

Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, 2017 Omnibus Agreement Summary

Highlights of the FY2017 Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill:

The measure totals \$4.440 billion. The legislation includes a provision to freeze the pay of Members of Congress, preventing any pay increases in FY2017. A freeze on Members' salaries has been in place since 2010.

Cybersecurity – In order to ensure the federal government can keep pace with rapidly-evolving technology in a secure manner, the bill provides additional funding to agencies of the Legislative Branch for IT infrastructure and security enhancements. The legislation also encourages collaboration among agencies to ensure cost savings and effectiveness in cybersecurity initiatives.

U.S. Senate – \$871.2 million. The measure provides funding necessary for critical modernization and upgrades of the Senate financial management system and investments in IT security. The agreement maintains funding for Members' personal offices and committees at the FY2016 enacted level.

U.S. House of Representatives – \$1.19 billion.

U.S. Capitol Police (USCP) – \$393.3 million. This funding will provide for additional personnel to increase security screening and pre-screening efforts, support lifecycle replacement for information technology systems and equipment, and allow the USCP to continue mission-essential training.

Architect of the Capitol (AOC) – \$617.9 million to allow the AOC to maintain current operations and prioritize projects to address safety concerns for all who visit and work in the Capitol complex. The agreement allows for the time-honored tradition of sledding on Capitol Grounds, and continues a provision prohibiting payment of bonuses to contractors behind schedule or over budget.

Library of Congress (LOC) – \$632 million, which will allow the LOC to invest in Library-wide IT modernization efforts to better support Congress and maintain services for the public. The agreement funds the LOC Veterans History Project, supporting the effort to build an archive of oral histories from American war veterans from World War I through current conflicts. It also supports the Teaching with Primary Sources program, which encourages educators to incorporate the Library's online primary sources into school curricula.

Government Publishing Office (GPO) – \$117 million.

Government Accountability Office (GAO) – \$544.5 million. This funding will allow GAO to provide Congress with accurate, nonpartisan reporting on federal programs.