorized by law, \$14,202,000, including: Office of the Speaker, \$1,740,000, including \$25,000 for official expenses of the Speaker; Office of the Majority Floor Leader, \$1,705,000, including \$10,000 for official expenses of the Majority Leader; Office of the Minority Floor Leader, \$2,071,000, including \$10,000 for official expenses of the Minority Leader; Office of the Majority Whip, including the Chief Deputy Majority Whip, \$1,423,000, including \$5,000 for official expenses of the Majority Whip; Office of the Minority Whip, including the Chief Deputy Minority Whip, \$1,057,000, including \$5,000 for official expenses of the Minority Whip; Speaker's Office for Legislative Floor Activities, \$406,000; Republican Steering Committee, \$757,000; Republican Conference, \$1,244,000; Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, \$1,337,000; Democratic Caucus, \$664,000; nine minority employees, \$1,218,000; training and program development—majority, \$290,000; and training and program development—minority, \$290,000: Provided, That the amounts otherwise provided under this heading for the various leadership offices shall be reduced in a manner approved by the Committee on Appropriations such that the aggregate amount appropriated under this heading is \$142,000 less than the aggregate amount otherwise provided.

## MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES INCLUDING MEMBERS' CLERK HIRE, OFFICIAL EXPENSES OF MEMBERS, AND OFFICIAL MAIL

For Members' representational allowances, including Members' clerk hire, official expenses, and official mail, \$406,279,000.

## COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES

## STANDING COMMITTEES, SPECIAL AND SELECT

For salaries and expenses of standing committees, special and select, authorized by House resolutions, \$93,878,000: Provided, That such amount shall remain available for such salaries and expenses until December 31, 2000.

## COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

For salaries and expenses of the Committee on Appropriations, \$21,095,000, including studies and examinations of executive agencies and temporary personal services for such committee, to be expended in accordance with section 202(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 and to be available for reimbursement to agencies for services performed: Provided, That such amount shall remain available for such salaries and expenses until December 31, 2000.

## SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

For compensation and expenses of officers and employees, as authorized by law, \$90,150,000, including: for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Clerk, including not more than \$3,500, of which not more than \$2,500 is for the Family Room, for official representation and reception expenses, \$14,881,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, including the position of Superintendent of Garages, and including not more than \$750 for official representation and reception expenses, \$3,746,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, \$57,289,000, of which \$2,500,000 shall remain available until expended, including \$25,519,000 for salaries, expenses and temporary personal services of House Information Resources, of which \$24,641,000 is provided herein: Provided, That of the amount provided for House Information Resources, \$6,260,000 shall be for net expenses of telecommunications: Provided further, That House Information Resources is authorized to receive reimbursement from Members of the House of Representatives and other governmental entities for services provided and such reimbursement shall be deposited in the Treasury for credit to this account; for salaries and expenses of the

Office of the Inspector General, \$3,926,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of General Counsel, \$840,000; for the Office of the Chaplain, \$136,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Parliamentarian, including the Parliamentarian and \$2,000 for preparing the Digest of Rules, \$1,172,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House, \$2,045,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House, \$5,085,000; for salaries and expenses of the Corrections Calendar Office, \$825,000; and for other authorized employees, \$205,000.

## ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

For allowances and expenses as authorized by House resolution or law, \$135,422,000, including: supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims, \$2,741,000; official mail for committees, leadership offices, and administrative offices of the House, \$410,000; Government contributions for health, retirement, Social Security, and other applicable employee benefits, \$131,595,000; and miscellaneous items including purchase, exchange, maintenance, repair and operation of House motor vehicles, inter-parliamentary receptions, and gratuities to heirs of deceased employees of the House, \$676,000.

## CHILD CARE CENTER

For salaries and expenses of the House of Representatives Child Care Center, such amounts as are deposited in the account established by section 312(d)(1) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1992 (40 U.S.C. 184g(d)(1)), subject to the level specified in the budget of the Center, as submitted to the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 101. (a) COMPLIANCE WITH ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS.—The General Counsel of the House of Representatives and any other counsel in the Office of the General Counsel of the House of Representatives, including any counsel specially retained by the Office of General Counsel, shall be entitled, for the purpose of performing the counsel's functions, to enter an appearance in any proceeding before any court of the United States or of any State or political subdivision thereof without compliance with any requirements for admission to practice before such court, except that the authorization conferred by this subsection shall not apply with respect to the admission of any such person to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

(b) NOTIFICATION BY ATTORNEY GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall notify the General Counsel of the House of Representatives with respect to any proceeding in which the United States is a party of any determination by the Attorney General or Solicitor General not to appeal any court decision affecting the constitutionality of an Act or joint resolution of Congress within such time as will enable the House to direct the General Counsel to intervene as a party in such proceeding pursuant to applicable rules of the House of Representatives.

(c) GENERAL COUNSEL DEFINITION.—In this section, the term "General Counsel of the House of Representatives" means—

(1) the head of the Office of General Counsel established and operating under clause 8 of rule II of the Rules of the House of Representatives;

(2) the head of any successor office to the Office of General Counsel which is established after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(3) any other person authorized and directed in accordance with the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide legal assistance and representation to the House in connection with the matters described in this section.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The provisions of this section shall become effective beginning with the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 102. section 104(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-275; 112 Stat. 2439) is amended by striking "(2 U.S.C. 59(e)(2))" and inserting "(2 U.S.C. 59e(e)(2))".

SEC. 103. (a) CLARIFICATION OF RULES REGARDING USE OF FUNDS FOR OFFICIAL MAIL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 311(e)(1) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991 (2 U.S.C. 59e(e)(1)) is amended—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "There is established" and all that follows through "shall be prescribed—" and inserting the following: "The use of funds of the House of Representatives which are made available for official mail of Members, officers, and employees of the House of Representatives who are persons entitled to use the congressional frank shall be governed by regulations promulgated—"; and

(B) in subparagraph (A), by striking "the Allowance" and inserting "official mail (except as provided in subparagraph (B))".

(2) LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Section 311(e)(2) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 59e(e)(2)), as amended by section 104(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999, is amended—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "The Official Mail Allowance" and inserting "Funds used for official mail";

(B) by striking subparagraph (A); and

(C) by redesignating subparagraphs (B) and (C) as subparagraphs (A) and (B).

(3) REPEAL OF OBSOLETE TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—Section 311(e) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 59e(e)) is amended by striking paragraph (3).

(4) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(A) section 1(a) of House Resolution 457, Ninety-second Congress, agreed to July 21, 1971, as enacted into permanent law by chapter IV of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1972 (2 U.S.C. 57(a)), is amended by striking "the Official Mail Allowance" each place it appears and inserting "official mail".

(B) section 311(a)(3) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991 (2 U.S.C. 59e(a)(3)) is amended by striking "costs charged against the Official Mail Allowance for" and inserting "costs incurred for official mail by".

(b) REPEAL OF OBSOLETE REFERENCES TO CLERK HIRE ALLOWANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 104(a) of the House of Representatives Administrative Reform Technical Corrections Act (2 U.S.C. 92(a)) is amended by striking "clerk hire" each place it appears.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading of section 104 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 92(a)) is amended by striking "clerk hire".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to the first session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress and each succeeding session of Congress.

SEC. 104. REQUIRING AMOUNTS REMAINING IN MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES TO BE USED FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION OR TO REDUCE THE FEDERAL DEBT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any amounts appropriated under this Act for "HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—SALARIES AND EXPENSES—MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES" shall be available only for fiscal year 2000. Any amount remaining after all payments are made under such allowances for fiscal year 2000 shall be deposited in the Treasury and used for deficit reduction (or, if there is no Federal budget deficit after all such payments have been made, for reducing the Federal debt, in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury considers appropriate).

; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 2:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 2, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted, insert:

#### JOINT ITEMS

For Joint Committees, as follows:

##### JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

For salaries and expenses of the Joint Economic Committee, \$3,200,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.

##### JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Taxation, \$6,456,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House.

For other joint items, as follows:

##### OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

For medical supplies, equipment, and contingent expenses of the emergency rooms, and for the Attending Physician and his assistants, including: (1) an allowance of \$1,500 per month to the Attending Physician; (2) an allowance of \$500 per month each to three medical officers while on duty in the Office of the Attending Physician; (3) an allowance of \$500 per month to one assistant and \$400 per month each not to exceed eleven assistants on the basis heretofore provided for such assistants; and (4) \$1,002,600 for reimbursement to the Department of the Navy for expenses incurred for staff and equipment assigned to the Office of the Attending Physician, which shall be advanced and credited to the applicable appropriation or appropriations from which such salaries, allowances, and other expenses are payable and shall be available for all the purposes thereof, \$1,898,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House.

##### CAPITOL POLICE BOARD

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##### SALARIES

For the Capitol Police Board for salaries of officers, members, and employees of the Capitol Police, including overtime, hazardous duty pay differential, clothing allowance of not more than \$600 each for members required to wear civilian attire, and Government contributions for health, retirement, Social Security, and other applicable employee benefits, \$78,501,000, of which \$37,725,000 is provided to the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House, and \$40,776,000 is provided to the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate: Provided, That, of the amounts appropriated under this heading, such amounts as may be necessary may be transferred between the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives and the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, upon approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

##### GENERAL EXPENSES

For the Capitol Police Board for necessary expenses of the Capitol Police, including motor vehicles, communications and other equipment, security equipment and installation, uniforms, weapons, supplies, materials, training, medical services, forensic services, stenographic services, personal and professional services, the employee assistance program, not more than \$2,000 for the awards program, postage, telephone service, travel advances, relocation of instructor and liaison personnel for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and \$85 per month for extra services performed for the Capitol Police Board by an employee of the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate or the House of Representatives designated by the Chairman of the Board, \$6,574,000, to be disbursed by the Capitol Police Board or their delegee: Provided, That, notwith-

standing any other provision of law, the cost of basic training for the Capitol Police at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for fiscal year 2000 shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury from funds available to the Department of the Treasury.

##### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 105. Amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2000 for the Capitol Police Board for the Capitol Police may be transferred between the headings "SALARIES" and "GENERAL EXPENSES" upon the approval of—

(1) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, in the case of amounts transferred from the appropriation provided to the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives under the heading "SALARIES";

(2) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, in the case of amounts transferred from the appropriation provided to the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate under the heading "SALARIES"; and

(3) the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives, in the case of other transfers.

##### CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE AND SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE

For salaries and expenses of the Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office, \$2,293,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate: Provided, That no part of such amount may be used to employ more than forty-three individuals: Provided further, That the Capitol Guide Board is authorized, during emergencies, to employ not more than two additional individuals for not more than 120 days each, and not more than ten additional individuals for not more than six months each, for the Capitol Guide Service.

##### STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS

For the preparation, under the direction of the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives, of the statements for the first session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress, showing appropriations made, indefinite appropriations, and contracts authorized, together with a chronological history of the regular appropriations bills as required by law, \$30,000, to be paid to the persons designated by the chairmen of such committees to supervise the work.

##### OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

##### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses of the Office of Compliance, as authorized by section 305 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1385), \$2,000,000.

##### CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

##### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-344), including not more than \$2,500 to be expended on the certification of the Director of the Congressional Budget Office in connection with official representation and reception expenses, \$26,221,000: Provided, That no part of such amount may be used for the purchase or hire of a passenger motor vehicle.

##### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 106. (a) The Director of the Congressional Budget Office shall have the authority to make lump-sum payments to enhance staff recruitment and to reward exceptional performance by an employee or a group of employees.

(b) Subsection (a) shall apply with respect to fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1999.

##### ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

##### CAPITOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

##### CAPITOL BUILDINGS

##### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries for the Architect of the Capitol, the Assistant Architect of the Capitol, and other

personal services, at rates of pay provided by law; for surveys and studies in connection with activities under the care of the Architect of the Capitol; for all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol and electrical substations of the Senate and House office buildings under the jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol, including furnishings and office equipment, including not more than \$1,000 for official reception and representation expenses, to be expended as the Architect of the Capitol may approve; for purchase or exchange, maintenance and operation of a passenger motor vehicle; and not to exceed \$20,000 for attendance, when specifically authorized by the Architect of the Capitol, at meetings or conventions in connection with subjects related to work under the Architect of the Capitol, \$46,836,000, of which \$4,390,000 shall remain available until expended.

##### CAPITOL GROUNDS

For all necessary expenses for care and improvement of grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant, \$5,427,000, of which \$155,000 shall remain available until expended.

##### SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

For all necessary expenses for maintenance, care and operation of Senate office buildings; and furniture and furnishings to be expended under the control and supervision of the Architect of the Capitol, \$64,038,000, of which \$22,305,000 shall remain available until expended.

and strike all beginning on page 18, line 19, of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 1905, down through page 18, line 22, and insert the following:

##### HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the House office buildings, \$37,279,000, of which \$4,442,000 shall remain available until expended.

; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 3:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 3, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted, insert:

##### CAPITOL POWER PLANT

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol Power Plant; lighting, heating, power (including the purchase of electrical energy) and water and sewer services for the Capitol, Senate and House office buildings, Library of Congress buildings, and the grounds about the same, Botanic Garden, Senate garage, and air conditioning refrigeration not supplied from plants in any of such buildings; heating the Government Printing Office and Washington City Post Office, and heating and chilled water for air conditioning for the Supreme Court Building, the Union Station complex, the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building and the Folger Shakespeare Library, expenses for which shall be advanced or reimbursed upon request of the Architect of the Capitol and amounts so received shall be deposited into the Treasury to the credit of this appropriation, \$38,054,000, of which \$3,000,000 shall remain available until expended: Provided, That not more than \$4,000,000 of the funds credited or to be reimbursed to this appropriation as herein provided shall be available for obligation during fiscal year 2000.

##### LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

##### CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

##### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of section 203 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 166) and to revise

and extend the Annotated Constitution of the United States of America, \$71,244,000: Provided, That no part of such amount may be used to pay any salary or expense in connection with any publication, or preparation of material therefor (except the Digest of Public General Bills), to be issued by the Library of Congress unless such publication has obtained prior approval of either the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives or the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

**GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE  
CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING**

For authorized printing and binding for the Congress and the distribution of Congressional information in any format; printing and binding for the Architect of the Capitol; expenses necessary for preparing the semimonthly and session index to the Congressional Record, as authorized by law (44 U.S.C. 902); printing and binding of Government publications authorized by law to be distributed to Members of Congress; and printing, binding, and distribution of Government publications authorized by law to be distributed without charge to the recipient, \$73,577,000: Provided, That this appropriation shall not be available for paper copies of the permanent edition of the Congressional Record for individual Representatives, Resident Commissioners or Delegates authorized under 44 U.S.C. 906: Provided further, That this appropriation shall be available for the payment of obligations incurred under the appropriations for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years: Provided further, That notwithstanding the 2-year limitation under section 718 of title 44, United States Code, none of the funds appropriated or made available under this Act or any other Act for printing and binding and related services provided to Congress under chapter 7 of title 44, United States Code, may be expended to print a document, report, or publication after the 27-month period beginning on the date that such document, report, or publication is authorized by Congress to be printed, unless Congress reauthorizes such printing in accordance with section 718 of title 44, United States Code.

This title may be cited as the "Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 2000".

**TITLE II—OTHER AGENCIES**

**BOTANIC GARDEN**

**SALARIES AND EXPENSES**

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Botanic Garden and the nurseries, buildings, grounds, and collections; and purchase and exchange, maintenance, repair, and operation of a passenger motor vehicle; all under the direction of the Joint Committee on the Library, \$3,425,000.

**LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**

**SALARIES AND EXPENSES**

For necessary expenses of the Library of Congress not otherwise provided for, including development and maintenance of the Union Catalogs; custody and custodial care of the Library buildings; special clothing; cleaning, laundering and repair of uniforms; preservation of motion pictures in the custody of the Library; operation and maintenance of the American Folklife Center in the Library; preparation and distribution of catalog records and other publications of the Library; hire or purchase of one passenger motor vehicle; and expenses of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board not properly chargeable to the income of any trust fund held by the Board, \$256,779,000, of which not more than \$6,500,000 shall be derived from collections credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 2000, and shall remain available until expended, under the Act of June 28, 1902 (chapter 1301; 32 Stat. 480; 2 U.S.C. 150) and not more than

\$350,000 shall be derived from collections during fiscal year 2000 and shall remain available until expended for the development and maintenance of an international legal information database and activities related thereto: Provided, That the Library of Congress may not obligate or expend any funds derived from collections under the Act of June 28, 1902, in excess of the amount authorized for obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: Provided further, That the total amount available for obligation shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are less than the \$6,850,000: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$10,321,380 is to remain available until expended for acquisition of books, periodicals, newspapers, and all other materials including subscriptions for bibliographic services for the Library, including \$40,000 to be available solely for the purchase, when specifically approved by the Librarian, of special and unique materials for additions to the collections: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$2,347,000 is to remain available until expended for the acquisition and partial support for implementation of an Integrated Library System (ILS): Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$5,579,000 is to remain available until expended for the purpose of teaching educators how to incorporate the Library's digital collections into school curricula, which amount shall be transferred to the educational consortium formed to conduct the "Joining Hands Across America: Local Community Initiative" project as approved by the Library: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$600,000 is to remain available until expended for the purpose of digitizing archival materials relating to ethnic groups of California, including Japanese Americans, which amount shall be transferred to an educational archive able to conduct such a project as approved by the Library.

**COPYRIGHT OFFICE**

**SALARIES AND EXPENSES**

For necessary expenses of the Copyright Office, \$37,628,000, of which not more than \$20,800,000, to remain available until expended, shall be derived from collections credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 2000 under 17 U.S.C. 708(d): Provided, That the Copyright Office may not obligate or expend any funds derived from collections under 17 U.S.C. 708(d), in excess of the amount authorized for obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: Provided further, That not more than \$5,454,000 shall be derived from collections during fiscal year 2000 under 17 U.S.C. 111(d)(2), 119(b)(2), 802(h), and 1005: Provided further, That the total amount available for obligation shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are less than \$26,254,000: Provided further, That not more than \$100,000 of the amount appropriated is available for the maintenance of an "International Copyright Institute" in the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress for the purpose of training nationals of developing countries in intellectual property laws and policies: Provided further, That not more than \$4,250 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official representation and reception expenses for activities of the International Copyright Institute and for copyright delegations, visitors, and seminars.

**BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY  
HANDICAPPED**

**SALARIES AND EXPENSES**

For salaries and expenses to carry out the Act of March 3, 1931 (chapter 400; 46 Stat. 1487; 2 U.S.C. 135a), \$47,984,000, of which \$14,019,000 shall remain available until expended.

**FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS**

For necessary expenses for the purchase, installation, maintenance, and repair of furniture,

furnishings, office and library equipment, \$5,415,000.

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS**

**SEC. 201.** Appropriations in this Act available to the Library of Congress shall be available, in an amount of not more than \$198,390, of which \$59,300 is for the Congressional Research Service, when specifically authorized by the Librarian of Congress, for attendance at meetings concerned with the function or activity for which the appropriation is made.

**SEC. 202.** (a) No part of the funds appropriated in this Act shall be used by the Library of Congress to administer any flexible or compressed work schedule which—

(1) applies to any manager or supervisor in a position the grade or level of which is equal to or higher than GS-15; and

(2) grants such manager or supervisor the right to not be at work for all or a portion of a workday because of time worked by the manager or supervisor on another workday.

(b) For purposes of this section, the term "manager or supervisor" means any management official or supervisor, as such terms are defined in section 7103(a)(10) and (11) of title 5, United States Code.

**SEC. 203.** Appropriated funds received by the Library of Congress from other Federal agencies to cover general and administrative overhead costs generated by performing reimbursable work for other agencies under the authority of 31 U.S.C. 1535 and 1536 shall not be used to employ more than 65 employees and may be expended or obligated—

(1) in the case of a reimbursement, only to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in appropriations Acts; or

(2) in the case of an advance payment, only—

(A) to pay for such general or administrative overhead costs as are attributable to the work performed for such agency; or

(B) to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in appropriations Acts, with respect to any purpose not allowable under subparagraph (A).

**SEC. 204.** Of the amounts appropriated to the Library of Congress in this Act, not more than \$5,000 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official representation and reception expenses for the incentive awards program.

**SEC. 205.** Of the amount appropriated to the Library of Congress in this Act, not more than \$12,000 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official representation and reception expenses for the Overseas Field Offices.

**SEC. 206.** (a) For fiscal year 2000, the obligatory authority of the Library of Congress for the activities described in subsection (b) may not exceed \$98,788,000.

(b) The activities referred to in subsection (a) are reimbursable and revolving fund activities that are funded from sources other than appropriations to the Library in appropriations Acts for the legislative branch.

**SEC. 207.** The Library of Congress may use available funds, now and hereafter, to enter into contracts for the lease or acquisition of severable services for a period that begins in one fiscal year and ends in the next fiscal year and to enter into multi-year contracts for the acquisition of property and services pursuant to sections 303L and 304B, respectively, of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act (41 U.S.C. 253l and 254c).

**SEC. 208.** (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law regarding the qualifications and method of appointment of employees of the Library of Congress, the Librarian of Congress, using such method of appointment as the Librarian may select, may appoint not more than three individuals who meet such qualifications

as the Librarian may impose to serve as management specialists for a term not to exceed three years.

(b) No individual appointed as a management specialist under subsection (a) may serve in such position after December 31, 2004.

SEC. 209. (a) section 904 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1983 (2 U.S.C. 136a-2) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 904. Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

“(1) the Librarian of Congress shall be compensated at an annual rate of pay which is equal to the annual rate of basic pay payable for positions at level II of the Executive Schedule under section 5313 of title 5, United States Code; and

“(2) the Deputy Librarian of Congress shall be compensated at an annual rate of pay which is equal to the annual rate of basic pay payable for positions at level III of the Executive Schedule under section 5314 of title 5, United States Code.”.

(b) section 203(c)(1) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 166(c)(1)) is amended by striking the second sentence and inserting the following: “The basic pay of the Director shall be at a per annum rate equal to the rate of basic pay provided for level III of the Executive Schedule under section 5314 of title 5, United States Code.”.

(c) The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to the first pay period which begins on or after the date of the enactment of this Act and each subsequent pay period.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL  
LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS  
STRUCTURAL AND MECHANICAL CARE

For all necessary expenses for the mechanical and structural maintenance, care and operation of the Library buildings and grounds, \$16,033,000, of which \$3,650,000 shall remain available until expended.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE  
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS  
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses of the Office of Superintendent of Documents necessary to provide for the cataloging and indexing of Government publications and their distribution to the public, Members of Congress, other Government agencies, and designated depository and international exchange libraries as authorized by law, \$29,986,000: Provided, That travel expenses, including travel expenses of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer, shall not exceed \$175,000: Provided further, That amounts of not more than \$2,000,000 from current year appropriations are authorized for producing and disseminating Congressional serial sets and other related publications for 1998 and 1999 to depository and other designated libraries.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING  
FUND

The Government Printing Office is hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds available and in accord with the law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 9104 of title 31, United States Code, as may be necessary in carrying out the programs and purposes set forth in the budget for the current fiscal year for the Government Printing Office revolving fund: Provided, That not more than \$2,500 may be expended on the certification of the Public Printer in connection with official representation and reception expenses: Provided further, That the revolving fund shall be available for the hire or purchase of not more than twelve passenger motor vehicles: Provided further, That expenditures in connection with travel expenses of the

advisory councils to the Public Printer shall be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of title 44, United States Code: Provided further, That the revolving fund shall be available for temporary or intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not more than the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such title: Provided further, That the revolving fund and the funds provided under the headings “OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS” and “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” together may not be available for the full-time equivalent employment of more than 3,313 workyears (or such other number of workyears as the Public Printer may request, subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives): Provided further, That activities financed through the revolving fund may provide information in any format: Provided further, That the revolving fund shall not be used to administer any flexible or compressed work schedule which applies to any manager or supervisor in a position the grade or level of which is equal to or higher than GS-15: Provided further, That expenses for attendance at meetings shall not exceed \$75,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 210. (a) section 311 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (41 U.S.C. 5) shall apply with respect to purchases and contracts for the Government Printing Office as if the reference to ‘\$25,000’ in clause (1) of such section were a reference to ‘\$100,000’.”.

(b) The heading of section 311 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking “**authority**” and inserting “**authority; small purchase threshold**”.

(c) The table of sections for chapter 3 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 311 and inserting the following:

“311. Purchases exempt from the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act; contract negotiation authority; small purchase threshold.”.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the General Accounting Office, including not more than \$7,000 to be expended on the certification of the Comptroller General of the United States in connection with official representation and reception expenses; temporary or intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not more than the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of such title; hire of one passenger motor vehicle; advance payments in foreign countries in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3324; benefits comparable to those payable under sections 901(5), 901(6), and 901(8) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4081(5), 4081(6), and 4081(8)); and under regulations prescribed by the Comptroller General of the United States, rental of living quarters in foreign countries, \$379,000,000: Provided, That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 9105 hereafter amounts reimbursed to the Comptroller General pursuant to that section shall be deposited to the appropriation of the General Accounting Office then available and remain available until expended, and not more than \$1,400,000 of such funds shall be available for use in fiscal year 2000: Provided further, That this appropriation and appropriations for administrative expenses of any other department or agency which is a member of the National

Intergovernmental Audit Forum or a Regional Intergovernmental Audit Forum shall be available to finance an appropriate share of either Forum’s costs as determined by the respective Forum, including necessary travel expenses of non-Federal participants. Payments hereunder to the Forum may be credited as reimbursements to any appropriation from which costs involved are initially financed: Provided further, That this appropriation and appropriations for administrative expenses of any other department or agency which is a member of the American Consortium on International Public Administration (ACIPA) shall be available to finance an appropriate share of ACIPA costs as determined by the ACIPA, including any expenses attributable to membership of ACIPA in the International Institute of Administrative Sciences.

TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 301. No part of the funds appropriated in this Act shall be used 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 of Representatives issued by the Committee on House Administration and for the Senate issued by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SEC. 302. No part of the funds appropriated in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond fiscal year 2000 unless expressly so provided in this Act.

SEC. 303. Whenever in this Act any office or position not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of 1929 is appropriated for or the rate of compensation or designation of any office or position appropriated for is different from that specifically established by such Act, the rate of compensation and the designation in this Act shall be the permanent law with respect thereto: Provided, That the provisions in this Act for the various items of official expenses of Members, officers, and committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, and clerk hire for Senators and Members of the House of Representatives shall be the permanent law with respect thereto.

SEC. 304. The expenditure of any appropriation under this Act for any consulting service through procurement contract, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109, shall be limited to those contracts where such expenditures are a matter of public record and available for public inspection, except where otherwise provided under existing law, or under existing Executive order issued pursuant to existing law.

SEC. 305. (a) It is the sense of the Congress that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased with funds made available in this Act should be American-made.

(b) In providing financial assistance to, or entering into any contract with, any entity using funds made available in this Act, the head of each Federal agency, to the greatest extent practicable, shall provide to such entity a notice describing the statement made in subsection (a) by the Congress.

(c) If it has been finally determined by a court or Federal agency that any person intentionally affixed a label bearing a “Made in America” inscription, or any inscription with the same meaning, to any product sold in or shipped to the United States that is not made in the United States, such person shall be ineligible to receive any contract or subcontract made with funds provided pursuant to this Act, pursuant to the debarment, suspension, and ineligibility procedures described in section 9.400 through 9.409 of title 48, Code of Federal Regulations.

SEC. 306. Such sums as may be necessary are appropriated to the account described in subsection (a) of section 415 of Public Law 104-1 to pay awards and settlements as authorized under such subsection.

SEC. 307. Amounts available for administrative expenses of any legislative branch entity which participates in the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council (LBFMC) established by charter on March 26, 1996, shall be available to finance an appropriate share of LBFMC costs as determined by the LBFMC, except that the total LBFMC costs to be shared among all participating legislative branch entities (in such allocations among the entities as the entities may determine) may not exceed \$1,500.

SEC. 308. Section 308 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-275; 112 Stat. 2452) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking “(40 U.S.C. 174j-1(b)(1))” and inserting “(40 U.S.C. 174j-1 note)”;

(2) in subsection (c), by striking “(40 U.S.C. 174j-1(c))” and inserting “(40 U.S.C. 174j-1 note)”;

(3) in subsection (d), by striking “(40 U.S.C. 174j-1(e))” and inserting “(40 U.S.C. 174j-1 note)”.

SEC. 309. Section 316 of Public Law 101-302 is amended in the first sentence of subsection (a) by striking “1999” and inserting “2000”.

SEC. 310. Chapter 5 of title II of division B of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-277; 112 Stat. 2681-569) is amended in the matter under the subheading “CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER” under the heading “ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL” by striking “the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives, the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and of the Senate, and other appropriate committees of the House of Representatives and of the Senate” and inserting “the United States Capitol Preservation Commission established under section 801 of the Arizona-Idaho Conservation Act of 1988 (40 U.S.C. 188a)”.

SEC. 311. TRADE DEFICIT REVIEW COMMISSION. (a) APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 127(i) of the Trade Deficit Review Commission Act (19 U.S.C. 2213 note) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

“Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subsection shall remain available until the date which is 90 days after the date on which the Commission submits the final report described in subsection (e).”.

(b) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PAY AUTHORITIES TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.—Section 127(g) of the Trade Deficit Review Commission Act is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(6) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PAY AUTHORITIES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An individual who is a member of the Commission and is an annuitant or otherwise covered by section 8344 or 8468 of title 5, United States Code, by reason of membership on the Commission is not subject to the provisions of section 8344 or 8468 (whichever is applicable) with respect to such membership.

“(B) UNIFORMED SERVICE.—An individual who is a member of the Commission and is a member or former member of a uniformed service is not subject to the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of section 5532, United States Code, with respect to membership on the Commission.”.

(c) TERMINATION OF COMMISSION AND OTHER MATTERS.—Section 127 of the Trade Deficit Review Commission Act is amended by adding at the end the following new subsections:

“(j) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—The provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Commission.

“(k) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate 90 days after the date on which the Commission submits the final report under subsection (e).”.

SEC. 312. CREDITABLE SERVICE WITH CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES. Section 8332(m)(1)(A) of title 5, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(A) such employee has at least 4 years and 6 months of service on such committees as of December 12, 1980; and”.

SEC. 313. Section 507 of Public Law 104-1 (109 Stat. 43; 2 U.S.C. 1436) is repealed.

TITLE IV—FISCAL YEAR 1999 SUPPLEMENTAL LEGISLATIVE BRANCH FUNDS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PAYMENTS TO WIDOWS AND HEIRS OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

For payment to Marta Macias Brown, widow of George E. Brown, Jr., late a Representative from the State of California, \$136,700: Provided, That this provision shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 401. (a) The Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-275; 112 Stat. 2437) is amended in the item relating to “HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Salaries and Expenses—salaries, officers and employees” by striking “\$24,282,000” and inserting “\$24,982,000”.

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999.

This title may be cited as the “Legislative Branch Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999”.

This Act may be cited as the “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2000”.

And the Senate agree to the same.

CHARLES H. TAYLOR,  
ZACH WAMP,  
JERRY LEWIS,  
KAY GRANGER,  
BILL YOUNG,  
ED PASTOR,  
JOHN P. MURTHA,  
STENY H. HOYER,  
DAVID OBEY

(except for the Russian exchange program),

Managers on the Part of the House.

ROBERT F. BENNETT,  
TED STEVENS,  
LARRY CRAIG,  
THAD COCHRAN,  
DIANNE FEINSTEIN,  
RICHARD J. DURBIN,  
ROBERT C. BYRD,

Managers on the Part of the Senate.

JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE

The managers on the part of the House and the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1905) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, submit the following joint statement to the House and Senate in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the managers and recommended in the accompanying conference report.

Amendment No. 1: Inserts appropriations for operations of the Senate. With respect to those items in the conference agreement that differ between House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following:

TITLE I—CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS  
SENATE

Appropriates \$489,406,000 for Senate operations and contains several administrative provisions. The managers on the part of the

Senate have requested an amendment to Section 1, an administrative provision dealing with Senators' allowances. Inasmuch as this item relates solely to the Senate, and in accord with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the managers on the part of the House, at the request of the managers on the part of the Senate, have receded to the Senate.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

At the request of the managers on the part of the House, the conferees agree to amend several provisions relating to the House of Representatives. The conference agreement appropriates \$760,884,000, and adjusts a receipt ceiling applicable to House Information Resources, for salaries and expenses, House of Representatives. It also amends two House administrative provisions included in the House bill. One amendment removes an inconsistent reporting requirement and the other clarifies a provision regarding the House General Counsel regarding its status as permanent law. Inasmuch as this item relates solely to the House, and in accord with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the managers on the part of the Senate, at the request of the managers on the part of the House, have receded to the House.

Amendment No. 2: Deletes several provisions of the House bill and inserts substitute provisions. Many items in both House and Senate bills are identical and are included in the conference agreement without change. The conferees agree with the report language accompanying the regular House and Senate fiscal year 2000 appropriations bills unless otherwise stated herein. With respect to those items in the conference agreement that differ between House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following:

JOINT ITEMS

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Appropriates \$6,456,400 for the Joint Committee on Taxation as proposed by the Senate instead of \$6,188,000 as proposed by the House. The funds will support 66.5 FTE's.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY

The conference agreement deletes funds for the Joint Committee on the Library instead of \$500,000 as proposed by the Senate.

CAPITOL POLICE BOARD

CAPITOL POLICE

SALARIES

Appropriates \$78,501,000 for salaries of officers, members, and employees of the Capitol Police as proposed by the House instead of \$80,783,000 as proposed by the Senate, of which \$37,725,000 is provided to the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives and \$40,776,000 is provided to the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate. In addition, the Capitol Police have \$2,282,000 in savings available from the fiscal year 99 Security Enhancements supplemental.

GENERAL EXPENSES

Appropriates \$6,574,000 for general expenses of the Capitol Police instead of \$6,711,000 as proposed by House and \$7,913,000 as proposed by the Senate. The funds provided include \$650,000 for travel, \$5,000 for transportation of things, \$138,000 for rent, communications and utilities, \$635,000 for additional computer and telecommunications needs, \$2,374,000 for all other services, \$1,299,000 for supplies, and \$1,473,000 for equipment. With respect to vehicles, the conferees recognize the need of

the Capitol Police to upgrade and possibly expand their existing fleet of motorcycles to help fulfill their security mission, and provide \$103,000 for that purpose from existing funds. The conferees direct the Capitol Police to study options that will enable the purchase of American-made motorcycles that meet the Department's security mission and report their findings to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

With respect to the computer and telecommunications project, \$635,000 are provided to begin taking over communications activities and relieving the Senate Sergeant at Arms from the need to support those activities. Of the \$635,000, \$400,000 is not available until released by the Committees on Appropriations. The balance is available for telecommunications needs. The \$635,000 is provided to begin a transition from Sergeant at Arms support of police information technology and the necessary infrastructure. During the transition the Senate Sergeant at Arms will continue to provide necessary assistance required by the Capitol Police. The draft Information Technology (IT) plan recently submitted is an excellent start in the planning needed to undertake this activity. The draft is a well developed professional IT plan and gives the Committees assurances that the Capitol Police are reaching the point of having the ability to take on these tasks. However, more planning is needed in the area of relating specific IT needs and systems to the mission of the Capitol Police. The plan should include identification of infrastructure specifics (hardware and systems) as they relate to the police mission. Further development of the plan should be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations and the authorizing Committees. The police are urged to continue their consultation with the General Accounting Office.

The conferees agree with the language in the House bill transferring the disbursement authority from the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to the Capitol Police Board or its delegatee. This transfer of authority is for the General Expenses fund only, and will not change or impact the current appointing authorities or disbursement entities for salary funds in the House or Senate.

CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE AND SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE

Appropriates \$2,293,000 for the Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office as proposed by the House instead of \$2,336,000 as proposed by the Senate.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conferees have included an administrative provision authorizing the Congressional Budget Office to make lump sum payments for staff recruitment and bonuses as proposed by the House. The payments will not exceed one percent of CBO's annual pay roll. The conferees deleted a provision proposed by the House authorizing a change in the pay level for the Director and the Deputy Director of CBO.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL CAPITOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS CAPITOL BUILDINGS SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$46,836,000 for salaries and expenses, Capitol buildings, Architect of the Capitol, instead of \$46,104,000 as proposed by the House and \$48,195,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$4,390,000 shall remain available until expended instead of \$3,055,000 as proposed by the House and

\$7,620,000 as proposed by the Senate. With respect to object class and project differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following:

Operating Budget:	
1. Personal services .....	\$25,964,000
2. Rent, communications, utilities & travel .....	894,000
3. Other services .....	9,812,000
4. Supplies .....	600,000
5. Equipment .....	225,000
Capitol Projects:	
6. ADA requirements .....	0
7. Replace sound systems, cmte & hearing rooms .....	120,000
8. Elevator/escalator modernization program .....	0
9. Provide steam humidification .....	210,000
10. Implementation of AOCNET .....	250,000
11. Financial Management System (FMS) ....	500,000
12. Computer-Aided Facility Management (CAFM) .....	0
13. Computer, telecommunications & electrical support .....	600,000
14. Upgrade unsafe mechanical equip. walkways and ladders .....	200,000
15. Replace exit doors for emergency egress & security .....	0
16. Security project support for AOC .....	200,000
17. Design: Upgrade air conditioning—east front, Capitol .....	140,000
18. Design: Replace high voltage SWGR, Capitol complex .....	175,000
19. Painting of exterior woodwork and west front of Capitol .....	300,000
20. Master plan development .....	0
21. Study House chamber improvements .....	300,000
22. Inaugural support services .....	50,000
23. Design: Replace exit doors for emergency egress .....	160,000
24. Design: Restore shutters & upgrade window lighting .....	53,000
25. Design: Restore cast iron lamp posts & railings .....	18,000
26. Design: Exterior stone preservation .....	115,000
27. Design: Replace windows, Capitol .....	240,000
28. Design: Refuge areas & emergency lighting ..	300,000
29. Design: Sprinkler system .....	1,800,000

The conferees have provided \$500,000 for the Architect of the Capitol's (AOC) implementation of an interim financial management system (FMS), making \$1.2 million available for the system including amounts already appropriated. The Architect has developed system requirements and has explored several alternatives with an FMS steering committee comprised of AOC staff and members of the Legislative Branch Financial Manager's Council (LBFMC). AOC believes that cross-servicing for a client server based system will maximize functionality while mini-

mizing implementation risks. While all members of the steering committee agree that a client server based system will provide maximum flexibility and functionality, there are some members of the committee who believe that the cost is high for an interim system and could exceed the AOC's estimate of \$2.8 million. While the conferees have not taken a formal position, it is agreed that the Architect should proceed with an interim system. Funding is provided to permit a phased implementation where the initial steps would include the Government Wide Standard General Ledger and would allow additional capabilities to be added in an orderly, phased process. This will allow the AOC to begin implementing a system that will permit the integration of existing management systems into its FMS while making progress toward meeting its long-term financial management system goals. The conferees direct that the Architect ensure that the system selected is clearly interim in nature and compatible with the overall Legislative Branch goal of a common financial management system in the future. The conferees also expect that the existing steering committee will remain actively involved in the implementation of the AOC system and that the LBFMC will play a role in the process of moving to a new FMS. The Architect is directed to prepare a system implementation plan that reflects phasing in additional system modules and submit that plan to House and Senate Appropriations Committees as part of the fiscal year 2001 budget submission.

The conferees also agree with language in the House report reminding the Architect of the Capitol that construction funds shall only be requested for projects that have been 100% designed. Further, the Senate report directs the Architect of the Capitol to coordinate with the Senate Sergeant at Arms on any improvements or changes in information technology regarding the Senate.

CAPITOL GROUNDS

Appropriates \$5,427,000 to the Architect of the Capitol for care and improvement of grounds surrounding the Capitol, House and Senate office buildings, and the Capitol power plant instead of \$5,579,000 as proposed by the House and \$5,627,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$155,000 as proposed by the House shall remain available until expended instead of \$330,000 as proposed by the Senate. With respect to object class and project differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following:

Operating Budget:	
1. Other services .....	\$852,000
2. Supplies .....	167,000
Capitol Projects:	
3. ADA requirements .....	155,000
4. Replace dump truck .....	0
5. Design: Reconstruct Delaware Avenue SW ...	50,000
6. Design: Renovation to former DC street lights	100,000

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Appropriates \$64,038,000 to the Architect of the Capitol as proposed by the Senate, of which \$22,305,000 shall remain available until expended, for the operations of the Senate office buildings. Inasmuch as this item relates solely to the Senate, and in accord with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the managers on the part of the House, at the request of the managers on the part of the Senate, have receded to the Senate.

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

At the request of the managers on the part of the House, the conference agreement appropriates \$37,279,000 as proposed by the House instead of \$40,679,000 as proposed by the Senate to the Architect of the Capitol for House office buildings, of which \$4,442,000 shall remain available until expended as proposed by the House instead of \$7,842,000 as proposed by the Senate. Inasmuch as this item relates solely to the House, and in accord with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the managers on the part of the Senate, at the request of the managers on the part of the House, have receded to the House.

Amendment No. 3: Deletes several provisions of the House bill and inserts substitute provisions. Many items in both House and Senate bills are identical and are included in the conference agreement without change. The conferees agree with the report language accompanying the regular House and Senate fiscal year 2000 appropriations bills unless otherwise stated herein. With respect to those items in the conference agreement that differ between House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following:

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

Appropriates \$38,054,000 to the Architect of the Capitol for Capitol power plant operations instead of \$34,780,000 as proposed by the House and \$45,006,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$3,000,000 shall remain available until expended instead of \$6,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. With respect to object class and project differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following:

Operating Budget:

1. Rent, communications, & utilities (includes water and sewer payments) .....	\$32,786,000
2. Other services .....	1,050,000
3. Supplies .....	1,575,000

Capital Projects:

4. East Plant chiller replacement .....	0
5. Optimization of operations, CPP .....	0
6. Replacement filter bags .....	0
7. Design: Thermal storage facility .....	0
8. Design: Repair South Capitol Street tunnel ..	153,000
9. Design: Repair Constitution Ave tunnel ....	375,000

These funds include \$3,000,000 which, together with \$3,000,000 provided under Library buildings and grounds, make \$6 million available for the 42% retroactive water and sewer bill rate increase and for improvements to the Culpeper audio-visual facility. These funds are not available until released by the Committees on Appropriations.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$71,244,000 for salaries and expenses, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress as proposed by the Senate instead of \$70,940,000 as proposed by the House.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

Appropriates \$73,577,000 for Congressional printing and binding as proposed by the

House instead of \$77,704,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees agree to omit the report language proposed by the Senate regarding GPO billing procedures.

TITLE II—OTHER AGENCIES

BOTANIC GARDEN

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$3,425,000 for salaries and expenses, Botanic Garden instead of \$3,538,000 as proposed by the House and \$3,428,000 as proposed by the Senate. With respect to object class and project differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following:

Operating Budget:

1. Rent, communications, utilities & travel .....	\$6,000
2. Other services .....	95,000
3. Supplies .....	137,000

Capitol Projects:

4. Design: Administrative building renovations & ADA .....	0
5. Design: Bartholdi Park renovations & improvements .....	100,000

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Provides \$256,779,000 for salaries and expenses, Library of Congress instead of \$256,285,000 as proposed by the House and \$250,491,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$6,850,000 is made available from receipts collected by the Library of Congress, and \$10,321,000 is to remain available until expended for acquisition of library materials as proposed by the Senate instead of \$10,438,000 as proposed by the House. With respect to differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following budget changes from fiscal year 1999:

1. Price level increases .....	+\$1,307,490
2. Electronic resources implementation project .....	+160,828
3. Succession plan .....	+505,000
4. Reader registration program .....	+233,396
5. Hands Across America ...	+5,829,000
6. NDL—Ethnic groups of California .....	+600,000
7. Essential staff—law library .....	0
8. Arrearage processing .....	+188,250
9. Three management specialists .....	+262,290
10. Space design contract (from savings) .....	+308,000
11. Automation (computer security telecommunications) .....	+50,000
12. Automation (financial system replacement) .....	+250,000
13. Automation (disaster recovery) .....	+450,000
14. Automation (enhanced Unix server) .....	+600,000
15. Natl. Film Preservation Foundation grant (from savings) .....	+250,000
16. Rounding .....	-441

The conferees have included a provision in the House bill providing \$5,579,000, to remain available until expended, for teaching educators how to incorporate the Library's digital collection into school curricula, and a Senate provision providing \$600,000, to remain available until expended, for a project to digitize archival materials relating to ethnic groups of California, including Japanese Americans.

The conference agreement includes \$505,000 to address succession planning in the most vulnerable areas in the Library's collections. The conferees are sensitive to the Library's needs for succession planning in areas that support the Library's unique collections. In order to address those concerns, before expending any of these funds the Library is directed to submit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a plan which identifies the high risk areas.

The conferees agree with language in the House report authorizing the Library to expend funds out of current resources to conduct a transit-fare program, as authorized by the federal Employees Clean Air Incentive Act of 1993, comparable (including the same level of transit-fare) to the program implemented for employees of the House of Representatives.

The conferees agree with Senate report language directing the Library of Congress to consult with the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police prior to implementing any collection security project as proposed by the Senate.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Provides \$37,628,000 for salaries and expenses, Copyright Office as proposed by the Senate instead of \$37,639,000 as proposed by the House. The conferees have agreed to remove the authorization for the use of this appropriation for publications of the decisions of the United States courts involving copyrights as proposed by the House. The conferees have included a provision authorizing \$4,250 for official reception expenses of the International Copyright Institute as proposed by the House instead of \$7,250 as proposed by the Senate.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$47,984,000 for salaries and expenses, books for the blind and physically handicapped as proposed by the Senate instead of \$48,033,000 as proposed by the House. Of this amount, \$14,019,000 shall remain available until expended as proposed by the Senate instead of \$14,032,600 as proposed by the House.

FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS

Appropriates \$5,415,000 for furniture and furnishings at the Library of Congress as proposed by the Senate.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The conferees have authorized the Librarian to appoint not more than three management specialists for a term not to exceed three years as proposed by the House. The conference agreement authorizes a statutory salary increase for the Librarian, the Deputy Librarian and the Director of the Congressional Research Service.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

STRUCTURAL AND MECHANICAL CARE

Appropriates \$16,033,000 for structural and mechanical care, Library buildings and grounds, Architect of the Capitol instead of \$13,410,000 as proposed by the House and \$17,327,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$3,650,000 shall remain available until expended instead of \$1,150,000 as proposed by the House and \$5,740,000 as proposed by the Senate. With respect to object class and project differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following:

Operating Budget:

1. Other services .....	\$1,492,000
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2. Equipment & land and structures .....	116,000
Capitol Projects:	
3. ADA requirements, LB&G's .....	0
4. Elevator/escalator modernization, LOC buildings .....	0
5. Replace Halon fire system, LOC computer room .....	0
6. Design: Install additional sprinklers, JMMB .....	100,000
7. Lightning protection, JMMB .....	0
8. Design: Upgrade book conveyor systems, JTB & JAB .....	0
9. HVAC improvements NW curtain, TJB .....	0
10. Audio Visual Conservation Center, Culpeper .....	( <sup>1</sup> )
11. Design: ADA requirements, LB&G .....	60,000
12. Design: Book conveyor system security .....	60,000
13. Design: Replace lighting dimmer system, JMMB .....	45,000
14. Design: Refuge areas & emergency lighting ..	145,000
15. High voltage switch gear, JMMB .....	442,000

<sup>1</sup> See below.

These funds include \$3,000,000 which, together with \$3,000,000 provided under the Capitol power plant, Architect of the Capitol, make \$6 million available for improvements to the Culpeper audio-visual facility and the 42% retroactive water and sewer bill rate increase. These funds are not available until released by the Committees on Appropriations.

The conferees applaud the Architect of the Capitol for creating a Life Safety Program Division within his organization to address workplace safety, fire-protection and environmental concerns. The conferees believe that the Architect must consider the physical safety of the thousands who visit and work in the Capitol complex as one of his highest priorities.

The conferees note the five citations issued to the Architect on July 9, 1999, by the Office of Compliance for serious life-safety violations discovered during inspection of the James Madison Building in the aftermath of the April 30, 1999, fire. The Architect is directed to provide within 30 days to the Committees on Appropriations, the Committee on House Administration and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, both minority and majority, a report on all activities undertaken to abate the violations and prevent their recurrence in the Madison Building or elsewhere in the complex. The Architect is further directed to provide within 30 days to the Librarian and these committees, majority and minority, a reasonable, effective and efficient plan of action, including milestones/completion dates, to correct the hazards and deficiencies which the Librarian has identified.

**GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE  
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS  
SALARIES AND EXPENSES**

The conferees agree to a limitation of \$175,000 for travel expenses within salaries and expenses, Superintendent of Documents, as proposed by the House instead of \$150,000 as proposed by the Senate.

**GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING  
FUND**

The conferees have deleted \$5,000,000 as proposed by the Senate for air conditioning and elevator upgrades at the Government Printing Office. The GPO is reminded that building repair and renovation plans have not been presented to the authorizing committees.

The conferees agree to a 3,313 workyears limitation at the Government Printing Office as proposed by the House instead of 3,383 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees agree with the provision in the House bill regarding requests by the Public Printer for a different number of FTE's, subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION**

The conferees have authorized an increase in the threshold for advertised bids by the Government Printing Office from \$25,000 to \$100,000 as proposed by the House, thereby matching a threshold that is standard throughout the executive branch.

**GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE  
SALARIES AND EXPENSES**

Appropriates \$379,000,000 for salaries and expenses, General Accounting Office instead of \$371,181,000 as proposed by the House and \$382,298,000 as proposed by the Senate. This level of funding will provide for 3275 FTE's. The conferees understand that the responsibilities for the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) will be transferred from the General Accounting Office to the General Services Administration and have altered the routine provisions of the GAO appropriating language accordingly.

**TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

In Title III, General Provisions, section numbers have been changed to conform to the conference agreement. The conferees have agreed to include section 305, a sense of Congress provision relating to purchase of American-made products and the technical corrections to the authority provided to the Architect of the Capitol to conduct a buy-out program as proposed by the House.

The conferees have included a provision that amends section 316 of Public Law 101-302 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees have included language amending the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-277) to substitute the Capitol Preservation Commission for several committees as the approval authority for the Capitol Visitor Center. The conferees have included language extending the availability of funds for the Trade Deficit Review Commission and have included a provision of the Senate bill regarding creditable service with congressional campaign committees. The provisions regarding West Front concerts and section 207(e) of Title 18 have been dropped. At the request of the managers on the part of the Senate, the conferees have added a provision regarding the use of frequent flyer miles earned through Senate travel.

**TITLE IV—FISCAL YEAR 1999 SUPPLEMENTAL, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

In addition, the conferees have included fiscal year 1999 matters as follows:

A death gratuity has been provided to the widow of George E. Brown, Jr., late a Representative from the State of California and a change has been made to a House Information Resources reimbursement ceiling.

**CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH  
COMPARISONS**

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 2000 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 1999 amount, the 2000 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 2000 follow:

[In thousands of dollars]

New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1999 .....	\$2,581,152
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2000 .....	2,622,101
House bill, fiscal year 2000 .....	1,862,153
Senate bill, fiscal year 2000 .....	2,488,708
Conference agreement, fiscal year 2000 .....	2,457,064
Conference agreement, compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1999 .....	-124,088
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2000 .....	-165,037
House bill, fiscal year 2000 .....	+594,911
Senate bill, fiscal year 2000 .....	-31,644

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RICHARD J. DURBIN,  
ROBERT C. BYRD,

*Managers on the Part of the Senate.*

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. REYES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for after 7 p.m. today and august 5 on account of attending a family funeral.

**SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED**

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. HASTINGS of Florida for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. SPRATT for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. SHERMAN for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. SMITH of Washington for 5 minutes, today.