



U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations

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Senate Appropriations Committee Passes FY 2007 Legislative Branch Spending Bill

WASHINGTON – Today the Senate Appropriations Committee approved the fiscal year 2007 Legislative Branch Appropriations bill. The bill provides \$3.98 billion for the Legislative Branch, an increase of \$187 million (4.6 percent) over the current year budget and \$258 million below the request.

Bill highlights:

Senate: \$840 million, \$63 million over the current budget.

Joint Items: \$24.7 million for the Office of the Attending Physician, Joint Economic Committee and Joint Committee on Taxation, the same as the budget request.

Capitol Police: \$272.4 million, \$25.4 million above the current year budget (10.3%). Included is language to complete the merger between Library of Congress police and Capitol Police.

Office of Compliance: \$3.4 million, \$337,000 over FY06.

Architect of the Capitol: \$435 million, \$16.8 million below the current budget. Included is \$39.5 million for the Capitol Visitor Center, including \$25.6 million for construction.

Library of Congress: \$575.6 million, \$13.9 million above current budget.

Government Printing Office: \$140.3 million, which is \$11 million below the President's request. This funding includes \$3 million to re-train staff for the new digital environment and \$6 million to update the U.S. Code.

Government Accountability Office: \$498.6 million, \$21 million above the current level.

Open World Leadership Program: \$14 million.

Congressional Budget Office: \$36.9 million, which is equal to the budget request.

Stennis Center for Public Service: \$430,000 for Congressional staff education and training, including the Stennis Fellowship Program.

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