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**GPO COMPLETES FY 2002 APPROPRIATIONS
REQUEST TO CONGRESS**
*Need for Funding to Cover Shortfall in Prior Year
Appropriations Detailed*

The Government Printing Office (GPO) completed the presentation of its appropriations request to Congress for FY 2002 by appearing before the House Subcommittee on Legislative Appropriations on Tuesday, June 26. GPO appeared before the Senate Subcommittee on Legislative Branch Appropriations on May 10.

Testifying before both subcommittees, Public Printer Michael F. DiMario requested a total of \$126.5 million for FY 2002. The request includes \$90.9 million for Congressional Printing and Binding and \$29.6 million for Salaries and Expenses of the Superintendent of Documents. It also includes \$6 million to cover expenses associated with the replacement of GPO's air conditioning system.

While the request represents an increase of \$27.3 million over the amount approved for FY 2001, the increase is primarily to ensure that enough money is available to cover the cost of congressional printing. The requested increase includes \$9.9 million for congressional printing to fund a prior year (FY 2000) shortfall in that appropriation, and an additional \$9.5 million to ensure that the projected volume of congressional printing for FY 2002 is fully covered. Last year, Congress reduced GPO's congressional printing appropriation to \$71.3 million, although GPO had estimated those funding needs at \$80.8 million.

The requested increase also includes \$6 million for air conditioning and lighting improvements that were recommended last year in an energy audit of GPO conducted by the General Accounting Office at the request of the Joint Committee on Printing.

The balance of the requested increase, or \$1.9 million, is for projected price level and workload increases, primarily in the appropriation for the Superintendent of Documents. GPO is seeking increased funding to expand the electronic information services made available by **GPO Access**, GPO's popular Internet information service (www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess). A management audit of the GPO, conducted in 1998 by Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc., recommended that GPO seek increased funding from Congress for **GPO Access**.

GPO has funds included in the FY 2001 supplemental appropriations bill currently pending in the Senate, S. 1077, for the congressional printing appropriation shortfall and the air conditioning and lighting systems. The House version of the supplemental, H.R. 2216, which was passed on June 20 by a vote of 341-87, also includes funds for the shortfall and the energy improvements. If enacted in the supplemental, these amounts would no longer be needed as part of GPO's FY 2002 request. As a result, the FY 2002 request would be for \$110.6 million.

GPO's Congressional Printing and Binding Appropriation covers the costs of producing the *Congressional Record*, bills, reports, hearings, documents, and related legislative products. Each year, a substantial volume of this work is requisitioned from GPO. This appropriation also covers the cost of building congressional information databases for dissemination via **GPO Access**.

The majority of the Superintendent of Documents Salaries and Expenses Appropriation is for the Federal Depository Library Program, under which Government publications are distributed in print, microfiche, or electronic formats to approximately 1,300 libraries nationwide for the free use of the public. It also funds the cataloging and indexing of Government publications, the distribution of Government publications as required by law, and the distribution of U.S. Government publications to foreign libraries which in turn agree to provide copies of their official publications to the Library of Congress. In addition, this appropriation provides the majority of funding for **GPO Access**, through which the public is now retrieving more than 30 million Government documents each month.

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