

House

DIVISION G—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

TITLE I

Diversity in Hiring and Advancement.—While many Legislative Branch agencies have achieved reasonable diversity at the lower wage tiers, diversity levels are sharply lower among managers and executives. More can be done to maximize diversity in the workplace, especially in the executive ranks. All Legislative Branch agencies who have not done so are directed to adopt by May 31, 2009 a formal written policy, in accordance with all applicable Federal laws, to develop and institute an affirmative action plan with specific goals and objectives to further the ability of women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities to achieve balanced representation within the Legislative Branch workforce and management.

SENATE

The bill includes \$895,030,000 for Senate operations. This amount is \$63,334,000 above the current level and is \$45,867,000 below the budget request.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The bill includes \$1,301,267,000 for House operations. This amount is \$118,432,000 above the current level and is \$32,594,000 below the budget request.

Electronic Access to Hearing Documents.—To reduce costs and reduce the carbon footprint of the operations of the House of Representatives and expand public access to congressional information, committees of the House are encouraged to post their hearings online on the Government Printing Office web site, GPO Access. Online posting of hearings can help reduce the need for printing and storage of paper copies of hearing records and facilitate accessibility for congressional staff and the general public.

Expanded Hours for the House Fitness Center.—The physical and mental health of House staff is important. The Chief Administrative Officer of the House is asked to review the "extended hours" pilot program and if appropriate explore the possibilities of further extending the hours of operation of the fitness facility.

Expanded Hours for the Child Care Center.—Expanded hours of operation at the House Child Care Center need to be considered to accommodate employees who must work late hours. The Chief Administrative Officer of the House is asked to study the feasibility and costs associated with extending the hours of operation beyond the standard work day. This study should be completed and provided to the House Committee on Appropriations no later than June 30, 2009.

Child Care Center Playground.—The current playground at the House Child Care Center frequently overheats in the summer, uses space inefficiently, and lacks many child development tools that would benefit children at the Center. The Architect of the Capitol (AOC) and the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the House should make the project a priority and develop a plan to ensure that the playground is ready by summer 2009. Accordingly, AOC and the CAO are asked to submit a report to the House Committee on Appropriations on the status of the playground within 30 days of enactment of this Act. The report should include a detailed work plan with specific dates of when the planning, design, and construction of the playground will be complete as well as the actions being taken to ensure that the playground is open by summer 2009.

Congressional Technology Coordination.—The House of Representatives needs a strategic and coordinated plan that will prepare for the future technology needs of the institution. A 2006 report commissioned by the Chief Administrative Officer and the Committee on House Administration, entitled Strategic Technology Road Map for the Ten Year Vision of Technology in the House of Representatives, provided a suggested structure for Information Technology evaluation and decision making. The Chief Administrative Officer, the Clerk, and the Sergeant at Arms are asked to prepare a report by June 30, 2009 on their efforts or plans to develop House-wide data-sharing standards; implement standard legislative document formats; address the increasing resource challenges of Member offices; and identify disparate systems throughout the institution that prevent it from taking advantage of economies of scale.

JOINT ITEMS

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The bill provides \$4,626,000 for the Joint Economic Committee. This amount is \$228,000 above the current level and is the same as the budget request.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

The bill provides \$10,719,000 for the Joint Committee on Taxation. This amount is \$1,522,000 above the current level and is \$420,000 below the budget request.

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

The bill provides \$3,105,000 for the Office of the Attending Physician. This amount is \$314,000 above the current level and is \$7,000 above the budget request. The amount above the budget request provides an allowance for a Senior Medical Officer.

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

The bill provides \$800,000 for the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services. This is a successor office to the Special Services Office following enactment of the Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008.

CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE

AND SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE

The bill provides \$9,940,000 for the Capitol Guide Service. This amount is available for the Architect of the Capitol to use as part of the Capitol Visitor Center appropriation due to the transfer of the Capitol Guide Service to the Architect of the Capitol following enactment of the Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008.

STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS

The bill provides \$30,000 for Statements of Appropriations. This amount is the same as the current level and is also the same as the budget request.

CAPITOL POLICE

Salaries

The bill provides \$248,000,000 for salaries and benefits of the Capitol Police. This amount is \$15,782,000 above the current level and is \$21,223,000 below the budget request. The Capitol Police are expected to proceed with filling vacancies on the basis of management-determined priorities, and to provide the Committees on Appropriations notification of such determinations on a regular basis.

This level of funding will support the current staffing level of 1702 sworn and 414 civilian FTEs. In addition, increases in FTEs have been provided which are associated with the Library of Congress Police Merger for fiscal year 2009: 73 sworn, 24 sworn attrition, and 4 civilian support staff. An additional 10 sworn FTE have been funded related to maintaining the operations in the Cannon and Russell tunnels with the opening of the Capitol Visitor Center. The total authorized FTEs for fiscal year 2009 are 1799 sworn and 418 civilian.

It is noted that there is confusion and inconsistency concerning whether Capitol Police staffing authorization and utilization are reported as positions or FTEs. It is expected that budget submissions and agency reports use FTEs consistent with the OMB definition.

General Expenses

The bill provides \$57,750,000 for general expenses of the Capitol Police. This amount is \$8,972,000 above the current level and is \$6,681,000 below the budget request. It includes \$2,750,000 for the Capitol Police to begin migrating accounting services to the Library of Congress as part of an effort to move towards financial management cross-servicing for as many Legislative Branch agencies as practicable in order to achieve cost savings through the elimination of duplicative systems.

Vehicle Fleet.—There is concern about the size of the Capitol Police's overall vehicle fleet. The Capitol Police shall submit a vehicle analysis by April 30, 2009 justifying the overall size of its fleet, including motorcycles, and showing a detailed five

year plan to manage the fleet. This plan should include an analysis of Home-To-Work vehicles, including justifications for this use, and an update on the Department's effort to utilize more energy efficient vehicles. The Department shall refrain from purchasing, leasing or acquiring vehicles without notifying the Committees on Appropriations until the Committees have reviewed the detailed five year plan.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Section 1001 authorizes transfers between the Salaries and General Expenses accounts upon the approval of the Committees on Appropriations.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The bill provides \$4,072,000 for salaries and expenses of the Office of Compliance. This amount is \$730,000 above the current level and is \$236,000 below the budget request. It provides for 21 FTEs.

The Office of Compliance (OOC) should operate in a consistent, well-documented manner when dealing with regulated agencies, balancing compliance assistance with enforcement responsibilities. However, the OOC has not established clear documentation of the processes and criteria for issuing findings or citations, or for accepting agencies' proposed abatement plans. Furthermore, OOC has failed to establish a process for dispute resolution mechanisms for citations or technical disagreements. It is expected that the Office will act to establish documented procedures and continue to work to improve its communication with the regulated community. A report to the Committees on Appropriations is due within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The bill provides \$44,082,000 for salaries and expenses of the Congressional Budget Office. This amount is \$6,776,000 above the current level and is \$1,342,000 above the budget request. It will fund an additional 15 FTEs required for health care analysis and other congressional priorities as well as fund the Congressional Budget Office's new responsibilities under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The bill includes \$90,659,000, of which \$1,505,000 will remain available until September 30, 2013, for General Administration. This amount is \$10,962,000 above the current level and is \$8,452,000 below the budget request.

It is expected that the Architect of the Capitol will be part of the cross-servicing approach being developed within the Legislative Branch. The Architect of the Capitol is directed to suspend efforts to pursue an independent effort.

With respect to operations and projects:

Operating Budget:	\$ 89,154,000
Project Budget:	
1. Constant Volume Systems Conv. To VAV, Energy (Study)	350,000
2. Daylight Harvesting Study, Energy (Study)	300,000
3. Domestic Water Process Survey, Energy (Study)	30,000
4. Electrical Sub-Metering, Energy (Study)	100,000
5. Existing Motor Premium, Energy (Study)	100,000
6. Retro-Commission HVAC Systems, Phase II, Energy (Study)	500,000
7. Server/HVAC, GA, Energy (Study)	<u>125,000</u>
 Total, General Administration	 \$90,659,000

CAPITOL BUILDING

The bill includes \$35,840,000, of which \$10,681,000 will remain available until September 30, 2013, for the operation and maintenance of the Capitol building. This amount is \$11,810,000 above the current level and is \$1,800,000 below the budget request.

With respect to operations and projects:

Operating Budget:	\$25,159,000
Project Budget:	
1. Conservation of Wall Paintings	499,000
2. Smoke Control System, Grand Stairs, House & Senate, USC	7,190,000
3. Minor Construction	<u>2,992,000</u>
 Total, Capitol Building	 \$35,840,000

CAPITOL GROUNDS

The bill includes \$9,649,000, of which \$340,000 will remain available until September 30, 2013, for the care and improvement of the grounds surrounding the Capitol, the House and Senate office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant. This amount is \$416,000 less than the current level and is \$340,000 above the budget request.

With respect to operations and projects:

Operating Budget:	\$9,309,000
Project Budget:	
1. Summer House Restoration (Design)	<u>340,000</u>
Total, Capitol Grounds	\$9,649,000

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

The bill includes \$69,359,000, of which \$9,743,000 will remain available until September 30, 2013, for the maintenance, care and operation of the Senate office buildings. This amount is \$748,000 below the current level and is \$4,579,000 above the budget request.

With respect to operations and projects:

Operating Budget:	\$59,616,000
Project Budget:	
1. Sprinkler System Installation, SUG	1,530,000
2. Replace Modular Furniture, HSOB	2,993,000
3. Panelboard and Step Down Transformer Replacement, HSOB	160,000
4. Minor Construction	<u>5,060,000</u>
Total, Senate Office Buildings	\$69,359,000

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

The bill includes \$65,814,000, of which \$19,603,000 will remain available until September 30, 2013, for the maintenance, care and operation of the House office buildings. This amount is \$343,000 above the current level and is \$13,873,000 below the budget request.

With respect to operations and projects:

Operating Budget:	\$46,211,000
Project Budget:	
1. CAO Project Support	6,503,000
2. Prescriptive Egress Improvements, LHOB	5,500,000
3. Minor Construction	7,500,000
4. Jacksonville Bandstand	100,000 ← 95,000
Total, House Office Buildings	\$65,814,000

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

In addition to the \$8,000,000 made available from receipts credited as reimbursements to this appropriation, the bill includes \$149,042,000 for maintenance,

care and operation of the Capitol Power Plant. Of this amount, \$63,570,000 will remain available until September 30, 2013. This amount is \$63,945,000 above the current level and is \$70,250,000 below the budget request.

With respect to operations and projects:

Operating Budget (net):	\$85,472,000
Project Budget:	
1. Chiller Replacement, PPWP (Design)	1,720,000
2. ERP Chiller Relocation, Phase II, PPEP (Design)	1,000,000
3. Tunnel Program	56,400,000
4. Wickes Boiler Modernization and Controls Replacement, CPP (Design)	450,000
5. Minor Construction	<u>4,000,000</u>
 Total, Capitol Power Plant (net)	 \$149,042,000

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The bill includes \$39,094,000 for structural and mechanical care of Library buildings and grounds. Of this amount, \$13,640,000 will remain available until September 30, 2013. This amount is \$11,610,000 above the current level and is \$14,177,000 below the budget request.

With respect to operations and projects:

Operating Budget:	\$25,454,000
Project Budget:	
1. Cellar Egress Exit Stair, JAB	380,000
2. Egress Improvements, LOC (Design)	1,000,000
3. Emergency Generator Replacement, LOC (Design)	660,000
4. Garage Structural Repairs and Entry Improvements, JAB (Design)	1,000,000
5. High Voltage Switchgear Replacement, JMMB	1,890,000
6. High Voltage Switchgear Replacement, TJB	1,660,000
7. North Egress Exit, JAB	880,000
8. Smoke Detector Upgrades, JAB	3,990,000
9. South Egress Exit, JAB	180,000
10. Minor Construction	<u>2,000,000</u>
 Total, Library Buildings and Grounds	 \$39,094,000

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND SECURITY

The bill includes \$18,996,000, of which \$3,497,000 will remain available until September 30, 2013, for Capitol Police buildings, grounds, and security. This amount is \$4,067,000 above the current level and is \$5,930,000 below the budget request.

With respect to operations and projects:

Operating Budget:	\$15,499,000
Project Budget:	
1. USCP Fiber Connectivity, CPBG&S	1,500,000
2. Vehicle Barrier Vault Upgrades, CPBG&S	1,000,000
3. Minor Construction	<u>997,000</u>
Total, Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds and Security	\$18,996,000

BOTANIC GARDEN

The bill includes \$10,906,000, of which \$2,055,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2013, for the Botanic Garden. This amount is \$2,120,000 above the current level and is \$805,000 above the budget request.

With respect to operations and projects:

Operating Budget:	\$8,851,000
Project Budget:	
1. Fountain Vault and Utility Feed Upgrade, Phase III, BGBF	1,050,000
2. Botanic Garden Administration Building Repairs	<u>1,005,000</u>
Total, Botanic Garden	\$10,906,000

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

The bill includes \$40,227,000 for the Capitol Visitor Center, of which \$31,124,000 will be available until expended for the purpose of completing construction of the Center and \$9,103,000 is available for operations. The total amount is \$11,546,000 above the current level and is \$4,320,000 below the budget request.

In addition, funds included under the Capitol Guide Service account are available to the Architect of the Capitol for the Capitol Visitor Center due to the transfer of the Capitol Guide Service to the Architect of the Capitol as part of the Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008.

It is expected that any reprogramming of funds from the program, project and activity levels agreed to within this account by the Committees on Appropriations shall be subject to the normal reprogramming requirements.

~~With respect to operations and projects:~~

Operating Budget:	\$9,103,000
Project Budget:	
1. Capitol Visitor Center Construction	<u>31,124,000</u>
Total, Capitol Visitor Center	<u>\$40,227,000</u>

Staff Tour Training.—Concerns have been raised about the quality and consistency of the training program for staff-led tours, known as the Congressional Historical Interpretive Training Program (CHIP). It is expected that improvements will be made to ensure this program is meeting expectations to enhance staff-led tours. The Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services is directed to present within 30 days of enactment of this Act proposals for improving the program, without an increase in budgetary resources.

Hispanic and Asian American Exhibits.—There is continuing concern about the lack of representation of Hispanic and Asian American groups in the CVC, as well as African Americans, women, and Pacific Islanders. The Architect of the Capitol and the Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services are directed to prepare a report within 90 days after enactment of this Act on the options and costs associated to remedy these omissions.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Section ~~1201~~ ⁽¹¹⁰¹⁾ provides for proceeds from recycling programs being applied to other environmentally friendly efforts. Section ~~1202~~ ⁽¹¹⁰²⁾ provides for the leasing of space for the Library of Congress by the Architect of the Capitol. ^(certain)

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The bill includes \$412,680,000 for salaries and expenses of the Library of Congress, plus \$6,350,000 in offsetting receipts. This amount is \$24,219,000 above the current level and is \$932,000 above the budget request. The bill includes specific amounts for designated purposes and provides \$7,511,000 in support of the National Digital Information and Infrastructure Preservation Program (NDIIPP).

The Inspectors General of the Legislative Branch participating in a financial system cross-servicing agreement with the Library's Office of the Chief Financial Officer are directed to select a single independent auditing firm to conduct the annual financial statement audits for the participating agencies. The Inspector ~~Generals~~ ⁽⁵⁾ of these agencies shall form a committee, chaired by the Library's Inspector General or their appointee, to facilitate the effort to select a common auditor.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Collection.—It is encouraging that the Library of Congress has committed to establish an Asian American and Pacific Islander

(AAPI) Collection within the Asian Division. The goal of the AAPI collection would not only be to finally collect and catalogue the numerous materials already within the Library, but also to expand to a nationally coordinated effort to catalogue and build upon the resources from other collections. The AAPI Collection will be a valuable national resource to libraries, museums, archives, organizations and studies programs interested in the histories and cultures of the AAPI communities. Since the AAPI Collection is in its infancy, there are concerns about its future growth. The Library of Congress is directed to provide to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate, no later than April 30, 2009, a detailed strategy for the development of the AAPI Collection, including expected timelines and funding proposals.

Child Care Center.—There is interest in ensuring access for low-income families to the Library's child care center. The Library of Congress is requested to work with the Library of Congress Child Care Association to review whether revenues and costs are aligned to provide for the lowest possible tuition operationally feasible. This review and a report should be provided to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate by May 31, 2009.

Franklin Collection.—There continues to be support for the goal of bringing the Library's extensive 3,000 text collection of American books that were translated into Arabic, Persian, Pashtu, and Indonesian online in a digital format. To further the availability and use of this collection, the Library of Congress, Library Services Directive is directed to devote the required resources to obtain copyright permission and bring this collection online in a digital format.

American Folklife Center.—The work of the American Folklife Center (AFC) of the Library of Congress is to preserve and present the cultural legacy of the nation. Central to this mission is its role in safekeeping major collections such as the Alan Lomax Collection. No less precious are other private collections recently acquired by the AFC that, taking up where Lomax left off, document America's folk, tribal and ethnic musical traditions from the 1960's forward to the present. A half century from now, such collections will be considered as important, and be as cherished by a new generation of Americans, as the Lomax recordings are today. The AFC is currently working to complete the preservation and digital conversion of these newer collections, which are essential to providing the nation with a complete and unbroken record of America's cultural and musical heritage. These efforts will provide American citizens with access to major cornerstones of twentieth century American folk music documentation that collectively define the essence of America's cultural legacy to the world. Once the digital conversions are completed, the AFC will showcase these new collections and their accessibility to the nation through a series of activities including scholarly symposium focused on the new collections and on the history and legacy of the folk arts organizations that created them; musical performances by great folk artists documented in the collections; the creation of a traveling exhibit; and audio/video website enhancements to showcase portions of the new collections and publicize their arrival at the AFC. It is anticipated that the cost of this effort will be \$350,000.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The bill includes \$18,277,000, and an additional \$33,315,000 made available from receipts, for salaries and expenses of the Copyright Office. This amount is \$12,956,000 above the current level and is the same as the budget request.

Pre-1972 Sound Recordings.—The Register of Copyrights is directed to conduct a study on the desirability of and means for bringing sound recordings fixed before February 15, 1972, under federal jurisdiction. The study is to cover the effect of federal coverage on the preservation of such sound recordings, the effect on public access to those recordings, and the economic impact of federal coverage on rights holders. The study is also to examine the means for accomplishing such coverage. As part of this effort, the Register of Copyrights should publish notice of the study and provide a period during which interested persons may submit comments. The Register of Copyrights is to submit a report on the results of this study to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate no later than two years after the enactment of this Act. The report should include any recommendations that the Register considers appropriate.

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The bill includes \$107,323,000 for salaries and expenses of the Congressional Research Service within the Library of Congress. This is \$4,979,000 above the current level and is the same as the budget request.

Public Access to Legislative Data.—There is support for enhancing public access to legislative documents, bill status, summary information, and other legislative data through more direct methods such as bulk data downloads and other means of no-charge digital access to legislative databases. The Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service, and Government Printing Office and the appropriate entities of the House of Representatives are directed to prepare a report on the feasibility of providing advanced search capabilities. This report is to be provided to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate within 120 days of the release of Legislative Information System 2.0.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The bill includes \$68,816,000 for the salaries and expenses of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. This amount is \$1,893,000 above the current level and is the same as the budget request. It is noted that the contract award for Digital Talking Books came back at a significantly lower cost than anticipated

while still allowing the project to move forward on its expected timeline and providing more players and titles than originally planned.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Section 1²001 provides for expenses related to official representation for the incentive awards program. Section 1²002 provides obligation authority for various Library programs. Section 1²003 provides authority to transfer funds between Library accounts. Section 1²004 provides authority for members of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission to serve through the life of the Commission.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The bill includes \$96,828,000 for printing and binding of congressional documents at the Government Printing Office for use by Congress. This amount is \$7,053,000 above the current level and is \$1,100,000 below the budget request. It will provide the funding required to pay the FY 2007 and FY 2008 shortfall as well as fund the FY 2009 revised estimate for congressional printing.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The bill includes \$38,744,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Superintendent of Documents. This amount is \$3,831,000 above the current level and is \$4,682,000 below the budget request.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND

The bill provides \$4,995,000 for the Government Printing Office Revolving Fund. This is \$4,995,000 above the current level and is \$28,005,000 below the budget request.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The bill includes \$531,000,000 in direct appropriations for the Government Accountability Office (GAO), plus \$7,635,000 in offsetting collections derived from reimbursements for conducting financial audits of government corporations and rental of

space in the GAO building. This amount is \$31,252,000 above the current level and is \$7,152,000 below the budget request.

Technology Assessment Studies.—Funding continues to be provided for GAO to conduct technology assessment studies that provide early indications of the probable beneficial and adverse impacts of the application of technology and develop other related information that may assist the Congress during deliberations on pending legislation. GAO is reminded that for the assessments to be of benefit to the Congress, GAO must reach out and work with both bodies of Congress regarding these studies.

~~National Arboretum.~~—Because of continued strain on the federal budget, the National Arboretum's operating budget has shrunk and a master plan to fix crumbling infrastructure has been slowed. GAO is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations by June 30, 2009 that examines the feasibility and merit of transferring elements of the National Arboretum to the Legislative Branch. The report is to be performed in consultation with the Architect of the Capitol and should make a recommendation on which, if any, elements of the National Arboretum could be considered for transfer to the Legislative Branch as part of the U.S. Botanic Garden.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

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~~Section 1401 repeals the unique Comptroller General Retirement System for any individual appointed Comptroller General after the date of the enactment of the Act. Future appointments to this position will be covered under the standard Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS). Section 1402 repeals a number of outmoded Congressional mandates for GAO audits.~~

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OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND

The bill includes \$13,900,000 for payment to the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund. This is \$4,922,000 above the current level and is the same as the budget request.

Open World Funding.—A large portion of the Open World program is devoted to judicial issues, issues of interest to the State Department, and issues related to the legislative process. The strain on Legislative Branch resources from continuing to fund this program is difficult to sustain. Since a significant emphasis is being placed on judicial issues and on issues of interest to the State Department, shared funding for this program would be appropriate. Therefore, the Open World Leadership Center Board of Trustees is directed to work with the Department of State and the Judiciary to assess the feasibility of shared funding for this program. The Board of Trustees is expected to pursue this avenue of potential shared funding and report back to the Committee on Appropriations of the House and Senate no later than May 30, 2009.

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¶ *Comptroller General Annuity.*—The lifetime salary annuity provided to the Comptroller General after completion of a 15-year term is extravagant, particularly in the current economic climate. GAO is directed to contract with the National Academy of Public Administration for the latter to conduct an independent review of the structure and compensation of the position and determine whether the existing lifetime salary annuity is necessary to preserve the Comptroller General's independence. The review should include a comparison of the Comptroller General annuity to the retirement benefits offered for other federal positions of a similar character where independence is a key concern, and explain whether the Comptroller General's position truly requires a full-salary annuity benefit to preserve independence if other positions of a similar character do not. The results of this review are to be provided to the Committees on Appropriations no later than July 31, 2009.

JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The bill includes \$430,000 for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development. This amount is \$1,000 more than the current level and is the same as the budget request.

TITLE II – GENERAL PROVISIONS

The bill includes nine general provisions carried in prior fiscal years. Section 210 prohibits Inspectors General of the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol from using appropriated funds to purchase, maintain, or carry firearms.

**DISCLOSURE OF EARMARKS AND CONGRESSIONALLY
DIRECTED SPENDING ITEMS**

Following is a list of congressional earmarks and congressionally directed spending items (as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, respectively) included in the bill or this explanatory statement, along with the name of each Senator, House Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner who submitted a request to the Committee of jurisdiction for each item so identified. Neither the bill nor the explanatory statement contains any limited tax benefits or limited tariff benefits as defined in the applicable House and Senate rules.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Agency	Account	Project	Amount (in dollars)	Requester(s)
Architect of the Capitol	House Office Buildings	Renovation of the Jacksonville Bandstand	\$95,000	LaHood, Ray
Library of Congress	Salaries & Expenses	Bob Graham Center for Public Service Studies in Participatory Citizenship	\$95,000	Wasserman Schultz, Debbie
Library of Congress	Salaries & Expenses	Digitization of New York Historical Society Collection	\$190,000	Schumer, Charles

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL - 2009
(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2008 Enacted	FY 2009 Request	This Bill	This Bill vs. Enacted	This Bill vs. Request
TITLE I - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH					
SENATE					
Expense allowances:					
Vice President.....	20	20	20	---	---
President Pro Tempore of the Senate.....	40	40	40	---	---
Majority Leader of the Senate.....	40	40	40	---	---
Minority Leader of the Senate.....	40	40	40	---	---
Majority Whip of the Senate.....	10	10	10	---	---
Minority Whip of the Senate.....	10	10	10	---	---
President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the Senate.....	15	15	---	-15	-15
Chairman of the Majority Conference Committee.....	5	5	5	---	---
Chairman of the Minority Conference Committee.....	5	5	5	---	---
Chairman of the Majority Policy Committee.....	5	5	5	---	---
Chairman of the Minority Policy Committee.....	5	5	5	---	---
Subtotal, expense allowances.....	195	195	180	-15	-15
Representation allowances for the Majority and Minority Leaders.....	30	30	30	---	---
Total, Expense allowances and representation.....	225	225	210	-15	-15
Salaries, Officers and Employees					
Office of the Vice President.....	2,316	2,413	2,413	+97	---
Office of the President Pro Tempore.....	620	647	720	+100	+73
Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus.....	308	324	100	-209	-224
Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders.....	4,796	4,998	4,998	+202	---
Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips.....	2,912	3,096	3,096	+184	---
Committee on Appropriations.....	14,161	15,200	15,200	+1,039	---
Conference committees.....	3,174	3,310	3,310	+136	---
Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority.....	778	814	814	+36	---
Policy Committees.....	3,240	3,380	3,380	+140	---
Office of the Chaplain.....	379	397	397	+18	---
Office of the Secretary.....	22,388	24,020	24,020	+1,632	---
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper.....	60,600	69,758	66,800	+6,200	-2,958
Offices of the Secretaries for the Majority and Minority.....	1,684	1,758	1,758	+74	---
Agency contributions and related expenses.....	41,100	44,693	44,693	+3,593	---
Total, Salaries, officers and employees.....	158,457	174,808	171,699	+13,242	-3,109
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate					
Salaries and expenses.....	6,280	6,743	6,743	+463	---
Office of Senate Legal Counsel					
Salaries and expenses.....	1,439	1,484	1,484	+45	---
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: Expenses allowances.....					
	24	24	30	+6	+6
Contingent Expenses of the Senate					
Inquiries and investigations.....	129,000	142,639	137,400	+8,400	-5,239
Expenses of United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control.....	520	520	520	---	---
Secretary of the Senate.....	2,000	2,000	2,000	---	---
Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.....	142,389	156,601	153,601	+11,212	-3,000
Miscellaneous items.....	17,528	29,962	21,043	+3,515	-8,919
Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account.....	373,534	425,591	400,000	+26,466	-25,591
Official Mail Costs					
Expenses.....	300	300	300	---	---
Total, Contingent expenses of the Senate.....	665,271	757,613	714,864	+49,593	-42,749
Total, Senate.....	831,696	940,897	895,030	+63,334	-45,867

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES					
Salaries and Expenses					
House Leadership Offices					
Office of the Speaker.....	4,749	4,879	4,879	+130	---
Office of the Majority Floor Leader.....	2,382	2,436	2,436	+54	---
Office of the Minority Floor Leader.....	4,279	4,390	4,390	+111	---
Office of the Majority Whip.....	1,669	2,015	2,115	+226	+100
Office of the Minority Whip.....	1,416	1,530	1,630	+214	+100
Speaker's Office for Legislative Floor Activities.....	498	501	501	+3	---
Republican Steering Committee.....	941	950	950	+9	---
Republican Conference.....	1,627	1,877	1,777	+150	+100
Republican Policy Committee.....	324	337	337	+13	---
Democratic Steering and Policy Committee.....	1,292	1,315	1,315	+23	---
Democratic Caucus.....	1,600	1,649	1,749	+149	+100
Nine minority employees.....	1,494	1,502	1,502	+8	---
Training and Program Development:					
Majority.....	289	290	290	+1	---
Minority.....	289	290	290	+1	---
Cloakroom Personnel:					
Majority.....	459	476	476	+17	---
Minority.....	459	476	476	+17	---
Subtotal, House Leadership Offices.....	23,987	24,713	25,113	+1,128	+400
Members' Representational Allowances Including Members' Clerk Hire, Official Expenses of Members, and Official Mail					
Expenses.....	579,548	590,614	609,000	+29,452	+18,386
Committee Employees					
Standing Committees, Special and Select Committee on Appropriations (including studies and investigations).....	132,668	164,001	154,000	+21,332	-10,001
Reduction of prior year unobligated balances.....	32,123	33,535	31,300	-823	-2,235
	-2,404	---	---	+2,404	---
Subtotal, Committee on Appropriations.....	29,719	33,535	31,300	+1,581	-2,235
Subtotal, Committee employees.....	162,387	197,536	185,300	+22,913	-12,236
Salaries, Officers and Employees					
Office of the Clerk.....	22,367	24,897	27,457	+5,090	+2,560
Office of the Sergeant at Arms.....	6,866	8,480	8,355	+1,489	-125
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.....	114,267	128,536	125,838	+11,571	-2,700
Office of the Inspector General.....	4,357	4,945	4,945	+588	---
Office for Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Operations.....	3,041	4,695	3,974	+933	-721
Office of General Counsel.....	1,175	1,357	1,357	+182	---
Office of the Chaplain.....	166	173	173	+7	---
Office of the Parliamentarian.....	1,794	1,827	2,007	+213	+180
Office of the Parliamentarian.....	(1,422)	(1,442)	(1,442)	(+20)	---
Compilation of precedents of the House of Representatives.....	(372)	(385)	(565)	(+193)	(+180)
Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House.....	2,932	3,057	3,057	+125	---
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House.....	7,240	8,446	8,337	+1,097	-109
Office of Interparliamentary Affairs.....	700	777	777	+77	---
Other authorized employees.....	1,013	1,191	1,158	+145	-33
Office of the Historian.....	449	534	519	+70	-15
Subtotal, Salaries, officers and employees.....	166,367	188,917	187,954	+21,587	-963
Allowances and Expenses					
Supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims.....	3,579	27,953	11,656	+8,077	-16,297
Official mail for committees, leadership offices, and administrative offices of the House.....	309	410	201	-108	-209
Government contributions.....	226,887	275,143	260,703	+33,816	-14,440
Capitol Visitor Center.....	2,256	1,900	1,900	-356	---
Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery.....	16,614	25,933	16,698	+1,864	-7,235
Miscellaneous items.....	701	742	742	+41	---
Subtotal, Allowances and expenses.....	250,546	332,081	293,900	+43,354	-38,181

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Total, Salaries and expenses.....	1,182,835	1,333,861	1,301,267	+118,432	-32,594
Total, House of Representatives.....	1,182,835	1,333,861	1,301,267	+118,432	-32,594
JOINT ITEMS					
Joint Economic Committee.....	4,398	4,626	4,626	+228	---
Joint Committee on Taxation.....	9,197	11,139	10,719	+1,522	-420
Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies..	1,237	---	---	-1,237	---
Office of the Attending Physician					
Medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances.	2,791	3,098	3,105	+314	+7
Office of Congressional Accessibility Services.....	---	---	800	+800	+800
Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office.....	5,348	10,448	9,940	+4,592	-506
Statements of Appropriations.....	30	30	30	---	---
Total, Joint items.....	23,001	29,341	29,220	+6,219	-121
CAPITOL POLICE					
Salaries.....	232,218	269,223	248,000	+15,782	-21,223
Emergency appropriations, Salaries.....	876	---	---	-876	---
General expenses.....	48,778	64,431	57,750	+8,972	-8,881
Total, Capitol Police.....	281,872	333,654	305,750	+23,878	-27,904
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE					
Salaries and expenses.....	3,342	4,308	4,072	+730	-236
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses.....	37,306	42,740	44,082	+6,776	+1,342
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL					
General administration.....	79,697	99,111	90,659	+10,962	-8,452
Capitol building.....	24,030	37,640	35,840	+11,810	-1,800
Capitol grounds.....	10,065	9,309	9,649	-416	+340
Senate office buildings.....	70,107	64,780	69,359	-748	+4,579
House office buildings.....	65,471	79,687	65,814	+343	-13,873
Capitol Power Plant.....	93,077	227,292	157,042	+63,965	-70,250
Offsetting collections.....	-7,980	-8,000	-8,000	-20	---
Net subtotal, Capitol Power Plant.....	85,097	219,292	149,042	+63,945	-70,250
Recission of emergency funding.....	-876	---	---	+876	---
Library buildings and grounds.....	27,484	53,271	39,094	+11,610	-14,177
Capitol police buildings, grounds and security.....	14,929	24,926	18,996	+4,067	-5,930
Botanic garden.....	8,786	10,101	10,906	+2,120	+805
Capitol Visitor Center:					
CVC Project (cost-to-complete).....	20,202	31,124	31,124	+10,922	---
CVC Operations.....	-8,479	13,423	9,103	+624	-4,320
Total, Capitol Visitor Center.....	28,681	44,547	40,227	+11,546	-4,320
Total, Architect of the Capitol.....	413,471	642,664	529,586	+116,115	-113,078
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS					
Salaries and expenses.....	394,795	418,098	419,030	+24,235	+932
Authority to spend receipts.....	-6,334	-6,350	-6,350	-16	---
Subtotal, Salaries and expenses.....	388,461	411,748	412,680	+24,219	+932
Copyright Office, salaries and expenses.....	49,434	51,592	51,592	+2,158	---
Authority to spend receipts.....	-44,113	-33,315	-33,315	+10,798	---
Subtotal, Copyright Office.....	5,321	18,277	18,277	+12,956	---
Congressional Research Service, salaries and expenses.	102,344	107,323	107,323	+4,979	---
Books for the blind and physically handicapped,					
Salaries and expenses.....	66,923	68,816	68,816	+1,893	---
Total, Library of Congress.....	563,049	606,164	607,096	+44,047	+932

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE					
Congressional printing and binding.....	89,775	97,928	96,828	+7,053	-1,100
Office of Superintendent of Documents					
Salaries and expenses.....	34,913	43,426	38,744	+3,831	-4,682
Government Printing Office Revolving Fund.....	---	33,000	4,995	+4,995	-28,005
Total, Government Printing Office.....	124,688	174,354	140,567	+15,879	-33,787
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses.....	507,239	545,527	538,635	+31,396	-6,892
Offsetting collections.....	-7,491	-7,375	-7,635	-144	-260
Total, Government Accountability Office.....	499,748	538,152	531,000	+31,252	-7,152
OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER					
Payment to the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund.....	8,978	13,900	13,900	+4,922	---
JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT					
Stennis Center for Public Service.....	429	430	430	+1	---
Grand total.....	3,970,415	4,660,465	4,402,000	+431,585	-258,465
Appropriations.....	(3,970,415)	(4,660,465)	(4,402,000)	(+431,585)	(-258,465)
Emergency appropriations.....	(876)	---	---	(-876)	---
Emergency appropriations rescinded.....	(-876)	---	---	(+876)	---

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