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### REPORT

[To accompany S. 1648]

The Committee on Appropriations reports the bill (S. 1648) making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes, reports favorably thereon and recommends that the bill do pass.

#### *Amount of new budget (obligational) authority*

Total of bill as reported to the Senate .....	\$3,170,655,234
Amount of 2017 appropriations .....	3,048,218,234
Amount of 2018 budget estimate .....	3,458,623,278
Bill as recommended to Senate compared to—	
2017 appropriations .....	+ 122,437,000
2018 budget estimate .....	- 287,968,044

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## GENERAL STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The Legislative Branch appropriations bill provides funding for the Congress and for the agencies that serve the Congress. The agencies funded through this bill provide oversight of executive branch agencies, including objective, nonpartisan, and timely audits and analysis of Federal programs. The funding in this bill also ensures that the public has permanent access to printed and electronic information products of the Federal Government.

All accounts in the bill have been examined in detail to ensure that the funding provided is appropriate for the agencies to carry out their responsibilities and to continue to respond to Congress in a timely and accurate manner. Details on the accounts, the funding levels provided, and the Committee's justification for the funding levels are included in the report.

Conforming to longstanding practice under which each body of Congress determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, funds for the House are not included in the bill as reported to the Senate.

The Committee recommends new budget (obligational) authority of \$3,170,655,234 for the legislative branch for fiscal year 2018. This amount excludes House items as per normal protocol. This total is \$260,752,278 below the budget request and \$122,437,000 above the fiscal year 2017 appropriation.

The bill includes \$899,773,581 for the operations of the Senate, which is \$48,483,795 below the fiscal year 2018 request. The bill includes \$454,014,724 for the Architect of the Capitol to maintain, improve, and construct buildings and facilities for the Congress. The recommendation for the Architect of the Capitol is \$125,800,276 below the fiscal year 2018 request. The recommendation would allow for comprehensive repairs and life-safety systems improvements. The bill also includes \$422,500,000 for the Capitol Police; \$562,771,695 for the Government Accountability Office; \$638,873,234 for the Library of Congress; and \$117,068,000 for the Government Publishing Office.

*Security.*—The Committee recommendation continues to support the Legislative Branch of government, Congress and its support agencies while providing critical investments in security for both the physical protection of the Congress, as well as internal protections to Senate networks and data.

Within the recommendation, additional funding is provided to the Capitol Police, allowing flexibility to respond to the dynamic nature of threats faced today, and to continue to prioritize the safety of Members of Congress, their staff, and the millions of visitors to the Capitol each year. The increase provides for additional sworn officers to enhance pre-screening capabilities, and the ability to civilianize certain positions giving immediate utility to sworn officers currently in those positions.

The recommendation also provides funding to the Senate Sergeant at Arms to enhance the cybersecurity posture of the Senate, to defend the institution from outside threats and provide resources to better prevent inside threats. The Senate's internal network will be better protected and individual Senator's offices will have access to increased training and resources.

While threats, both internal and external, are ever present and emergent in the environment in which Congress operates, a balance must be struck in granting access, respecting privacy and maintaining security. It is important to note that providing these necessary security enhancements allows for the continued transparency of government, participation in government, continuity of government, and protection of internal deliberations, all of which are vital to the democratic process.

The Committee recommendation also provides funding to the support agencies of the Legislative Branch to continue to invest in information technology infrastructure and security enhancements.

*Inspector General Budgets.*—The Committee believes it is important to ensure independence between Legislative Branch Inspector Generals [IG] and their respective reporting agencies and expects to see a separate section in each agency's fiscal year 2019 budget justification reflecting a detailed budget request for the agency's IG Office. Additionally, the Committee directs each IG to keep the Committee fully apprised of its funding needs, and the Committee directs each agency not to interfere with or require approval for such communications.

*Reprogramming Guidelines.*—The Committee expects all agencies to notify the Committee of any significant departures from budget plans presented to the Committee in any agency's budget justifications. In particular, agencies funded through this bill are required to notify the Committee prior to each reprogramming of funds in excess of the lesser of 10 percent or \$750,000 between programs, projects or activities, or in excess of \$750,000 between object classifications (except for shifts within the pay categories, object class 11, 12, and 13 or as further specified in each agency's respective section). This includes cumulative reprogrammings that together total at least \$750,000 from or to a particular program, activity, or object classification as well as reprogramming of FTEs or funds to create new organizational entities within the Agency or to restructure entities which already exist. The Committee desires to be notified of reprogramming actions which involve less than the above-mentioned amounts if such actions would have the effect of changing an agency's funding requirements in future years or if programs or projects specifically cited in the Committee's reports are affected.

*Full-Time Equivalents.*—The Committee directs that budget justifications sent to the Committee shall include a comparison of FTEs based on the number of FTEs supported by the funding provided in the current enacted appropriations legislation and the number of FTEs that would be supported by the funding requested for the following fiscal year.

TITLE I  
 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS  
 SENATE  
 EXPENSE ALLOWANCES

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$174,840
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	174,840
Committee recommendation .....	189,840

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$189,840 for the expense allowances of the Vice President, the President pro tempore and President pro tempore emeritus of the Senate, the majority and minority leaders, the majority and minority whips, the chairmen of the majority and minority conference committees, and the chairmen of the majority and minority policy committees. The recommendation is identical to both the fiscal year 2018 request and the fiscal year 2017 appropriation. The recommended allowances are as follows:

For the expense allowance of the Vice President, the Committee recommends an amount of \$18,760.

For the expense allowance of the President Pro Tempore, the Committee recommends an amount of \$37,520.

For the expense allowance of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus, the Committee recommends an amount of \$15,000.

For the expense allowance of the majority and minority leaders, the Committee recommends \$39,920 for each leader, for a total of \$79,840.

For the expense allowance of the majority and minority whips, the Committee recommends \$9,980 for each whip, for a total of \$19,960.

For the expense allowance for the chairmen of the majority and minority conference committees, the Committee recommends \$4,690 for each chairman, for a total of \$9,380.

For the expense allowance for the chairmen of the majority and minority policy committees, the Committee recommends \$4,690 for each chairman, for a total of \$9,380.

Expenditures from all the foregoing allowances are made upon certification from the individuals for whom the allowances are authorized, and are reported semiannually in the report of the Secretary of the Senate.

REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY  
 LEADERS

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$28,140
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	28,140
Committee recommendation .....	28,140

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$28,140 for representation allowances for the majority and minority leaders. The recommendation is identical to both the fiscal year 2018 request and the fiscal year 2017 appropriation.

This allowance was established in the Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1985 (Public Law 99–88). The funds were authorized to be used by the majority and minority leaders solely for the discharge of their appropriate responsibilities in connection with official visits to the United States by members of foreign legislative bodies and representatives of foreign governments and intergovernmental agencies. The recommended amount is to be divided equally between the two leaders.

Expenditures from this allowance are made upon certification of the leaders and are reported in the semiannual report of the Secretary of the Senate.

#### SALARIES, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$182,287,812
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	190,530,812
Committee recommendation .....	194,709,812

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$194,709,812 for the subaccounts funded under the overall account for the salaries of officers and employees of the Senate. The recommendation is \$12,422,000 above the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$4,179,000 above the fiscal year 2018 request.

It should be noted that except for a handful of positions in the Offices of the Secretary and the Sergeant at Arms that are required by statute, specific staffing levels are not stipulated either by the budget request or by the Committee's recommendation. Rather, lump-sum allowances are provided to fund staffing levels each office finds necessary and appropriate for the performance of its duties. Estimated staffing levels for offices funded under this appropriation for fiscal year 2018 are approximately 1,348 positions.

#### SALARIES, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES

[Estimated staffing levels—fiscal years 2017 and 2018]

	Fiscal year 2017	Fiscal year 2018 Committee recommendation
Office of the Vice President .....	2,417,248	2,417,248
Office of the President Pro Tempore .....	723,466	723,466
Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus .....		309,000
Offices of the majority and minority leaders .....	5,255,576	5,255,576
Offices of the majority and minority whips .....	3,359,424	3,359,424
Conference committees .....	3,316,000	3,316,000
Offices of the secretaries of the conference of the majority and the conference of the minority .....	817,402	817,402
Policy Committees .....	3,385,810	3,385,810
Office of the Chaplain .....	436,886	436,886
Office of the Secretary .....	24,772,000	25,132,000
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper .....	73,090,000	78,565,000
Offices of the secretaries for the majority and minority .....	1,810,000	1,810,000
Totals .....	132,335,812	140,669,812

Any change from the allocation of funds in the subaccounts within this appropriation is subject to the approval of the Committee.

The total amount appropriated is allocated to the various offices of the Senate as displayed under the headings for the offices that follow.

#### OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$2,417,248
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	2,480,248
Committee recommendation .....	2,417,248

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$2,417,248 to fund the salaries of the administrative and clerical staff of the Office of the Vice President in connection with his duties as the President of the Senate.

#### OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$723,466
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	743,466
Committee recommendation .....	723,466

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$723,466 for the Office of the President Pro Tempore.

#### OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS

Appropriation, 2017 .....	
Budget Estimate, 2018 .....	
Committee recommendation .....	\$309,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$309,000 for the Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus.

#### OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$5,255,576
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	5,389,576
Committee recommendation .....	5,255,576

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$5,255,576 for the offices of the majority and minority leaders. The amount recommended is to be equally divided, providing \$2,627,788 for each office.

The administrative and clerical staffs funded by this appropriation were authorized under the provisions of Public Law 91-145, effective November 1, 1969.

#### OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$3,359,424
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	3,449,424
Committee recommendation .....	3,359,424

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,359,424 for the offices of the majority and minority whips. It is to be equally divided, providing \$1,679,712 for each office.

The authority for the administrative and clerical staff funded by this appropriation was created by Public Law 84-242, effective July 1, 1955.



## COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$15,142,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	15,142,000
Committee recommendation .....	15,142,000

For the salaries of the staff of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$15,142,000.

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$3,316,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	3,402,000
Committee recommendation .....	3,316,000

For the administrative and clerical staffs of the majority and minority conference committees, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,316,000. The appropriation provides \$1,658,000 in salaries for the staff of each conference committee. The chairman of each conference committee may transfer to or from amounts provided for salaries of each conference to the account for conference committee expenses within the "Miscellaneous Items" appropriation.

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

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$817,402
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	839,402
Committee recommendation .....	817,402

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$817,402 for the majority and minority conference secretaries.

These offices were created by section 6 of Senate Resolution 17, agreed to January 10, 1977, and two positions in each office were first funded in the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1977 (Public Law 95-26).

Section 102 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1979 (Public Law 96-38), abolished the specific positions and established a lump-sum allowance for the employment of staff, effective October 1, 1979. The amount recommended is to be divided equally between the majority secretary and the minority secretary.

## POLICY COMMITTEES

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$3,385,810
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	3,475,810
Committee recommendation .....	3,385,810

For the salaries of the administrative and clerical staffs of the majority and minority policy committees, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,385,810. The appropriation provides \$1,692,905 in salaries for the staff of each committee.

The chairman of each policy committee may transfer to or from amounts provided for salaries of each policy committee to the account for policy committee expenses within the "Miscellaneous Items" appropriation.

## OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$436,886
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	449,886
Committee recommendation .....	436,886

For the Office of the Chaplain, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$436,886. The amount recommended provides the salaries for the Chaplain of the Senate and support staff to assist the Chaplain with his pastoral duties. The Fiscal Year 1988 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, Public Law 100–202, established the rate of pay for the Chaplain at Executive Level IV.

The Office of the Chaplain may transfer to or from amounts provided for salaries to the account for expenses within the “Miscellaneous Items” appropriation.

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$24,772,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	25,771,000
Committee recommendation .....	25,132,000

The Committee recommends \$25,132,000 for salaries of the Office of the Secretary. Fiscal year 2018 staffing levels are estimated at 248 positions.

This appropriation provides funds for four statutory positions (Secretary of the Senate, Assistant Secretary of the Senate, Financial Clerk of the Senate, and Parliamentarian of the Senate) and lump-sum allowances for the employment and adjustment of salaries of personnel in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, as authorized by Public Law 97–51, effective October 1, 1981 (2 U.S.C. 6539).

The following departmental guidelines for fiscal year 2018 have been submitted by the Secretary to the Committee. The departmental budgets under executive offices include: the Executive Office of the Secretary of the Senate, Page School, Senate Security, Information Systems, and Web Technology. The departmental budgets grouped under administrative services include: conservation and preservation, curator, disbursing office, gift shop, historical office, human resources, interparliamentary services, library, printing and document services, public records, chief counsel for employment, and the stationery room. The departmental budgets grouped under legislative and legal services include: the bill clerk, daily digest, enrolling clerk, journal clerk, legislative clerk, Official Reporters of Debate, captioning services, executive clerk, LIS project office, and Parliamentarian.

The Committee provides these funds to the Secretary of the Senate without apportionment in the interest of facilitating financial management duties and restructuring that occurs from time to time. The Committee expects to be notified in writing in a timely manner of any changes to the staffing levels, distribution of staff or related funding.

## OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$70,900,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	73,090,000
Committee recommendation .....	78,565,000

This appropriation provides funds for the salaries of three statutory positions (Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, Deputy Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, and Administrative Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper) and lump-sum allowances for employment and adjustments of salaries of personnel in the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, as authorized by Public Law 97–51, effective October 1, 1981 (2 U.S.C. 6597).

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$78,565,000 for fiscal year 2018, which supports a staffing level of 910 FTEs, an increase of 63 from the current level, including the conversion of 33 contractor positions to Federal employees. The additional staff and funding will fully support the initiative to expand the Senate’s cybersecurity capabilities. The Committee expects to be briefed quarterly on the status of this initiative.

The Sergeant at Arms is the chief law enforcement officer, the chief protocol officer and an executive officer of the Senate. To fulfill these responsibilities, the Sergeant at Arms operates through four principal units:

- The Office of Protective Services and Continuity [OPSAC] prepares the Senate to respond to a full spectrum of emergencies that may disrupt normal business operations. This preparation includes programs that support life safety, intelligence, security, and continuity of operations policies and programs throughout the U.S. Senate, including Senate home state offices, as well as strategic and analytic assistance to the Sergeant at Arms in his capacity as Chairman or Member of the Capitol Police Board and Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the Senate.
- Capitol Operations is responsible for many of the services provided within the Capitol building that support the day-to-day operation of the Senate. Services include Chamber operations maintained by the Doorkeepers; official business visitor processing provided by the Senate Appointment Desks; as well as credentialing and interfacing with the news media via the Senate Media Galleries. In addition, the Senate Recording Studio provides audio and video services.
- The Operations Division provides an array of services to the Senate community to include, identification, transportation, parking, and photographic services; printing, publishing, graphic design, and framing services; and USPS mail screening, and mailing and package delivery services. Operations furnishes and maintains the Senate side of the Capitol Building and supports the maintenance of Senate state offices.
- The Office of the Chief Information Officer [CIO] builds, operates, and supports the Senate’s information infrastructure. The CIO is responsible for information security, technology infusion, telecommunications, helpdesk, IT systems to support COOP and COG, enterprise computing systems, data networks, web services and hosting, system development, and office equipment.

Executive and other offices provide general management, human resource, financial and training support to the Senate.

The offices and personnel covered by this appropriation are shown in the following table.

Office of Protective Services and Continuity .....	30 FTE
Capitol Operations .....	122
Operations .....	296
Chief Information Officer .....	341
Executive and administrative offices .....	121
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Total .....	910

The Committee provides these funds to the Sergeant at Arms without apportionment in the interest of facilitating financial management duties and restructuring that occurs from time to time. The Committee expects to be notified in writing in a timely manner of any changes to the staffing levels, distribution of staff or related funding.

*Cybersecurity.*—The Committee finds that providing state of the art cybersecurity for Senate networks and equipment is of the utmost importance in order to protect from state-sponsored attacks, prevent insider threats, and ensure the privacy of deliberations and communications involved in the legislative process. The Committee provides a total of \$27,400,000 for SAA cybersecurity efforts covering Senate networks and Senate users, an increase of \$12,500,000 above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level. The Committee notes that the bill also includes an additional \$4,000,000 within the Senators’ Official Personnel and Office Expense Account to support the related cybersecurity efforts directly within Senators’ offices.

The Committee directs SAA to utilize funds provided for fiscal year 2018 to: enhance protections of the Senate network by hiring an estimated 23 new full-time equivalent staff; enable enhanced third party auditing of Senate network configurations for privacy and integrity; enable annual cybersecurity audits for all Senate offices; provide enhanced cybersecurity training for each Senate office; institute protections against insider threats; and institute and operationalize enhanced privacy protections within the Senate network. Specifically, the Committee directs SAA to examine opportunities to enhance training for Senate users, such as courses offered by the Department of Homeland Security and other outside groups. The Committee directs SAA to also examine how system administrators can best gain access to high level training in order for the Senate to maintain a qualified and certified network of system administrators. The Committee expects that such training costs should be covered by the SAA to the extent practicable. Finally, the Committee directs SAA to designate a Chief Privacy Officer. The Committee directs the SAA to submit a spend plan to the Committee within 90 days of enactment on how funds provided for fiscal year 2018 are allocated to the required activities described above and also to ongoing efforts related to cybersecurity.

*Multi-Factor Authentication System for Congressional Staff.*—The Committee instructs the Senate Sergeant at Arms to produce a report to Senate Committee on Appropriations within 180 days of the enactment of this Act estimating the cost of implementing a multi-factor authentication system for Senate staff, including in State offices, to access Senate data and networks that meets the same standards mandated of Federal agencies in Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12.

*Senators’ Personal Cybersecurity Working Group.*—The Committee finds that threats to Senators’ personal security also extend to Senators’ cybersecurity. Given the mounting evidence that Senators are being targeted for hacking, which could include exposure of personal data, the Committee directs that a working group shall be established to identify, develop, and recommend options to provide enhanced cybersecurity for Senators’ personal communications devices and accounts. Privacy protections must be a component of each option. The working group shall be comprised of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, the Senate Select Committee on Ethics, the offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders, the Senate Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Sergeant At Arms. Representation must be bipartisan. The working group shall consult outside experts, incorporate best practices, and work to harness existing Federal resources to the greatest extent practicable. The working group is directed to provide a report to the Committee within 180 day of enactment on specific options that could be implemented to improve cybersecurity protections for Senators. Such report must include an analysis of an option or options that would provide for a direct provision of services by the Senate Sergeant At Arms upon voluntary election by an individual Senator.

OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$1,810,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	1,810,000
Committee recommendation .....	1,810,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,810,000 for the offices of the secretaries for the majority and minority. The appropriation is to be equally divided, providing \$905,000 for each office.

AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$49,952,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	54,488,000
Committee recommendation .....	54,364,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$54,364,000 for agency contributions for employees paid under certain appropriations, including “Salaries, officers, and employees,” “Joint Economic Committee,” “Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate,” and “Office of Senate Legal Counsel.”

Agency contributions include the Senate’s contributions as an employer to the Civil Service Retirement System, the Federal Employees’ Retirement System, the Thrift Savings Plan, Federal employee group life insurance, Federal employee health insurance programs, and FICA. The Senate is required by law to make these payments, and the total required is dependent upon the number of Senate employees, their compensation levels, the benefit programs in which they are enrolled, and the extent of the benefits elected.

OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$5,808,500
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	6,115,000
Committee recommendation .....	6,115,000

For the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$6,115,000. This amount provides for the salaries and expenses of the office. The increase provided allows the office to keep up with the increasing demand to help draft legislation of the quality and at the pace the Senate demands. The Committee recommendation provides the funding necessary for agency contributions for employees paid under this appropriation, under the heading, “Agency Contributions” under the appropriation, “Salaries, officers, and employees.”

OFFICE OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$1,120,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	1,147,000
Committee recommendation .....	1,147,000

The Office of Senate Legal Counsel was established pursuant to section 701 of Public Law 95–521. The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,147,000 for the Office of Senate Legal Counsel. The amount provided pays for the salaries and expenses of the office. The Committee recommendation provides the funding necessary for agency contributions for employees paid under this appropriation, under the heading, “Agency Contributions” under the appropriation “Salaries, officers, and employees.”

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

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$28,440
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	28,440
Committee recommendation .....	28,440

Section 119 of Public Law 97–51 authorized an expense allowance for the Secretary of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, the Secretary for the Majority, and the Secretary for the Minority. Since fiscal year 1983, the amount has been provided through a direct appropriation. The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$28,440 providing an allowance of \$14,220 for each office.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE

INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$133,265,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	135,799,075
Committee recommendation .....	133,265,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$133,265,000 for inquiries and investigations by Senate standing, special, and select committees of which \$26,650,000 shall be available until September 30, 2019. The recommendation is equal to the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$2,534,075 below the fiscal year 2018 request.

This appropriation funds the liquidation of obligations incurred by committees under the authorization provided in Committee funding resolutions.

U.S. SENATE CAUCUS ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$508,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	520,000
Committee recommendation .....	508,000

The Committee recommends \$508,000 for the expenses of the U.S. Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control. Established in 1985 by the Foreign Relations Authorization Act (Public Law 99-93), the Caucus was created to monitor and promote international compliance with narcotics control treaties and monitor and encourage U.S. Government and private programs seeking to expand international cooperation against drug abuse. The Caucus is composed of seven Senators, four from the majority party and three from the minority party, with a chairman from the majority party and a co-chairman from the minority party.

*Opioid Abuse Epidemic.*—As communities nationwide continue to face an opioid abuse epidemic which has resulted in staggering increases of fatal overdoses, the Committee appreciates the Caucus’s ongoing oversight of both international and domestic counter narcotics efforts. The Committee encourages the Caucus to continue these efforts specifically in regards to trafficking supply chain routes commonly used by transnational and domestic criminal organizations to produce, manufacture, and transport narcotics, including, but not limited to, heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, and cocaine.

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$10,250,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	10,536,000
Committee recommendation .....	10,536,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$10,536,000 for expenses of the Office of the Secretary. The recommendation is \$286,000 above the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and equal to the fiscal year 2018 request. Of the total provided, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,500,000 to remain available until expended for the Financial Management Information System Modernization and \$7,036,000 to remain available until September 30, 2022, of which \$5,136,000 is for the Senate Information Services program.

The Committee provides these funds to the Secretary of the Senate without apportionment in the interest of facilitating financial management duties and restructuring that occurs from time to time. The Committee expects to be notified in writing in a timely manner of any cumulative changes in excess of 10 percent to the funding levels between programs, projects or activities.

Typical expenditures of the Secretary of the Senate include:

*Consultants.*—Funding is provided for not to exceed two individual consultants as authorized by section 110 of Public Law 95-94, August 5, 1977, which amends section 101 of Public Law 95-26, May 4, 1977. Consultants employed under this authority shall not be paid in excess of the per diem equivalent of the highest gross rate of annual compensation which may be paid to employees of a standing committee of the Senate.

*Legal Reference Volumes.*—Funding is provided to furnish U.S. Senators with volumes of the U.S. Code Annotated or U.S. Code service, pocket parts and supplements, as authorized by Public Law 92–51, July 9, 1971.

The Disbursing Office is responsible for providing the U.S. Code Annotated or the U.S. Code Service to Senators when they assume office and upon receipt of a written request of a Senator.

*Contractual Legal and Administrative Services and Miscellaneous Expenses.*—Funding is provided for various contractual, administrative, and miscellaneous expenses incurred by the Office of the Secretary. In addition, the Office of the Secretary has incurred various types of legal and other expenses which have been authorized by the Senate. Funding is provided for contractual and other expenses necessary to update and publish the Senate's legislative precedents and procedure documentation. Administrative services and miscellaneous expenses are housekeeping expenses of the Office of the Secretary.

*Travel and Registration Fees.*—Funding is provided for travel expenses and registration fees incurred by the Secretary of the Senate and the employees of the Office of the Secretary. This line item excludes funding for travel expenses for the Federal Election Campaign Act under the Office of Public Records, which is provided separately under the authority of Public Law 92–342.

The authority for the travel portion of this account was provided for by section 101 of Public Law 94–59, July 25, 1975.

*Orientation and Training.*—Funding is provided for expenses incurred by the Secretary of the Senate to conduct orientation seminars or similar meetings for Senators, Senate officials, or members of staffs of Senators or Senate officials, not to exceed \$30,000 under the authority of 2 U.S.C. 6514.

The Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate is also authorized under these provisions to conduct seminars or similar meetings in the same manner and to the same extent as the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

*Postage.*—This account also provides funding for postage for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate for special delivery, registered mail, and additional postage not covered under the frank.

*Education of Senate Pages.*—Funding is provided for the education of Senate pages. Senate Resolution 184, July 29, 1983, authorized the Secretary of the Senate to enter into a contract, agreement, or other arrangement with the board of education of the District of Columbia, or to provide such educational services and items in such other manner as the Secretary may deem appropriate. Public Law 98–125, October 13, 1983, amended Public Law 98–51, July 14, 1983, striking out the heading and paragraph "Education of Pages" under the heading "Joint Items", and redesignated the funds provided in Public Law 98–51.

*Stationery.*—Funding is provided for stationery supplies for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate. The funds provided have been allocated to the various departments of the Office of the Secretary.

*Senate Commission on Art.*—Funding is provided for the Senate Commission on Art, authorized by Public Law 100–696, November 18, 1988, to acquire any work of art, historical object, documents or material relating to historical matters, or exhibits for placement



or exhibition within the Senate wing of the Capitol, any Senate office building, or in rooms, spaces, or corridors thereof, and to publish a Senate historical objects inventory and calendar of exhibits on display within the Senate wing of the Capitol and Senate office buildings.

The Senate Commission on Art was formerly the Commission on Arts and Antiquities, which was authorized by Senate Resolution 382, October 1, 1968, as amended by Senate Resolution 95, April 1, 1977, and Senate Resolution 400, March 23, 1988.

*Representation Expenses.*—Funding is provided, not to exceed \$50,000, to the Secretary of the Senate to coordinate and carry out responsibilities in connection with foreign parliamentary groups or other foreign officials visiting the United States. Authorized by section 2 of Public Law 101–163, November 21, 1989.

*Office of Conservation and Preservation.*—Funding is provided for the Office of Conservation and Preservation to develop and coordinate programs directly related to the conservation and protection of Senate records and materials for which the Secretary of the Senate has statutory authority.

*Book Preservation.*—Funding is provided for the Office of Conservation and Preservation to use outside sources for the preservation and protection of the Senate book collection, including historically valuable documents under the care of the Secretary of the Senate.

*Office of Public Records.*—Funding is provided for expenses of the Office of Public Records. This office has evolved through various pieces of legislation and various responsibilities authorized by the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended, the Ethics in Government Act, as amended, and the Lobbying Disclosure Act, as amended. Public Law 92–342, July 10, 1972, authorizes the Secretary of the Senate to procure technical support services, consultants, use of detailed employees and travel expenses in carrying out her duties under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. The Office of Public Records is mentioned for the first time in Public Law 93–145, November 1, 1973, which authorizes the Secretary of the Senate to appoint and fix the compensation of a superintendent and other positions for the Office of Public Records. In addition, under the authority of Public Law 95–521, October 26, 1978 (Ethics in Government Act) reports filed under section 101 shall be available for public inspection and a copy of the report shall be provided to any person upon request. Any person requesting a copy of a report may be required to pay a reasonable fee to cover the cost of reproduction. Any moneys received by the Secretary shall be deposited into the Office of Public Records Revolving Fund under the authority of Public Law 101–163, November 21, 1989. The office also performs functions such as registration of mass mailings.

*Disbursing Office.*—Funding is provided for expenses incurred in the operation of the disbursing office. Typical expenses for this office include online access charges for the Department of the Treasury systems, notary bonds, seals and supplies, necessary supplies in conjunction with the various machinery maintained in the office, which are not available in the stationery room, and necessary insurance policies required for the protection of the disbursing officer of the Senate for moneys assigned to his/her accountability.

*Office of Captioning Services.*—Funding is provided for the closed captioning of the televised Senate floor proceedings for the hearing impaired. Closed captioning was first authorized under Public Law 101–163, November 21, 1989.

*Senate Chief Counsel for Employment.*—Funding is provided for the Office of the Senate Chief Counsel for Employment. This office is a nonpartisan office formed in May 1993 at the direction of the joint leadership and is charged with providing legal advice and representation of Senate offices in all areas of employment law.

SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$126,535,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	131,573,000
Committee recommendation .....	130,076,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$130,076,000 for expenses of the Sergeant at Arms, to remain available until September 30, 2022, which is \$3,541,000 above the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$1,497,000 below the fiscal year 2018 request.

The following table compares the fiscal year 2018 Committee recommendation for the component categories within this account to the fiscal year 2018 budget request.

EXPENSES—OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER

	Fiscal year 2018 request	Committee recommendation	Difference
Office of Protective Service and Continuity .....	\$6,039,000	\$6,039,000	
Capitol Operations .....	3,559,000	3,559,000	
Operations .....	22,400,000	22,400,000	
Chief Information Officer .....	98,604,000	97,107,000	(\$1,497,000)
Executive and Other Offices .....	971,000	971,000	
Grand Total .....	131,573,000	130,076,000	(1,497,000)

The Committee provides these funds to the Sergeant at Arms without apportionment in the interest of facilitating financial management duties and restructuring that occurs from time to time. The Committee expects to be notified in writing in a timely manner of any cumulative changes in excess of 10 percent to the funding levels between programs, projects or activities.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$20,870,349
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	18,870,349
Committee recommendation .....	18,870,349

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$18,870,349 for miscellaneous items to remain available until September 30, 2019. Any deviation of more than 10 percent cumulatively from the stated levels for each item will require the customary prior approval of the Committee.

The following table sets forth the apportionment of funds under this appropriation:

FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET—MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS APPORTIONMENT SCHEDULE

Item	Fiscal year 2018 request	Committee recommendation	Difference
Resolution and reorganization reserve .....	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	.....
Unallocated .....	6,000,000	6,000,000	.....
Reserve for contingencies (miscellaneous items) .....	800,000	800,000	.....
Employees' compensation fund reimbursement (worker's compensation) .....	.....	.....	.....
Reception of foreign dignitaries (S. Res. 247, dated February 7, 1962, as amended by S. Res. 370, dated October 10, 2000) .....	30,000	30,000	.....
Foreign travel—Members and employees (S. Res. 179, dated May 25, 1977) .....	125,000	125,000	.....
Federal employees compensation account (Public Law 96-499, dated December 5, 1980) (Unemployment Compensation) .....	1,230,000	1,230,000	.....
Conferences for the Majority and Minority (Public Laws: 97-51, dated January 3, 1983; 101-250, dated November 5, 1990; and 107-68, dated November 12, 2001) .....	300,000	300,000	.....
Policy Committees for the Majority and Minority (Public Law 104-53, dated November 19, 1995) .....	150,000	150,000	.....
Postage <sup>1</sup> .....	6,000	6,000	.....
Stationery <sup>2</sup> .....	16,500	16,500	.....
Communications <sup>3</sup> .....	72,000	72,000	.....
Consultants—including agency contributions (2 U.S.C. 6501 as amended) .....	5,000,000	5,000,000	.....
National Security Working Group (S. Res. 480, November 21, 2004) (expires December 31, 2012) .....	700,000	700,000	.....
Committee on Appropriations (Public Law 105-275, dated October 21, 1998) .....	950,000	950,000	.....
Office of the Chaplain (Public Law 108-199, dated January 23, 2004) .....	50,000	50,000	.....
Senate Child Care Center: Agency Contribution costs authorized by Public Laws 102-90, dated August 14, 1991 and 103-50, dated July 2, 1993 .....	420,000	420,000	.....
Training classes, conferences, and travel expenses as authorized by Public Law 104-197, dated September 16, 1996 .....	20,849	20,849	.....
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>18,870,349</b>	<b>18,870,349</b>	<b>.....</b>

<sup>1</sup> Postage Apportionment (Fiscal year 2018):

President of the Senate .....	\$2,700
Secretary for the Majority .....	1,100
Secretary for the Minority .....	1,100
Chaplain .....	1,100
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>6,000</b>

<sup>2</sup> Stationery Apportionment (Fiscal year 2018):

President of the Senate .....	\$8,000
Conference of the Majority .....	300
Conference of the Minority .....	300
Chaplain .....	700
Senate Chamber .....	7,200
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>16,500</b>

<sup>3</sup> Communications Apportionment (Fiscal year 2018):

Office of the Vice President .....	\$1,000
Secretary for the Majority .....	10,000
Secretary for the Minority .....	10,000
Office of the Chaplain .....	1,000
Majority Leader .....	15,000
Minority Leader .....	15,000
Majority Whip .....	10,000
Minority Whip .....	10,000
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>72,000</b>

*Veterans Hiring.*—The Committee continues to encourage Members of Congress and their offices to look favorably on congressional job applicants with previous United States military service. Through their service, many veterans gain valuable leadership

skills, perseverance, and perspective that can enhance the legislative process. The Committee encourages Members to incorporate these veterans' unique skills by increasing the number of veterans hired in their congressional offices. The Committee also encourages Congress to evaluate the potential for a congressional veterans fellowship program.

*Resolution and Reorganization Reserve.*—This line item is used to cover the costs of Senate resolutions and public laws that authorize expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate that do not have specific appropriations for such purpose.

*Reserve for Contingencies.*—This line item includes payment for gratuities for family members of deceased Senate employees; damage to automobiles in the Senate parking lots; contractual, legal, and administrative services; and miscellaneous expenses, and is controlled by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

*Employees' Compensation Fund Reimbursements (Worker's Compensation).*—Reimbursements made to the U.S. Department of Labor for total benefits and other payments made on behalf of Senate employees from the employees' compensation fund. A provision has been included under general provisions allowing this payment to be made from expired balances, a practice that is consistent with the other agencies of the legislative branch.

*Reception of Foreign Dignitaries.*—The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to expend not to exceed \$30,000 each fiscal year to receive foreign dignitaries under the authority of Senate Resolution 247, agreed to February 7, 1962, as amended.

*Foreign Travel: Members and Employees.*—Senate Resolution 179, agreed to May 25, 1977, authorized payment from the contingent fund of the Senate, of the domestic portion of transportation costs and travel expenses incurred by Members and employees of the Senate when engaged in authorized foreign travel.

*Federal Employees' Compensation Account (Unemployment Compensation).*—This line item provides for expenses incurred for the Senate to reimburse the Federal employees' compensation account, pursuant to Public Law 96-499, approved December 5, 1980, for unemployment compensation payments made to Senate employees.

*Conferences for the Majority and Minority.*—The amount recommended provides for the expenses of the majority and minority conference committees.

*Policy Committees for the Majority and Minority.*—The amount recommended provides for the expenses of the majority and minority policy committees.

*Postage.*—Provides for postage allowances for the President of the Senate, Secretary of the Majority, Secretary of the Minority, and Senate Chaplain.

*Stationery.*—Provides funds for stationery and office supplies for the President of the Senate, conference committees of the Senate, Office of the Chaplain, and the Senate Chamber.

*Communications.*—Provides funds for cellular telephone and mobile data devices and services for the Office of the Vice President, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, Office of the Chaplain, Majority Leader, Minority Leader, Majority Whip, and Minority Whip.

*Consultants: Including Agency Contributions.*—Provides authority for the appointment and payment of consultants to the majority and minority leaders, President pro tempore, President pro tempore emeritus and the legislative counsel. The following summarizes the current authority and limitations:

Majority leader: Nine consultants at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. All of the consultants may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

Minority leader: Nine consultants at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. All of the consultants may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

Legislative counsel (subject to President Pro Tempore approval): Two consultants at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. All of the consultants may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

President Pro Tempore: Three consultants at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. The consultants may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

President Pro Tempore Emeritus: One consultant at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. The consultant may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

*Senate National Security Working Group.*—Provides funding for the Senate National Security Working Group, under the authority of Senate Resolution 75, agreed to March 25, 1999. The Senate National Security Working Group was formerly the Senate Arms Control Observer Group.

*Committee on Appropriations.*—Pursuant to Public Law 105–275 provides funding for administrative expenses for the Committee on Appropriations.

*Senate Employees' Child Care Center: Agency Contributions.*—Provides for the payment of agency contribution costs as authorized by Public Law 102–90, approved August 14, 1991, and Public Law 103–50, approved July 2, 1993, for employees of the Senate Employees Child Care Center. The Senate Employees' Child Care Center is intended primarily for the children of members and employees of the Senate.

*Senate Employees' Child Care Center: Training Classes and Conference Costs.*—Provides for the reimbursement of any individual employed by the Senate Employees' Child Care Center for the cost of training classes and conferences in connection with the provision of child care services and for travel, transportation, and subsistence expenses incurred in connection with the training classes and conferences, as authorized by Public Law 104–197, approved September 16, 1996.

*Student Loan Repayment Program.*—\$6,000,000 is provided for this program for fiscal year 2018 for the repayment of student loans, for eligible employees at the discretion of the employing office, to enhance recruitment and retention of Senate staff. The bill includes a provision making a technical change to the program.

*Senate Internships.*—The Committee believes that Senate internships should be available to the broadest possible pool of candidates who have the ability and interest to serve. The Committee intends to seek information on the extent to which paid internships would expand opportunity and how such programs might be implemented to the benefit of Member and Committee offices and their constituents.

*Transit Subsidy for Interns.*—The Committee is aware that the Senate community has expressed an interest in providing Senate interns the benefit of the public transportation subsidy and strongly supports this sentiment. The Committee directs the Secretary of the Senate, in coordination with the Committee on Rules and Administration, to identify the changes necessary to both Senate Resolutions and regulations to enable expenditures for public transportation benefits from the contingent fund of the Senate to unpaid interns. The Committee asks the Secretary's office to report back to the Committee following completion of this effort.

#### SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$390,000,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	452,634,720
Committee recommendation .....	404,000,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation for fiscal year 2018 of \$404,000,000 for the Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account [SOPOEA]. The recommendation is \$14,000,000 above the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$48,634,720 below the fiscal year 2018 request. Of the funding provided, \$19,122,504 is available until September 30, 2019.

This account funds salaries and benefits of Senators' staffs as well as the office expense allowance for Senators' offices. The SOPOEA is comprised of three components. Two of these are for salaries of personnel in Senators' offices.

The allowance for administrative and clerical assistance is based on the population of States, beginning with States with a population of fewer than 5 million people to States with a population of 28 million or more. The table illustrates the allowances per population category and the States which fall into those categories. The estimate for fiscal year 2018 totals \$274,438,948.

The second component of the salaries allowance is for legislative assistance to Senators, as authorized by Public Law 95-94. This allowance provides funding for three positions in each Senator's office for a total of \$482,958 per office, or \$48,295,800 for all 100 Senators.

The third component of the SOPOEA account is for official office expenses and totals \$19,122,504. Each Senator's office is allocated an amount for office expenses, as displayed in the following table. In addition, an amount of \$188,000 is provided to cover additional expenses that may be incurred in the event of the death or resignation of a Senator, and to provide for transitional expenses during election years subject to regulations set by the Committee on Rules and Administration with respect to official mail.

It should be noted that the amounts provided for the various components of the SOPOEA are interchangeable. Amounts provided for salaries may be used for expenses, and vice versa, subject

to regulations set by the Committee on Rules and Administration with respect to official mail. It should also be noted that the figures in the following table are preliminary, and that official notification of member budgets is issued by the Financial Clerk of the Senate after enactment of this bill.

The following table illustrates the several components of the SOPOEA, and assumes the estimated 2.4 percent COLA for calendar year 2018, and a 1 percent increase for cybersecurity as described below. These allocations are subject to change based on the final disposition of the fiscal year 2018 COLA.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE  
ALLOWANCE FISCAL YEAR 2018

State	Administrative and clerical assistance allowance 1/1/2018	Legislative assistance allowance 1/1/2018	O.O.E.A. allowance 1/1/2018	Total allowance 1/1/2018
Alabama	\$2,587,374	\$482,958	\$173,376	\$3,243,708
Alaska	2,587,374	482,958	239,818	3,310,150
Arizona	2,739,558	482,958	198,683	3,421,199
Arkansas	2,587,374	482,958	160,167	3,230,499
California	4,112,084	482,958	457,275	5,052,317
Colorado	2,663,462	482,958	182,786	3,329,206
Connecticut	2,587,374	482,958	152,702	3,223,034
Delaware	2,587,374	482,958	122,428	3,192,760
Florida	3,722,623	482,958	305,245	4,510,826
Georgia	3,043,930	482,958	207,910	3,734,798
Hawaii	2,587,374	482,958	266,877	3,337,209
Idaho	2,587,374	482,958	157,922	3,228,254
Illinois	3,196,113	482,958	249,639	3,928,710
Indiana	2,739,558	482,958	183,338	3,405,854
Iowa	2,587,374	482,958	161,067	3,231,399
Kansas	2,587,374	482,958	159,153	3,229,485
Kentucky	2,587,374	482,958	167,235	3,237,567
Louisiana	2,587,374	482,958	176,393	3,246,725
Maine	2,587,374	482,958	140,666	3,210,998
Maryland	2,739,558	482,958	164,590	3,387,106
Massachusetts	2,739,558	482,958	186,564	3,409,080
Michigan	3,043,930	482,958	218,246	3,745,134
Minnesota	2,663,462	482,958	178,745	3,325,165
Mississippi	2,587,374	482,958	159,192	3,229,524
Missouri	2,739,558	482,958	186,006	3,408,522
Montana	2,587,374	482,958	154,407	3,224,739
Nebraska	2,587,374	482,958	152,698	3,223,030
Nevada	2,587,374	482,958	169,250	3,239,582
New Hampshire	2,587,374	482,958	136,278	3,206,610
New Jersey	2,891,742	482,958	193,689	3,568,389
New Mexico	2,587,374	482,958	159,167	3,229,499
New York	3,673,937	482,958	304,444	4,461,339
North Carolina	3,043,930	482,958	208,137	3,735,025
North Dakota	2,587,374	482,958	143,335	3,213,667
Ohio	3,120,024	482,958	236,643	3,839,625
Oklahoma	2,587,374	482,958	170,858	3,241,190
Oregon	2,587,374	482,958	182,441	3,252,773
Pennsylvania	3,196,113	482,958	244,007	3,923,078
Rhode Island	2,587,374	482,958	132,101	3,202,433
South Carolina	2,587,374	482,958	167,631	3,237,963
South Dakota	2,587,374	482,958	144,342	3,214,674
Tennessee	2,739,558	482,958	186,078	3,408,594
Texas	4,063,397	482,958	362,559	4,908,914
Utah	2,587,374	482,958	164,695	3,235,027
Vermont	2,587,374	482,958	129,818	3,200,150
Virginia	2,891,742	482,958	187,436	3,562,136

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE  
ALLOWANCE FISCAL YEAR 2018—Continued

State	Administrative and clerical assistance allowance 1/1/2018	Legislative assistance allowance 1/1/2018	O.O.E.A. allowance 1/1/2018	Total allowance 1/1/2018
Washington .....	2,815,648	482,958	208,662	3,507,268
West Virginia .....	2,587,374	482,958	138,969	3,209,301
Wisconsin .....	2,663,462	482,958	181,638	3,328,058
Wyoming .....	2,587,374	482,958	145,946	3,216,278
TOTAL .....	139,689,419	24,147,900	9,561,252	173,398,571
	x2	x2	x2	x2
GRAND TOTAL .....	279,378,838	48,295,800	19,122,504	346,797,142

According to the most recent employment data compiled by the Secretary of the Senate, as of June 30, 2017, there were 4,101 individuals employed in Senators' offices throughout the United States and covered by this appropriation.

In addition to providing funds for compensation of employees within Senators' offices, this appropriation also provides for agency contributions for those employees; that is, the Senate's share, as an employer, of the various employee benefit programs for which Senate employees are eligible. These payments are mandatory, and fluctuate according to the programs in which employees are enrolled, the level of compensation, and the degree of participation. Budget requests for this account prepared by the Financial Clerk must be based on both experience and evaluation of trends. The fiscal year 2018 funding level for this account anticipates \$112,944,000 in agency contribution costs.

The Committee provides an additional 1 percent increase for office allocations in acknowledgement and support of increasing costs related to providing cybersecurity for Senator's offices.

The amount recommended by the Committee for the SOPOEA is less than would be required to cover all obligations that could be incurred under the authorized allowances for all Senators. The Committee is able to recommend an appropriation of a lesser amount than potentially necessary because Senators typically do not obligate funds up to the absolute ceiling of their respective allowances. However, an increase in the appropriation is necessary in fiscal year 2018 due to updated expenditure projections.

OFFICIAL MAIL COSTS

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$300,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	300,000
Committee recommendation .....	300,000

For the official mail costs of the Senate, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$300,000 which is equal to the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and the fiscal year 2018 request.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 101. This provision requires that amounts remaining in the Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account be used for deficit reduction or to reduce the Federal debt.



SEC. 102. This provision exempts the Senate from the requirements of 41 U.S.C. 6101.

SEC. 103. This provision relates to the cost of living adjustments for Members of Congress.

SEC. 104. This provision is a technical change to the Student Loan program.

SEC. 105. This provision relates to electronic filings with the Federal Election Commission.

JOINT ITEMS

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$4,203,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	4,203,000
Committee recommendation .....	4,203,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$4,203,000 for the Joint Economic Committee [JEC]. The recommendation is equal to the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and the fiscal year 2018 request. The Joint Economic Committee was created by the Employment Act of 1946. The primary tasks of the JEC are to review economic conditions and to recommend improvements in economic policy. The JEC performs research and economic analysis, and monitors and analyzes current economic, financial, and employment conditions.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$10,095,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	11,169,000
Committee recommendation .....	10,095,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$10,095,000 for salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Taxation. The recommendation is equal to the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$1,445,000 below the fiscal year 2018 request.

The Joint Committee is established under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to:

- investigate the operation and effects of internal revenue taxes and the administration of such taxes;
- investigate measures and methods for the simplification of such taxes;
- make reports to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance (or to the House and the Senate) on the results of such investigations and studies and to make recommendations; and
- review any proposed refund or credit of income or estate and gift taxes or certain other taxes set forth in Code section 6405 in excess of \$2,000,000. In addition to these functions that are specified in the Internal Revenue Code, the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the Joint Committee to provide revenue estimates for all tax legislation considered by either the House of Representatives or the Senate.

## OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$3,838,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	3,838,000
Committee recommendation .....	3,838,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,838,000 for the Office of the Attending Physician. The recommendation is equal to the fiscal year 2017 appropriation the fiscal year 2018 request. The Office was first established by House Resolution 253, adopted December 5, 1928.

## OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$1,429,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	1,444,000
Committee recommendation .....	1,429,000

The Committee recommends \$1,429,000 for the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services. This office is a successor to the Special Services Office following enactment of the Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008.

The Office of Congressional Accessibility Services [OCAS] provides and coordinates accessibility services for individuals with disabilities, including Members of Congress, staff, and visitors to the U.S. Capitol complex. These services include sign language interpreting, adaptive tours, and wheelchair loans. OCAS also provides information regarding accessibility for individuals with disabilities, as well as related training and staff development to Members of Congress and employees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

## CAPITOL POLICE

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$393,300,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	422,307,000
Committee recommendation .....	422,500,000

The United States Capitol Police [USCP] is charged with the protection of the United States Congress, its legislative processes, Members, employees, visitors and facilities within the U.S. Capitol complex from crime, disruption or terrorism, so that the Congress may fulfill its constitutional responsibilities in a safe and open environment.

The Committee recommends \$422,500,000 for the USCP. The recommendation is \$29,200,000 above the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$193,000 above the fiscal year 2018 request.

Within the recommendation, \$7,500,000 is included for enhanced personal security for Members of Congress in accordance with additional needs identified by the USCP in response to the shooting in Alexandria, Virginia on June 14, 2017. As that event highlighted, evolving threats include the physical targeting of Members of Congress, both off the Capitol campus and outside of official business hours. In addition to securing the Capitol campus, the Committee finds that ensuring the continuity of government must include protecting the physical security of Members of Congress using a risk-based approach.

To ensure that funding provided to USCP and the Senate Sergeant At Arms [SAA] supports this mission, the Committee directs

the USCP and the SAA to develop and implement a plan to assign specific, designated staff to be responsible for communication with Member offices and outside organizations in order to identify events, gatherings, field hearings, domestic travel, and other occasions that might pose a risk to Member security, to assess that risk, and, if warranted, to provide appropriate security for such occasion. The Committee directs that the USCP and SAA provide a written report to the Committee within 60 days of enactment on the details of such plan and the timeline for fully implementing such plan. In addition, the Committee directs the USCP and SAA to develop a training plan for DC-based and home state based Senate staff who routinely accompany Members off campus and on travel so that staff are well prepared to handle any emergency that arises in the course of traveling with a Member.

*Security Assessment.*—The dynamic threat environment requires continual monitoring and assessment in order to best protect constituents, visitors, and Members of Congress. The Committee appreciates the USCP's constant vigilance in these efforts. The Committee directs the USCP to provide, within 180 days of enactment, a report summarizing the most recent comprehensive security assessment of the most current threats to the Capitol complex and to Members outside of the complex. The report should describe how current spending and requested spending specifically support identified risks and related mitigation efforts. The report should also include strategies for protecting Members off campus, for responding to threats received online, and working with local law enforcement.

*K-9 Explosive Ordnance Dogs.*—The USCP use K-9 explosive ordnance dogs at multiple posts for searching vehicles entering the Capitol complex. The Committee finds that these animals are a critical component of ensuring the safety of Members, staff, and visitors throughout the complex. The dogs perform their functions in all weather conditions, including the extreme heat of the summer months. The conditions, combined with the high volume of vehicular traffic, can be distracting for the dogs and could potentially reduce their effectiveness on post. The Committee directs the USCP to work with the Architect of the Capitol to implement measures designed to protect the health and increase the productivity of these working animals in order to maintain the security of the Capitol complex.

#### SALARIES

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$325,300,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	347,096,000
Committee recommendation .....	347,700,000

The amount provided covers salaries, benefits, and overtime costs. USCP personnel are also eligible for hazardous duty pay and comparability pay similar to locality pay adjustments granted other Federal law enforcement personnel in the Washington, DC, area.

The Committee recommends \$347,700,000 for USCP salaries, which is \$22,400,000 above the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$604,000 above the fiscal year 2018 request. The Committee recommendation provides half year funding for an additional 72 sworn and 48 civilian officers.

*USCP Office of Inspector General.*—The Committee includes funds to support not less than six FTEs within the USCP Office of Inspector General. The Committee notes that additional oversight of the USCP is conducted by the Government Accountability Office to supplement the work of the USCP Office of Inspector General, as needed.

*Overtime.*—The Committee recommends no more than \$45,000,000 for overtime in fiscal year 2018. This provides for approximately 564,646 hours of additional duty.

The Committee notes that overtime pay is a standard practice law enforcement entities utilize to respond to unscheduled and unanticipated events. However, the Committee finds that keeping overtime pay at a minimum should continue to be a goal of the USCP. The Committee appreciates the efforts of the USCP to better track and manage overtime pay in order to keep overtime costs to a minimum. The Committee directs the USCP to continue to keep the Committee apprised of these efforts.

The Committee directs the USCP to provide for overtime in accordance with the budget request, as provided for in the following table.

	Funding	Hours estimated
Scheduled, (including training) .....	\$44,170,000	\$658,580
Unscheduled .....	2,590,000	40,000
LOC—non-reimbursable events .....	240,000	3,700
Total .....	45,000,000	702,280

The recommendation does not include funds for USCP overtime for requirements associated with major construction projects undertaken by the Architect of the Capitol [AOC] as those funds are provided to the AOC as part of the overall project costs for those major projects and are paid to the USCP on a reimbursable basis. The Committee expects the USCP to operate within the designated funding level for requirements associated with each project. The Committee directs the USCP to provide for any additional requirement costs beyond that allocation.

#### GENERAL EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$68,000,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	75,211,000
Committee recommendation .....	74,800,000

Expenses include office supplies and equipment, communications, motor vehicles, uniforms and equipment, investigations, training, and miscellaneous items.

The Committee recommends \$74,800,000 for general expenses, which is \$6,800,000 above the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$411,000 below the fiscal year 2018 request.

## OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

## SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$3,959,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	4,055,902
Committee recommendation .....	3,959,000

The Office of Compliance [OOC] is an independent nonpartisan agency established to administer and enforce the Congressional Accountability Act [CAA]. The OOC administers the dispute resolution system established to resolve disagreements that arise under the CAA; carries out an education and training program for the regulated community on the rights and responsibilities of the CAA; and advises Congress on needed changes and amendments to the CAA. The OOC General Counsel has independent investigatory and enforcement authority for certain violations of the CAA.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,959,000 for the salaries and expenses of the OOC, which is equal to the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$96,902 below the fiscal year 2018 request.

## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

## SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$46,500,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	49,945,000
Committee recommendation .....	48,100,000

The Congressional Budget Office [CBO] is responsible for providing to the Congress objective, nonpartisan, and timely analyses to aid in economic and budgetary decisions on the wide array of programs covered by the Federal budget, and the information and estimates required for the congressional budget process.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$48,100,000 for the CBO. The recommendation is \$1,600,000 above the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$1,875,000 below the fiscal year 2018 request.

The recommendation includes \$1,100,000 for the relocation of CBO's data center. Funding is also provided for four additional analysts to support healthcare analysis, economic analysis, and scorekeeping.

## ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

The Office of the Architect of the Capitol [AOC] is responsible to the United States Congress for the maintenance, operation, development, and preservation of 16.5 million square feet of buildings and more than 450 acres of land throughout the Capitol complex. This includes the Capitol, the Capitol Visitor Center, the House and Senate office buildings, the Library of Congress buildings, the U.S. Botanic Garden, the Capitol Power Plant, and other facilities. The AOC also provides professional expertise with regard to the preservation of architectural and artistic elements entrusted to its care, and provides recommendations concerning design, construction, and maintenance of the facilities and grounds.

The Committee has recommended a funding level of \$454,014,724 for activities of the Architect of the Capitol, excluding the House Office Buildings account. The recommendation is \$38,858,724 above the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$141,993,276 below the fiscal year 2018 request.

The following table compares the Committee recommendation for the AOC accounts to the fiscal year 2018 request, excluding the House Office Buildings account.

Item	Fiscal year 2018 request	Committee recommendation	Difference
Capital Construction and Operations .....	\$98,360,000	\$91,589,000	\$(6,771,000)
Capitol Building .....	54,898,000	46,125,000	(8,773,000)
Capitol Grounds .....	14,279,000	11,880,000	(2,399,000)
Senate Office Buildings .....	110,037,000	110,346,000	+ 309,000
Capitol Power Plant .....	108,205,000	102,628,724	(5,576,276)
Library Buildings and Grounds .....	121,182,000	27,443,000	(93,739,000)
Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds, and Security .....	54,177,000	30,833,000	(23,344,000)
Botanic Garden .....	13,400,000	12,613,000	(787,000)
Capitol Visitor Center .....	21,470,000	20,557,000	(913,000)
Total .....	596,008,000	454,014,724	(150,993,276)

*Outdoor Recycling.*—The Committee commends the efforts of the Architect of the Capitol and the United States Capitol Police [USCP] for implementing outdoor recycling programs on the Capitol grounds while maintaining security of the complex. The Committee encourages the Architect of the Capitol and the USCP to continue to collaborate and work together to expand these efforts where appropriate in high-traffic areas across the Capitol complex.

*Financial Management.*—The Committee commends the AOC for earning an unmodified audit opinion, without any material weaknesses, on its financial statements for fiscal year 2016. The AOC was also recognized with the CEAR award: Celebrating Excellence in Accounting Reporting. An unmodified opinion is the highest rating that may be received from an external auditor, and the AOC has earned this rating for 13 consecutive years. This positive independent assessment of the agency's financial stewardship of taxpayer resources demonstrates the agency's strong financial foundation as it embarks on major restoration and renovation projects.

*Office of Inspector General.*—The Committee is encouraged by the substantial progress made by the Architect of the Capitol Inspector General [AOC IG] to improve communications with Congress, conform with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards, and commit to independence. The Committee looks forward to benefiting from the AOC IG's future findings and recommendations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the AOC's operations. The Committee feels strongly that the AOC IG must maintain a staffing level commensurate with the scale of AOC's vast portfolio of operations, constructions, and contract oversight. Within funds provided, the Committee directs the AOC IG to employ not fewer than 14 full-time equivalent positions during fiscal year 2018. The Committee also directs the AOC to ensure that sufficient funding is available for contracts and other expenses identified by the AOC IG to fulfill its mission. Finally, the Committee reiterates that the independence of the AOC IG is of the utmost importance.

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$92,957,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	98,360,000
Committee recommendation .....	91,589,000

The Capital Construction and Operations appropriation provides funding for salaries and related benefits of the Architect, officers, administrative and support staff, including engineering and architecture employees. This account also provides for administrative items such as agency-wide contractual services; surveys and studies; information technology; and safety engineering operations.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$91,589,000 for capital construction and operations. The recommendation is \$1,368,000 below the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$6,771,000 below the fiscal year 2018 request.

CAPITOL BUILDING

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$32,584,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	54,898,000
Committee recommendation .....	46,125,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$46,125,000 for necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol, which is \$13,541,000 above the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$8,773,000 below the fiscal year 2018 request. Of the amount recommended, \$22,125,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2022.

*Miscellaneous Improvements Notifications.*—The Committee appreciates the AOC’s efforts to document and notify the Committee of “Miscellaneous Improvements” projects, which are completed projects that costs less than \$5,000 for labor and materials. The Committee directs the AOC to provide quarterly reports on Miscellaneous Improvements projects, including a description and cost of each project and the status of total funding set aside for this purpose.

The following table displays the budget detail.

CAPITOL BUILDING

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget .....	\$25,842,000	\$24,000,000
Fiscal Year 2018 Project Budget		
Exterior Stone & Metal Preservation, East Façade, Phase IV .....	17,125,000	17,125,000
Senate Reception Room Restoration & Conservation .....	4,598,000	–
Conservation of Fine and Architectural Art .....	599,000	–
Minor Construction .....	5,000,000	5,000,000
Subtotal, Project Budget .....	29,056,000	22,125,000
Total, Capitol Building .....	54,898,000	46,125,000

## CAPITOL GROUNDS

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$12,826,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	14,279,000
Committee recommendation .....	11,880,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$11,880,000 for Capitol Grounds for the care and improvements of the grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant. The recommendation is \$946,000 below the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$2,399,000 below the fiscal year 2018 request. Of the amount recommended, \$2,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2022.

The following table displays the budget detail:

## CAPITOL GROUNDS

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget .....	\$10,138,000	\$9,880,000
Fiscal Year 2018 Project Budget		
Capitol Square Infrastructure Repair .....	2,141,000	—
Minor Construction .....	2,000,000	2,000,000
Subtotal, Project Budget .....	4,141,000	2,000,000
Total, Capitol Grounds .....	14,279,000	11,880,000

## SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$88,406,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	110,037,000
Committee recommendation .....	110,346,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$110,346,000 for maintenance of the Senate office buildings. The recommendation is \$21,970,000 above the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$309,000 above the fiscal year 2018 request. Of the amount recommended, \$49,884,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2022.

The following table displays the budget detail:

## SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget .....	\$60,153,000	\$60,462,000
Fiscal Year 2018 Project Budget		
Exterior Envelope Repair & Restoration, Phases IV & V, RSOB .....	16,947,000	16,947,000
Senate Underground Garage Renovations & Landscape Restoration, Phase III .....	28,937,000	28,937,000
Minor Construction .....	4,000,000	4,000,000
Subtotal, Project Budget .....	49,884,000	49,884,000



## SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS—Continued

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Total, Senate Office Buildings .....	110,037,000	110,346,000

*Russell Senate Office Building.*—The Committee appreciates that the AOC has continued to make significant progress on implementing solutions recommended by a Blue Ribbon Panel to address potential fire hazards in the Russell Senate Office Building. The Committee directs the AOC to provide a work plan detailing funding and timeline for full completion of the remainder of the project within 30 days of enactment.

*Senate Restaurants.*—The Committee continues to be deeply troubled by findings by the Architect of the Capitol [AOC] and the Department of Labor [DOL] that the food service provider for the Senate underpaid many of its employees by misclassifying their work duties. The Committee notes that, as a result of these labor violations, the DOL initiated debarment proceedings to prevent the contractor and its principal officer from serving as Federal contractors. The Committee is concerned about the possibility of continued problems with contract compliance, especially related to treatment of employees.

It is noted that the Architect has committed, including in written correspondence to and meetings with Members of the United State Senate, to fully institute comprehensive reforms of the AOC's oversight of Senate restaurant contracts. Reforms include, but are not limited to: increasing the number of dedicated AOC staff to the oversight of restaurant contracts and ensuring such staff maintain a close and continuing connection to the Senate community; coordinating detailed, ongoing audits of employee wage rates and wage classifications; determining if areas of improvement to the contractor's pay administration practices exist so that information is readily available and transparent to contract employees; facilitating training on applicable labor laws for both AOC staff and relevant contract staff; ensuring the contractor maintains a full-time, dedicated human resources manager on site; and ensuring specific improvements in contractor communications with its employees, including for communications to be available in multiple languages, as needed, and ensuring contractor employees have convenient access to report possible violations.

The Committee directs the AOC to continue to closely monitor contract compliance, including routinely reviewing wage classifications, and to fully operationalize such monitoring into standard operating procedures. The Committee also directs AOC to immediately report any inconsistencies to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Rules and Administration and to consider all recourses in ensuring compliance and accountability with the contract. Finally, the Committee directs the AOC Inspector General to monitor and evaluate AOC's oversight of contract compliance and monitoring of employee compensation and overall working conditions.

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$86,646,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	108,205,000
Committee recommendation .....	102,628,724

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$102,628,724 for the operations of the Capitol Power Plant. This is supplemented by \$9,000 in reimbursements, for a total of \$111,628,724. The recommendation is \$15,982,724 above the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$5,576,276 below the fiscal year 2018 request. Of the amount provided, \$25,487,724 shall remain available until September 30, 2022.

The Power Plant provides heat, light, power, and air-conditioning for the Capitol, Senate and House office buildings, and the Library of Congress buildings; heat, light, and power for the Botanic Garden and the Senate and House Garages; light for the Capitol Grounds' street, park, and floodlighting system; steam heat for the Government Publishing Office and Washington City Post Office, also known as Postal Square; and steam heat and air-conditioning for the Union Station complex, Folger Shakespeare Library, the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building, and the U.S. Supreme Court Building on a reimbursable basis.

Within the operating budget, the recommended amount for the purchase of electricity from the local private utility, payment to the government of the District of Columbia for the provision of water and sewer services, and the procurement of boiler fuel, is displayed in the following table.

FISCAL YEAR 2018 ESTIMATED UTILITY COSTS

	Cost
Purchase of electrical energy .....	\$26,055,000
Purchase of natural gas .....	14,570,000
Purchase of steam .....	750,000
Purchase of chilled water .....	750,000
Purchase of oil .....	1,411,000
Purchase of solid fuel .....	500,000
Water and Sewer payments .....	7,500,000
Utilities for Postal Square .....	725,000
Energy Saving Performance Contracts .....	13,403,000
Energy Reduction Services Contract .....	650,000
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>66,314,000</b>

The balance of this appropriation supports a workforce to operate and maintain the Power Plant.

The following table displays the budget detail:

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget .....	\$78,637,000	\$77,141,000

## CAPITOL POWER PLANT—Continued

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2018 Project Budget		
WRP Chiller System Replacement, RPR, Phase IV, CPP .....	20,721,000	19,190,000
City Water Piping Replacement .....	2,866,000	2,297,724
Cogeneration Management Program .....	964,000	—
Boiler Feedwater Piping Replacement .....	1,017,000	—
Minor Construction .....	4,00,000	4,00,000
Subtotal, Project Budget .....	29,568,000	25,487,724
Total, Capitol Power Plant .....	108,205,000	102,628,724

## LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$47,080,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	121,182,000
Committee recommendation .....	27,443,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$27,443,000 for the care and maintenance of the Library buildings and grounds by the Architect of the Capitol, of which \$2,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2021. The recommendation is \$19,637,000 below the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$93,739,000 below the fiscal year 2018 request.

The following table displays the budget detail:

## LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget .....	\$27,373,000	\$24,943,000
Fiscal Year 2018 Project Budget		
Collection Storage Module 6, Ft. Meade .....	45,000,000	—
North Exit Stair B, Phase II, TJB .....	17,577,000	—
Copper Roof Replacement and Fall Protection, Phase I, JAB .....	12,496,000	—
Emergency Lighting System Upgrade, TJB .....	7,195,000	—
Emergency Generator Replacement, TJB .....	6,240,000	—
Fire Alarm and Availability Upgrade, JMMB .....	1,577,000	—
Exterior Envelope Repair and Restoration, JAB .....	1,224,000	—
Minor Construction .....	2,500,000	2,500,000
Subtotal, Project Budget .....	93,809	2,500,000
Total, Library Buildings & Grounds .....	121,182,000	27,443,000

## CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND SECURITY

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$20,033,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	54,177,000
Committee recommendation .....	30,833,000

The Committee recommends \$30,833,000 for Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds, and Security, which is \$10,800,000 above the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$23,344,000 below the fiscal

year 2018 request. Of this amount, \$13,300,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2022.

The following table displays the budget detail:

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND SECURITY

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget .....	\$21,949,000	\$17,533,000
Fiscal Year 2018 Project Budget		
Chiller Replacement and Chilled Water System Expansion, Phase I, ACF .....	14,687,000	-
Barrier Lifecycle and Perimeter Security Kiosk Replacement, Phase II .....	8,300,000	8,300,000
USCP Conduit Installation Phase II, OSP .....	2,743,000	-
Foundation Alarm Installation, OSP .....	1,498,000	-
Minor Construction .....	5,000,000	5,000,000
Subtotal, Project Budget .....	32,228,000	13,300,000
Total, Capitol Police Buildings & Grounds .....	54,117,000	30,833,000

BOTANIC GARDEN

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$14,067,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	13,400,000
Committee recommendation .....	12,613,000

The Committee recommends \$12,613,000 for salaries and expenses of the Botanic Garden. The recommendation is \$1,454,000 below the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$787,000 below the fiscal year budget request 2018 request. Of this amount, \$2,600,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2022.

The following table displays the budget detail:

BOTANIC GARDEN

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget .....	\$10,800,000	\$10,013,000
Fiscal Year 2018 Project Budget		
Minor Construction .....	2,600,000	2,600,000
Subtotal, Project Budget .....	2,600,000	2,600,000
Total, Botanic Garden .....	13,400,000	12,613,000

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$20,557,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	21,470,000
Committee recommendation .....	20,557,000

The Committee recommends a total of \$20,557,000 for the operation of the Capitol Visitor Center. The recommendation is equal to the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$913,000 below the fiscal year 2018 request.

The following table displays the budget detail:

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget .....	\$21,470,000	\$20,557,000
Total, Capitol Visitor Center .....	21,470,000	20,557,000

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 110. This provision prohibits payment of bonuses to contractors behind schedule or over budget.

SEC. 111. This provision prohibits the expenditure of funds for scrimm containing photographs of building facades for projects performed by the Architect of the Capitol.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world and an unmatched source of information for Congress, the American people and beyond. The Library acquires, registers, preserves, protects and makes accessible the creative record of the United States. It is the main research arm of the United States Congress and its resources and services are used by millions of people every month. Its mission is to support the Congress in fulfilling its constitutional duties and to further the progress of knowledge and creativity for the benefit of the American people. The Library’s collections include more than 162 million items (books, photographs, maps, sound recordings, films, sheet music, legal materials) in 470 languages. Digital technology is transforming the way the Library does its work, and the institution plays an important leadership role in superimposing digital library collections and services on those that are analog based. The Library of Congress houses the Congressional Research Service, U.S. Copyright Office, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Law Library of Congress, and numerous other programs and services.

The Committee recommends a total of \$638,873,234 for the Library of Congress, an increase of \$6,915,000 above the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$62,643,766 below the fiscal year 2018 request.

In addition to the appropriation, the Library estimates receipts of \$52,655,000, funds from gifts and trusts totaling \$16,593,000, and reimbursable and revolving funds totaling \$190,642,000. Total funds available to support Library operations, including the Architect of the Capitol account, are expected to be approximately \$926,206,234 in fiscal year 2018 under the Committee recommendation.

*Congressional Accountability Act Coverage for Library Employees.*—The Committee includes a provision which provides Library of Congress employees coverage under the Congressional Accountability Act. Employees of the Library will have the option to utilize the services of the Office of Compliance, while maintaining the current Library and collective bargaining agreement processes. It is the intent of the Committee to offer Library employees a fair opportunity to resolve workplace issues similar to other Legislative Branch agencies.

#### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2017:	
Salaries and expenses .....	\$457,017,000
Authority to spend receipts .....	6,350,000
Net, salaries and expenses .....	450,667,000
Budget estimate, 2018:	
Salaries and expenses .....	504,260,000
Authority to spend receipts .....	6,350,000
Net, salaries and expenses .....	497,910,000
Committee recommendation:	
Salaries and expenses .....	457,017,000
Authority to spend receipts .....	6,350,000
Net, salaries and expenses .....	450,667,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$450,667,000 for salaries and expenses of the Library of Congress and approves authority to spend receipts of \$6,350,000 in fiscal year 2018, for a total of \$457,017,000. The recommendation is equal to the above the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$47,650,000 below the fiscal year 2018 request. Included within this recommendation, as requested by the Library for fiscal year 2018, is \$20,000,000 for the second phase of relocating the Library's primary computing facility; \$5,817,000 to begin the Library's enterprise investment in IT; and \$297,000 for expanded IT audit capabilities for the Library's Office of Inspector General. The Committee expects the Library to provide a detailed spend plan, including any increase in FTE levels for the IT modernization intended to be addressed with the funds provided in fiscal year 2018.

*Veterans History Project.*—The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,923,000 for the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project [VHP]. VHP, which marked its 15th anniversary in 2015, oversees a nationwide effort to build an archive of oral histories, from World War I through current conflicts, by collecting, preserving, and making available the personal stories of American war veterans and the civilian workers who support them. The VHP collection includes submissions from every State and is the largest oral history project in the United States recently surpassing 100,000 collections in February of 2016. Through an active national outreach effort to volunteer organizations, institutions, and individuals across the country, VHP gained new participants and acquired 4,430 new collections in fiscal year 2016.

*Teaching with Primary Sources.*—The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$8,444,000 for the Library of Congress' Teaching with Primary Sources program [TPS]. TPS is a teacher training initiative that encourages educators to incorporate the Library's online primary sources into school curricula. Library staff harness the power of primary sources as teaching tools by providing educators with methods and materials that build student literacy skills, content knowledge, and critical thinking abilities. TPS has successfully worked with educators in 49 States, the District of Columbia, and American Samoa. The Committee notes that the Library sponsors many educational lectures and events and encourages the Library to incorporate excerpts from these presentations into the curriculum materials it develops.

*Preservation.*—The Committee notes that the Library utilizes multiple preservation strategies to extend the life of its vast collections for future generations to enjoy, including building and operating climate-controlled storage facilities, preparing new acquisitions for commercial binding and shelving, deacidification, and digital reformatting. During 2016, the Library executed over 9.5 million preservation actions on its books, serials, prints, photographs, audio-visual and other high value, high use, and at-risk items. In 2016, the Library and the Architect of the Capitol began construction of a fifth climate-controlled storage facility at Fort Meade, Maryland. The Committee supports the Library's preservation efforts and directs the Library to continue funding for ongoing preservation activities at not less than the current level for each ongoing preservation strategy.

*National Film and Sound Recording Preservation Programs.*—The Committee recognizes the important work of the National Film Preservation Program and the National Sound Recording Preservation Program, including the federally chartered National Film and National Recording Preservation Foundations. Consistent with the authorizing statute, the Foundations utilize both public and private matching funds to provide grants to a wide array of educational and non-profit organizations that help preserve historical and cultural artifacts that would otherwise disappear or be destroyed over time. Given that these programs were reauthorized under the Library of Congress Sound Recording and Film Preservation Programs Reauthorization Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–217), the Committee expects that the Library will provide support to these programs.

*Revolving Fund Updates.*—The Committee appreciates the Library's interest in modernizing and finding new ways to sustain important, yet expensive services, including those associated with the audiovisual conservation center. The Committee believes that any request for authorization to collect a fee for those services should be accompanied by a full description of the scope of services provided for, which fees would be assessed, as well as the impact that such fees may have on the users of those services and the Library's collection. If the Library decides to pursue further updates to the revolving fund statute, the Committee directs the Library to prepare a comprehensive plan that outlines the services for which fees would be assessed, the proposed schedule for implementation of any potential user fees, and an impact study to determine the

effects on the Library's collection and all existing contributors. The Library should provide this report to the Committee as well as the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2017:	
Salaries and expenses .....	\$68,825,000
Authority to spend receipts .....	39,548,000
Prior year unobligated balances .....	6,179,000
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Net, salaries and expenses .....	23,098,000
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Budget estimate, 2018:	
Salaries and expenses .....	77,709,000
Authority to spend receipts .....	38,864,000
Prior year unobligated balances .....	7,429,000
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Net, salaries and expenses .....	31,416,000
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Committee recommendation:	
Salaries and expenses .....	68,825,000
Authority to spend receipts .....	41,305,000
Prior year unobligated balances .....	2,260,000
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Net, salaries and expenses .....	25,260,000
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The United States Copyright Office plays an important role in our Nation's intellectual property system. Copyright law is the foundation for the creation and dissemination of American artistic works, leading to substantial economic and cultural benefits. The Copyright Office serves multiple central roles in the copyright system, overseeing the registration of copyrighted works, administering the copyright law, and providing counsel to Congress on copyright policy.

The Committee recommends the direct appropriation of \$25,260,000 for the Copyright Office; approves authority to spend receipts of \$41,305,000 in fiscal year 2018; and approves authority to spend prior year unobligated balances of \$2,260,000, for a total of \$68,825,000. The recommendation for total funding available is \$2,162,000 above the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$6,156,000 below the fiscal year 2018 request.

*Information Technology Modernization.*—The recommendation includes \$3,629,000 for Copyright Office IT modernization, fully funding the request. The Committee commends the collaboration of the Copyright Office with the Library's Office of Chief Information Officer [OCIO] in the overall IT modernization effort for the Library, and looks forward to the forthcoming revised IT modernization plan for the Office. The Committee directs the Copyright Office and the Library's OCIO to continue to work together to achieve efficiencies in shared services, while allowing for mission specific modernization to be the responsibility of the Copyright Office.

The Committee expects the Copyright Office to provide a detailed spend plan for the IT enhancements intended to be addressed with the funds provided in fiscal year 2018.



## CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

## SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$107,945,234
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	119,279,000
Committee recommendation .....	112,698,234

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$112,698,234 for the Congressional Research Service. The recommendation is \$4,753,000 above the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$6,791,000 below the fiscal year 2018 request.

*Congressional Research Service Modernization.*—The Committee recognizes the tremendous value that the Congressional Research Service [CRS] has added to Congress by providing objective, authoritative, nonpartisan, and confidential research and analysis on the breadth of policy issues considered during each legislative session since its inception in 1914. Included in the Committee's recommendation is \$4,000,000 to begin modernization of CRS's mission-specific information systems to increase efficiency of the office while protecting confidentiality of congressional data.

*Public Access to CRS Reports.*—The bill includes a provision directing the Library of Congress's Congressional Research Service [CRS] to make available to the public all non-confidential CRS reports on a website operated and maintained by the Government Publishing Office [GPO]. Non-confidential CRS reports include any CRS report containing research or analysis that is currently available for general congressional access on the CRS Congressional Intranet, or that would be made available on the CRS Congressional Intranet in the normal course of business. Non-confidential CRS reports do not include reports prepared in direct response to a Congressional office request for custom analysis or research. CRS reports are funded by taxpayers and should be made available to citizens, schools and libraries across the country. Publishing of CRS reports will not impede CRS's core mission and is in keeping with the Committee's priority of full transparency to the American people. Within 60 days of enactment of this act CRS, in consultation with GPO, shall provide to the relevant oversight Committees, including the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, a plan for making these reports available by the end of Fiscal Year 2018, well as any associated cost estimates.

*Supporting Areas of High Congressional Demand.*—The Committee appreciates CRS finding innovative ways to meet congressional demand in a resource constrained environment. Therefore, the recommendation provides \$753,000 for eight additional support staff to handle routine requests, allowing senior staff to focus on more highly analytical research.

*Service to Congressional District Offices.*—The Committee recognizes that the Congressional Research Service [CRS] provides an invaluable service that ranges from timely, analytical responses to congressional requests to organized briefings and trainings on various issue areas to Members of Congress and their staff in Washington, DC. However, District Office staff, compared to their Washington, DC. counterparts, have limited opportunities to participate in these briefings and trainings simply because they do not live in Washington, DC. The Committee recognizes that utilizing current

technologies, such as livestreaming or use of Webinars, may increase access for District Staff to participate in these learning opportunities that develop professional skillsets and provide critical information to better assist constituents. Therefore, the Committee directs CRS to undertake a study that explores the requirements of supporting live-webcasts of briefings and includes options in providing this type of service to District Offices. It is expected that CRS report to the Committee no later than 180 days on their findings.

*Information Products.*—The Committee recognizes that the Congressional Research Service [CRS] produces reliable and highly sought after analytical products. However, given time constraints, Members and staff are not always able to read and benefit from many of the lengthier reports. Current media shows that there are useful examples of information delivery that CRS could incorporate into its service to the Congress. The Committee directs CRS to survey how to repackage its products utilizing different forms of information delivery to produce more user-friendly formats for “reading on the go” scenarios and to report to the Committee when these information delivery systems might be incorporated into the suite of products and services that CRS provides.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$50,248,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	52,815,000
Committee recommendation .....	50,248,000

This appropriation supports a national reading program for eligible residents of the United States and U.S. citizens living overseas who are blind or physically handicapped. Books and magazines in braille and various recorded formats are produced by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped for distribution through a network of State and locally supported libraries. At present, 55 regional libraries in 49 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands house and circulate books and magazines to eligible readers. Thirty-two sub-regional libraries in 10 States, and Guam, assist at the local public library level. In addition, 14 Advisory and Outreach Centers assist regional libraries in provision of services. Fifty-two of the regional libraries and four separate cooperating agencies distribute sound reproducers. Two multi-State centers, under contract to the National Library Service, store and distribute books and other materials in their geographical region. The program supports a readership of approximately 800,000.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$50,248,000 for salaries and expenses for Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The recommendation is equal to the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$2,567,000 below the fiscal year 2018 request.

*eReader Program.*—The Committee continues to recognize the importance of having accessible reading materials available to U.S. citizens and residents who are unable to read printed material due to blindness or physical limitations. In addition, the Committee remains encouraged that the National Library Services for the Blind

and Physically Handicapped [NLS] will move forward and conduct a pilot program in fiscal year 2018 that will provide NLS with the necessary information to progress on establishing a long-term electronic refreshable Braille display lending program. If the NLS continues along its proposed timeline, the Committee is expected to receive a request by the NLS in fiscal year 2019 for a \$5,000,000 request for electronic refreshable Braille display technology, which will allow the NLS to procure approximately 10,000 eReaders for its lending program.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 120. The Committee has included a routine administrative provision regarding reimbursable and revolving funds carried in prior years.

SEC. 121. The Committee has included a provision updating revolving fund returns to allow the Library of Congress to accept fees for services currently provided.

SEC. 122. The Committee has included a provision allowing the Library of Congress to accept gifts of goods and services.

SEC. 123. The Committee has included a provision providing coverage for Library of Congress employees under the Congressional Accountability Act.

SEC. 124. The Committee has included a provision making non-confidential CRS reports available to the public.

#### GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

The U.S. Government Publishing Office [GPO] is the Federal Government's primary centralized resource for gathering, cataloging, producing, providing, and preserving published information in all its forms. By law and tradition, the GPO's mission is to provide expert publishing and printing services to all three branches of Government; to provide, in partnership with Federal depository libraries, permanent public access to the printed and electronic information products of all three branches of the Federal Government; and to sell copies of authentic printed and electronic documents and other government information products to the public.

GPO's core mission dates to 1813 when Congress determined that information regarding the work of the Federal Government should be available to all Americans. Over 200 years later, GPO's mission remains unchanged. However, the means for producing and distributing that information has transformed dramatically with the advent of the digital revolution.

Today, GPO provides free online public access to more than 1.5 million searchable titles, including the Budget of the U.S. Government, the Code of Federal Regulations, the Congressional Record, and congressional bills, hearings, and reports. GPO also provides access to Government information in digital format through apps, eBooks, and related technologies. Since 2009, GPO has experienced more than 1.5 billion digital retrievals from its Federal Digital System [FDsys], and in February 2017 GPO introduced the next generation of its digital information system, govinfo.gov, symbolizing the evolution of how Americans access Government information in the digital era.

## CONGRESSIONAL PUBLISHING

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$79,736,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	79,528,000
Committee recommendation .....	79,528,000

The appropriation for Congressional Publishing supports transparency of the congressional process by funding digital and print publication of congressional proceedings, including the Congressional Record, bills, amendments, Committee reports, and hearing transcripts. This appropriation also supports the direct publication and printing needs of Congress.

The Committee recommends \$79,528,000 for congressional publishing. The recommendation is \$208,000 below the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and equal to the 2018 request.

The following table compares the component categories within this account for fiscal year 2017 and the fiscal year 2018 request. The Committee has not recommended separate amounts for each activity in order to give GPO the flexibility to meet changing requirements.

## CONGRESSIONAL PUBLISHING

	Fiscal year 2017 enacted	Fiscal year 2018 requested
Congressional Record Publications .....	\$20,955,000	\$21,957,000
Miscellaneous publications .....	2,830,000	2,818,000
Miscellaneous publishing and services .....	20,685,000	19,090,000
Details to Congress .....	4,419,000	4,419,000
Document envelopes and document franks .....	538,000	525,000
Business and committee calendars .....	2,475,000	3,738,000
Bills, resolutions, and amendments .....	6,298,000	5,977,000
Committee reports .....	2,892,000	2,360,000
Documents .....	1,295,000	1,146,000
Hearings .....	17,465,000	17,879,000
Committee prints .....	1,278,000	1,166,000
Transfers .....	(1,394,000)	(1,547,000)
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>79,736,000</b>	<b>79,528,000</b>

PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS OF THE OFFICE OF  
SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

## SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$29,500,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	29,000,000
Committee recommendation .....	29,000,000

This appropriation provides for salaries and expenses associated with the distribution of electronic and printed Government documents to depository and international exchange libraries, the cataloging and indexing of Government publications, and the distribution of electronic and printed publications authorized by law at the request of Members of Congress and other Government agencies.

The Committee recommends \$29,000,000 for salaries and expenses of the Public Information Programs of the Office of the Superintendent of Documents. The recommendation is \$500,000 below

the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and equal to the fiscal year 2018 request.

The Committee supports GPO’s introduction of its next generation information system, govinfo.gov, as well as the agency’s other information technology systems, given that these efforts continue to reduce costs.

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE BUSINESS OPERATIONS  
REVOLVING FUND

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$7,832,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	8,540,000
Committee recommendation .....	8,540,000

The Committee recommends \$8,540,000 for the Government Publishing Office [GPO] Business Operations Revolving Fund. The recommendation is \$708,000 above the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and equal to the fiscal year 2018 request.

The Committee supports continued investment in the Revolving Fund as the most efficient solution to both cutting costs and ensuring efficient online access to government documents. One reason GPO is able to meet the increased work demands and continually reduce costs is through its constant focus on capital investments to modernize information systems, production equipment, and major facility repairs.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE  
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$544,505,919
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	590,678,000
Committee recommendation .....	562,771,695

The U.S. Government Accountability Office [GAO] is an independent nonpartisan agency that was established by the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921 to act as an auditor for Congress and investigate how the Federal Government spends taxpayer dollars.

The function of GAO includes auditing agency operations to determine whether Federal funds are being spent efficiently and effectively; investigating allegations of illegal and improper activities; reporting on how well Government programs and policies are meeting their objectives; performing policy analyses and outlining options for congressional consideration; and issuing legal decisions and opinions, such as bid protest rulings and reports on agency rules.

The Committee recommends funding of \$562,771,695 for salaries and expenses of the Government Accountability Office. The recommendation is \$18,265,776 above the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$27,906,305 below the fiscal year 2018 request. The funding provided will support current staffing levels and the highest priority information technology infrastructure and security improvements included in the budget request.

Additionally, \$23,800,000 is authorized in offsetting collections derived from rent receipts and reimbursements for conducting financial audits of Government corporations, for a total of \$586,571,695.

Within 1 year of enactment, the U.S. Government Accountability Office [GAO] shall issue a report to the Committee that examines the extent to which reports are posted and accessible on websites of Offices of Inspectors General as required by section 8M of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended.

**OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND**

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$5,600,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	5,800,000
Committee recommendation .....	5,600,000

The Committee recommends \$5,600,000 as a payment to the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund, which is equal to the fiscal year 2017 appropriation and \$200,000 below the fiscal year 2018 request. The Center for Russian Leadership Development was established on December 21, 2000 (Public Law 106-554) as a legislative branch entity. The Fiscal Year 2003 Consolidated Appropriation Resolution (Public Law 108-7) carried legislation (section 1401) changing the name to the Open World Leadership Center and expanding the mission of the program to include Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union including the Baltic States. The mission of the Center is to enable emerging leaders in Russia and Newly Independent States at all levels of civic life to gain significant, first-hand exposure to the American free market economic system and the operation of American democratic institutions through visits to comparable governments and communities in the United States.

While the Committee recognizes the ongoing U.S. national interest in maintaining constructive relations with the Russian people, the Committee includes a provision that limits the Open World Leadership Center to using appropriated funds only for Russian participants engaging in free market development, humanitarian activities, and civic engagement, and not for senior officials of the central Government of Russia.

**JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$430,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	430,000
Committee recommendation .....	430,000

The John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development was created by Congress in 1988. The mandate of the Center is to promote and strengthen public service. The Committee recommends the budget request of \$430,000 as authorized by 2 U.S.C. 1105, for the Center's congressional staff training and development programs.

TITLE II  
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Included are several routine general provisions carried annually in the bill (sections 201–207), as follows:

Section 201 bans the use of appropriated funds for service and maintenance of private vehicles, except under such regulations as may be promulgated by the House Administration Committee and the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, respectively.

Section 202 limits the availability for obligation of appropriations to the fiscal year for which it is expressly provided in the bill accompanying this report.

Section 203 provides that any pay rate and title designation for a staff position created in this act, and not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of 1929, is to be made permanent law by this act. Further, any pay rate and title change for a position provided for in the 1929 Act is to be made permanent law by this act and any changes in the official expenses of Members, officers, and committees, and in the clerk hire of the House and Senate are to be made permanent law by this act.

Section 204 bans the use of funds for contracts unless such contracts are matters of public record and are available for public inspection.

Section 205 authorizes legislative branch entities participating in the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council [LBFMC] to finance the costs of the LBFMC.

Section 206 prohibits unauthorized transfers of funds to other agencies.

Section 207 ensures continuation of the staff-led tours of the Capitol.

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7, RULE XVI, OF THE  
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Paragraph 7 of rule XVI requires that Committee reports on general appropriations bills identify, with particularity, each Committee amendment to the House bill “which proposes an item of appropriation which is not made to carry out the provisions of an existing law, a treaty stipulation, or an act or resolution previously passed by the Senate during that session.”

The Committee has recommended no such funding.

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7(c), RULE XXVI OF THE  
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Pursuant to paragraph 7(c) of rule XXVI, on July 27, 2017, the Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 1648) making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes, provided, that the bill be subject to amendment and that the bill be consistent with the subcommittee funding guidance, and provided that the Chairman of the Committee or his designee be authorized to offer the substance of the original bill as a Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute to the House companion measure, by a recorded vote of 31–0, a quorum being present. The vote was as follows:

Yeas	Nays
Chairman Cochran	
Mr. McConnell	
Mr. Shelby	
Mr. Alexander	
Ms. Collins	
Ms. Murkowski	
Mr. Graham	
Mr. Blunt	
Mr. Moran	
Mr. Hoeven	
Mr. Boozman	
Mrs. Capito	
Mr. Lankford	
Mr. Daines	
Mr. Kennedy	
Mr. Rubio	
Mr. Leahy	
Mrs. Murray	
Mrs. Feinstein	
Mr. Durbin	
Mr. Reed	
Mr. Tester	



Mr. Udall  
 Mrs. Shaheen  
 Mr. Merkley  
 Mr. Coons  
 Mr. Schatz  
 Ms. Baldwin  
 Mr. Murphy  
 Mr. Manchin  
 Mr. Van Hollen

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 12, RULE XXVI, OF THE  
 STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Paragraph 12 of rule XXVI requires that Committee reports on a bill or joint resolution repealing or amending any statute or part of any statute include “(a) the text of the statute or part thereof which is proposed to be repealed; and (b) a comparative print of that part of the bill or joint resolution making the amendment and of the statute or part thereof proposed to be amended, showing by stricken-through type and italics, parallel columns, or other appropriate typographical devices the omissions and insertions which would be made by the bill or joint resolution if enacted in the form recommended by the Committee.”

In compliance with this rule, the following changes in existing law proposed to be made by the bill are shown as follows: existing law to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets; new matter is printed in italic; and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman.

**TITLE 2—THE CONGRESS**

**CHAPTER 5—LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**

**§ 160. Disbursement of gifts, etc., to Library**

Nothing in sections 154 to 162 and 163 of this title shall be construed as prohibiting or restricting the Librarian of Congress from accepting in the name of the United States gifts or bequests [of money for immediate disbursement] in the interest of the Library, its collections, or its service[.], *of the following: (1) nonpersonal services; (2) voluntary and uncompensated personal services not to exceed \$10,000 per person, per year in value; and (3) gifts or bequests of money for immediate disbursement.* Such gifts or bequests, after acceptance by the librarian, shall be paid by the donor or his representative to the Treasurer of the United States, whose receipts shall be their acquittance. The Treasurer of the United States shall enter them in a special account to the credit of the Library of Congress and subject to disbursement by the librarian for the purposes in each case specified. *The Librarian shall make an annual public report regarding gifts accepted under this section.*

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**§ 166. Congressional Research Service**

**(d) Duties of Service; assistance to Congressional committees; list of terminating programs and subjects for**

**analysis; legislative data, studies, etc.; information research; digest of bills, preparation; legislation, purpose and effect, and preparation of memoranda; information and research capability, development**

(7) upon request made by any committee or Member of the Congress, to prepare and transmit to such committee or Member a concise memorandum with respect to one or more legislative measures upon which hearings by any committee of the Congress have been announced, which memorandum shall contain a statement of the purpose and effect of each such measure, a description of other relevant measures of similar purpose or effect previously introduced in the Congress, and a recitation of all action taken theretofore by or within the Congress with respect to each such other measure; **[and]**

(8) to develop and maintain an information and research capability, to include Senior Specialists, Specialists, other employees, and consultants, as necessary, to perform the functions provided for in this subsection**[.]**; *and*

*(9) to comply with the requirements of, and provide information and technological assistance consistent with, section 124 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2018.*

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**(i) Special report to Joint Committee on the Library**

The Director of the Congressional Research Service shall prepare and file with the Joint Committee on the Library at the beginning of each regular session of Congress a separate and special report covering, in summary and in detail, all phases of activity of the Congressional Research Service for the immediately preceding fiscal year**[.]**, *and shall include in the report a description of the efforts made by the Director to make additional Congressional Research Service products that are not custom products or services available to the Director of the Government Publishing Office for publication on the website established and maintained under section 124 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2018.*

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**§ 182b. [Revolving fund for gift shop, decimal classification, photo duplication, and related services] *Revolving fund for sales shop and other services***

**(a) Establishment**

There is hereby established in the Treasury a revolving fund for the following programs and activities of the Librarian:

- (1) Decimal classification development.
- (2) The operation of a gift shop or other sales of items associated with collections, exhibits, performances, and special events of the Library of Congress.
- (3) Document reproduction and microfilming services.
- (4) Special events and programs.
- (5) *Training.*

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**§ 182c. Revolving fund for FEDLINK program and Federal Research program**

**(f) Programs described**

**(1) FEDLINK**

In this section, the “FEDLINK program” is the program of the Library of Congress under which the Librarian provides the following services on behalf of participating Federal libraries, Federal information centers, other entities of the Federal Government, *tribal governments (as defined in 40 U.S.C. 502(c)(2)(B))* and the District of Columbia:

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**CHAPTER 24—CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

**SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL**

**§ 1301. Definitions**

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, as used in this chapter:

**(3) Covered employee**

The term “covered employee” means any employee of—

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(H) the Office of Compliance; **[or]**

(I) the Office of Technology Assessment**[.]; or**

(J) *the Library of Congress, except for section 220.*

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**(9) Employing office**

The term “employing office” means—

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(C) any other office headed by a person with the final authority to appoint, hire, discharge, and set the terms, conditions, or privileges of the employment of an employee of the House of Representatives or the Senate; **[or]**

(D) the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services, the United States Capitol Police, the Congressional Budget Office, the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Office of the Attending Physician, the Office of Compliance, and the Office of Technology Assessment**[.]; or**

(E) *the Library of Congress, except for section 220.*

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SUBCHAPTER II—EXTENSION OF RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS

PART A—EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION, FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE, FAIR LABOR STANDARDS, EMPLOYEE POLYGRAPH PROTECTION, WORKER ADJUSTMENT AND RETRAINING, EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT OF VETERANS, AND INTIMIDATION

**§ 1314. Rights and protections under Employee Polygraph Protection Act of 1988**

**(a) Polygraph practices prohibited**

**(2) Definitions**

For purposes of this section, the term “covered employee” shall include employees of the Government Accountability Office [and the Library of Congress] and the term “employing office” shall include the Government Accountability Office [and the Library of Congress].

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**§ 1315. Rights and protections under Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act**

**(a) Worker adjustment and retraining notification rights**

**(2) Definitions**

For purposes of this section, the term “covered employee” shall include employees of the Government Accountability Office [and the Library of Congress] and the term “employing office” shall include the Government Accountability Office [and the Library of Congress].

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**§ 1316. Rights and protections relating to veterans’ employment and reemployment**

**(a) Employment and reemployment rights of members of uniformed services**

**(2) Definitions**

For purposes of this section—

(A) the term “eligible employee” means a covered employee performing service in the uniformed services, within the meaning of section 4303(13) of title 38, whose service has not been terminated upon occurrence of any of the events enumerated in section 4304 of title 38,

(B) the term “covered employee” includes employees of the Government Accountability Office [and the Library of Congress], and

(C) the term “employing office” includes the Government Accountability Office [and the Library of Congress].

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PART B—PUBLIC SERVICES AND ACCOMMODATIONS UNDER AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990

§ 1331. Rights and protections under Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 relating to public services and accommodations; procedures for remedy of violations

(a) Entities subject to this section

The requirements of this section shall apply to—

- (9) the Office of Compliance; [and]
(10) the Office of Technology Assessment[.]; and
(11) the Library of Congress.

PART C—OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1970

§ 1341. Rights and protections under Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; procedures for remedy of violations

(a) Occupational safety and health protections

(2) Definitions

For purposes of the application under this section of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 [29 U.S.C. 651 et seq.]—

- (A) the term “employer” as used in such Act means an employing office;
(B) the term “employee” as used in such Act means a covered employee;
(C) the term “employing office” includes the Government Accountability Office[, the Library of Congress,] and any entity listed in subsection (a) of section 1331 of this title that is responsible for correcting a violation of this section, irrespective of whether the entity has an employment relationship with any covered employee in any employing office in which such a violation occurs; and
(D) the term “employee” includes employees of the Government Accountability Office [and the Library of Congress].

SUBCHAPTER IV—ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL DISPUTE-RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

§ 1401. Procedure for consideration of alleged violations

Except as otherwise provided, the procedure for consideration of alleged violations of part A of subchapter II consists of—

- (1) counseling as provided in section 1402 of this title;
(2) mediation as provided in section 1403 of this title; and
(3) election, as provided in section 1404 of this title, of [either]—

(A) a formal complaint and hearing as provided in section 1405 of this title, subject to Board review as provided in section 1406 of this title, and judicial review in the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit as provided in section 1407 of this title, **[or]**

(B) a civil action in a district court of the United States as provided in section 1408 of this title**[.]**, or

(C) *in the case of an Library claimant (as defined in section 404(a)), a proceeding described in section 404(b)(3) that relates to the violation at issue.*

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#### **§ 1404. Election of proceeding**

(a) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

(1) *DIRECT ACT.—The term “direct Act” means an Act (other than this Act), or provision of the Revised Statutes, that is specified in section 201, 202, 203, or 210.*

(2) *DIRECT PROVISION.—The term “direct provision” means a provision (including a definitional provision) of a direct Act that applies the rights or protections of a direct Act (including rights and protections relating to nonretaliation or noncoercion) to a library claimant.*

(3) *LIBRARY CLAIMANT.—The term “Library claimant” means—*

(A) *with respect to a direct provision (other than a provision described in subparagraph (B)), an employee of the Library of Congress who is covered by that direct provision, and*

(B) *with respect to a direct provision that applies the rights or protections of title II or III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12131 et seq., 12181 et seq.), an individual who is eligible to provide services for or receive services from the Library of Congress and who is covered by that provision.*

**[Not]** (b) *ELECTION AFTER PROCEEDINGS INITIALLY BROUGHT UNDER THIS ACT.—Not later than 90 days, but not sooner than 30 days, after the end of the period of mediation, a covered employee **[may either]** who initially requested counseling and mediation under this title may elect to—*

(1) file a complaint with the Office in accordance with section 1405 of this title, **[or]**

(2) file a civil action in accordance with section 1408 of this title in the United States district court for the district in which the employee is employed or for the District of Columbia**[.]**, or

(3) *in the case of a Library claimant, bring the claim, complaint, or charge that is brought for a proceeding before the corresponding Federal agency, under the corresponding direct provision.*

(c) *ELECTION AFTER PROCEEDINGS INITIALLY BROUGHT UNDER OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS OR LABOR LAW.—A library claimant who initially brings a claim, complaint, or charge under a direct provision*

for a proceeding before a Federal agency may, prior to requesting a hearing under the agency's procedures, elect to—

(1) bring any civil action relating to the claim, complaint, or charge, that is available to the Library claimant,

(2) file a complaint with the Office in accordance with section 405, or

(3) file a civil action in accordance with section 408 in the United States district court for the district in which the employee is employed or for the District of Columbia.

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**§ 1415. Payments**

**(a) Awards and settlements**

Except as provided in subsection (c), only funds which are appropriated to an account of the Office in the Treasury of the United States for the payment of awards and settlements may be used for the payment of awards and settlements under this chapter. There are appropriated for such account such sums as may be necessary to pay such awards and settlements. Funds in the account are not available for awards and settlements involving the Government Accountability Office[,], or the Government Publishing Office[,], or the Library of Congress].

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**CHAPTER 45—CONGRESSIONAL PAY AND BENEFITS**

**SUBCHAPTER III—SENATE**

**PART A—AMOUNT AND TYPE**

**§ 4579. Student loan repayment program for Senate employees**

**(a) Definitions**

(1) *DEPARTURE DATE.*—The term “departure date” means the earlier of—

(A) the date on which the term of a departing Senator or Vice President ends; or

(B) the date on which the departing Senator or Vice President will retire or resign.

(2) *DEPARTING SENATOR OR VICE PRESIDENT.*—The term “departing Senator or Vice President” means a Senator or Vice President who will not serve in the next term due to retirement, resignation, a decision to not seek reelection, or a failure to secure reelection.

**[(1)] (3) Eligible employee**

The term “eligible employee” means an individual, except as provided under subsection (b)(3)—

(A) who is an employee of the Senate; and

(B) whose rate of pay as an employee of the Senate, on the date on which such eligibility is determined, does not exceed the [rate of basic pay for an employee for a position at ES–1 of the

Senior Executive Schedule as provided for in subchapter VIII of chapter 53 of title 5 (including any locality pay adjustment applicable to the Washington, D.C.-Baltimore Maryland consolidated metropolitan statistical area).] *rate of basic pay payable for a position at level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code.*

**[(2)] (4) Employee of the Senate**

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**[(3)] (5) Employing office**

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**[(4)] (6) Secretary**

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**[(5)] (7) Student loan**

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**(b) Senate student loan repayment program**

**(1) Service agreements**

**(A) In general**

The head of an employing office and an eligible employee may enter into a written service agreement under which—

(i) the employing office shall agree to repay, by direct payments on behalf of the eligible employee, any student loan indebtedness of the eligible employee that is outstanding at the time the eligible employee and the employing office enter into the agreement, subject to this section; and

(ii) the eligible employee shall agree to complete the [1-year] required period of employment described in subsection (c)(1) with the employing office in exchange for the student loan payments.

**(c) Program conditions**

**(1) Period of employment**

**[The term] (A) IN GENERAL.**—*Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the term of the required period of employment under a service agreement under this section shall be 1 year. On completion of the required period of employment under such a service agreement, the eligible employee and the employing office may enter into additional service agreements for successive 1-year periods of employment.*

**(B) DEPARTING SENATORS AND VICE PRESIDENTS.**—*After the date that is 1 year before the departure date of a departing Senator or Vice President, the departing Senator or Vice President may enter into a service agreement under this section with an eligible employee of the office of the Senator or Vice President (including an eligible employee who has completed a required period of employment under a previous service agreement) that includes a required period of employment that—*

*(i) is less than 1 year; and*



*(ii) shall end on the last day of the last full pay period ending on or before the departure date of the departing Senator or Vice President.*

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**(d) Loss of eligibility for student loan payments and obligation to reimburse**

**(2) Termination of agreement**

The duty of an eligible employee to fulfill the required period of employment under the service agreement shall be terminated if—

(A) funds are not made available to cover the cost of the student loan repayment program carried out under this section; **[or]**

(B) the employee and the head of the employing office involved mutually agree to terminate the service agreement under subsection (f)(7)**[.1]**; or

*(C) the employee separates from service with the office of a departing Senator or Vice President.*

**(3) Another employing office**

An employing office who hires an eligible employee during a required period of employment (*including a required period of employment described in subsection (c)(1)(B)*) under such a service agreement may assume the remaining obligations (as of the date of the hiring) of the employee's prior employing office under the agreement.

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**TITLE 41—PUBLIC CONTRACTS**

**SUBTITLE II—OTHER ADVERTISING AND CONTRACT PROVISIONS**

**CHAPTER 61—ADVERTISING**

**§ 6102. Exceptions from advertising requirement**

(h) CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE.—The Director of the Congressional Budget Office may enter into agreements or contracts without regard to section 6101 of this title.

*(i) SENATE.—Section 6101 of this title does not apply to agreements, contracts or purchases by any office of the Senate.*

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**TITLE 52—VOTING AND ELECTIONS**

**SUBTITLE III—FEDERAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

**CHAPTER 301—FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS**

**SUBCHAPTER I—DISCLOSURE OF FEDERAL CAMPAIGN FUNDS**

**§ 30102. Organization of political committees**

**[(g) Filing with and receipt of designations, statements, and reports by Secretary of Senate; forwarding to Commis-**

**sion; filing requirements with Commission; public inspection and preservation of designations, etc.**

(1) Designations, statements, and reports required to be filed under this Act by a candidate for the office of Senator, by the principal campaign committee of such candidate, and by the Republican and Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committees shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate, who shall receive such designations, statements, and reports, as custodian for the Commission.

(2) The Secretary of the Senate shall forward a copy of any designation, statement, or report filed with the Secretary under this subsection to the Commission as soon as possible (but no later than 2 working days) after receiving such designation, statement, or report.

(3) All designations, statements, and reports required to be filed under this Act, except designations, statements, and reports filed in accordance with paragraph (1), shall be filed with the Commission.

(4) The Secretary of the Senate shall make the designations, statements, and reports received under this subsection available for public inspection and copying in the same manner as the Commission under section 30111(a)(4) of this title, and shall preserve such designations, statements, and reports in the same manner as the Commission under section 30111(a)(5) of this title.】

*(g) FILING WITH THE COMMISSION.—All designations, statements, and reports required to be filed under this Act shall be filed with the Commission.*

## BUDGETARY IMPACT OF BILL

PREPARED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PURSUANT TO SEC.  
308(a), PUBLIC LAW 93-344, AS AMENDED

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget authority		Outlays	
	Committee guidance <sup>1</sup>	Amount in bill	Committee guidance <sup>1</sup>	Amount in bill
Comparison of amounts in the bill with Committee guidance to its subcommittees of amounts for 2018: Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch:				
Mandatory .....	143	143	143	<sup>2</sup> 143
Discretionary .....	4,490	3,171	4,459	<sup>2</sup> 3,313
Security .....			NA	NA
Nonsecurity .....	4,490	3,171	NA	NA
Projection of outlays associated with the recommendation:				
2018 .....				<sup>3</sup> 2,701
2019 .....				402
2020 .....				120
2021 .....				35
2022 and future years .....				3
Financial assistance to State and local governments for 2018 .....	NA		NA	

<sup>1</sup> There is no section 302(a) allocation to the Committee on Appropriations for fiscal year 2018.

<sup>2</sup> Includes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

NA: Not applicable.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL  
 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018  
 [In thousands of dollars]

Item	2017 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or -)	
				2017 appropriation	Budget estimate
<b>TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH</b>					
<b>SENATE</b>					
<b>Expense allowances:</b>					
Vice President .....	19	19	19		
President Pro Tempore of the Senate .....	38	38	38		
President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the Senate .....			15	+15	+15
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		
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 .....	177	177	192	+15	+15
Representation Allowances for the Majority and Minority Leaders .....	28	28	28		
Total, Expense allowances and representation .....	205	205	220	+15	+15
<b>Salaries, Officers and Employees</b>					
Office of the Vice President .....	2,417	2,480	2,417		-63
Office of the President Pro Tempore .....	723	743	723		-20
Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus .....			309	+309	+309
Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders .....	5,256	5,390	5,256		-134
Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips .....	3,359	3,449	3,359		-90
Committee on Appropriations .....	15,142	15,142	15,142		
Conference committees .....	3,316	3,402	3,316		-86

Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority	817	839	817			
Policy committees	3,386	3,476	3,386			-22
Office of the Chaplain	437	450	437			-90
Office of the Secretary	24,772	25,771	25,132		+360	-13
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper	70,900	73,090	78,565		+7,665	-639
Offices of the Secretaries for the Majority and Minority	1,810	1,810	1,810			+5,475
Agency contributions and related expenses	49,952	54,488	54,040		+4,088	-448
Outlays						
Total, Salaries, officers and employees	182,287	190,530	194,709		+12,422	+4,179
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate						
Salaries and expenses	5,809	6,115	6,115		+306	
Office of Senate Legal Counsel						
Salaries and expenses	1,120	1,147	1,147		+27	
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: Expense allowances	28	28	28			
Contingent Expenses of the Senate						
Inquiries and investigations	133,265	135,799	133,265			-2,534
Expenses of United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control	508	520	508			-12
Secretary of the Senate	10,250	10,536	10,536		+286	
Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate	126,535	131,573	130,076		+3,541	-1,497
Miscellaneous items	20,870	18,870	18,870		-2,000	
Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account	390,000	452,635	404,000		+14,000	-48,635
Expenses	300	300	300			
Official Mail Costs						
Total, Contingent expenses of the Senate	681,728	750,233	697,555		+15,827	-52,678
Total, Senate	871,177	948,258	899,774		+28,597	-48,484
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES						
Payment to Widows and Heirs of Deceased Members of Congress (FY17 PL 114-223, Sec.142) 1	174				-174	
Outlays						

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JOINT ITEMS					
Joint Economic Committee .....	4,203	4,203	4,203	.....	.....
Joint Committee on Taxation .....	10,095	11,169	10,095	.....	-1,074
Office of the Attending Physician					
Medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances .....	3,838	3,838	3,838	.....	.....
Office of Congressional Accessibility Services					
Salaries and expenses .....	1,429	1,444	1,429	.....	-15
Total, Joint items .....	19,565	20,654	19,565	.....	-1,089
CAPITOL POLICE					
Salaries .....	325,300	347,096	347,700	+22,400	+604
General expenses .....	68,000	75,211	74,800	+6,800	-411
Total, Capitol Police .....	393,300	422,307	422,500	+29,200	+193
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE					
Salaries and expenses .....	3,959	4,056	3,959	.....	-97
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses .....	46,500	49,945	48,100	+1,600	-1,845
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL (AOC)					
Capital Construction and Operations .....	92,957	98,360	91,589	-1,368	-6,771
Capitol building .....	32,584	54,898	46,125	+13,541	-8,773
Capitol grounds .....	12,826	14,279	11,880	-946	-2,399
Senate office buildings .....	88,406	110,037	110,346	+21,940	+309

House of Representatives buildings:								
Capitol Power Plant .....	95,646	117,205	111,629	+ 15,983	- 5,576			
Offsetting collections .....	- 9,000	- 9,000	- 9,000					
Subtotal, Capitol Power Plant .....	86,646	108,205	102,629	+ 15,983	- 5,576			
Library buildings and grounds .....	47,080	121,182	27,443	- 19,637	- 93,739			
Capitol police buildings, grounds and security .....	20,033	54,177	30,833	+ 10,800	- 23,344			
Botanic Garden .....	14,067	13,400	12,613	- 1,454	- 787			
Capitol Visitor Center .....	20,557	21,470	20,557		- 913			
Total, Architect of the Capitol .....	415,156	596,008	454,015	+ 38,859	- 141,993			
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS								
Salaries and expenses .....	457,017	504,260	457,017		- 47,243			
Authority to spend receipts .....	- 6,350	- 6,350	- 6,350					
Subtotal, Salaries and expenses .....	450,667	497,910	450,667		- 47,243			
Copyright Office, Salaries and expenses .....	68,825	77,709	68,825		- 8,884			
Authority to spend receipts .....	- 39,548	- 38,864	- 41,305	- 1,757	- 2,441			
Prior year unobligated balances .....	- 6,179	- 7,429	- 2,260	+ 3,919	+ 5,169			
Subtotal, Copyright Office .....	23,098	31,416	25,260	+ 2,162	- 6,156			
Congressional Research Service, Salaries and expenses .....	107,945	119,279	112,698	+ 4,753	- 6,581			
Books for the blind and physically handicapped, Salaries and expenses .....	50,248	52,815	50,248		- 2,567			
Copyright Office funding flexibility information technology (Sec.1103(b))(CBO estimate) .....		2,000			- 2,000			
Total, Library of Congress .....	631,958	703,420	638,873	+ 6,915	- 64,547			
GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE								
Congressional publishing .....	79,736	79,528	79,528	- 208				
Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents, Salaries and expenses .....	29,500	29,000	29,000	- 500				
Government Publishing Office Business Operations Revolving Fund .....	7,832	8,540	8,540	+ 708				
Total, Government Publishing Office .....	117,068	117,068	117,068					
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE								
Salaries and expenses .....	567,856	614,478	586,572	+ 18,716	- 27,906			

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Offsetting collections .....	-23,350	-23,800	-23,800	-450	-27,906
Total, Government Accountability Office .....	544,506	590,678	562,772	+18,266	-27,906
OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND					
Payment to the Open World Leadership Center (OWLC) Trust Fund .....	5,600	5,800	5,600		-200
JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT					
Stennis Center for Public Service .....	430	430	430		
ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS					
Scorekeeping adjustment (CB0 estimate) <sup>2</sup> .....	-1,000		-2,000	-1,000	-2,000
Grand total .....	3,048,393	3,458,624	3,170,656	+122,263	-287,968
RECAPITULATION					
Senate .....	871,177	948,258	899,774	+28,597	-48,484
Joint Items .....	19,565	20,654	19,565		-1,089
Capitol Police .....	393,300	422,307	422,500	+29,200	+193
Office of Compliance .....	3,959	4,056	3,959		-97
Congressional Budget Office .....	46,500	49,945	48,100	+1,600	-1,845
Architect of the Capitol .....	415,156	596,008	454,015	+38,859	-141,993
Library of Congress .....	631,958	703,420	638,873	+6,915	-64,547
Government Publishing Office .....	117,068	117,068	117,068		
Government Accountability Office .....	544,506	590,678	562,772	+18,266	-27,906
Open World Leadership Center .....	5,600	5,800	5,600		-200
Stennis Center for Public Service .....	430	430	430		
Administrative Provisions 2/ .....	-1,000		-2,000	-1,000	-2,000



Prior year outlays .....									
Grand total .....	3,048,219	3,458,624	3,170,656	+ 122,437	- 287,968				

<sup>1</sup> Fiscal year 2017 funds provided in Continuing Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 114-223)  
<sup>2</sup> Fiscal year 2017 is Sec. 175 of Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 114-254).

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