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Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27, 2017

Mr. LANKFORD, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following original bill; which was read twice and placed on the calendar

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**A BILL**

Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That the following sums are appropriated, out of any  
4       money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the  
5       Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September  
6       30, 2018, and for other purposes, namely:

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TITLE I

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SENATE

EXPENSE ALLOWANCES

For expense allowances of the Vice President, \$18,760; the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, \$37,520; Majority Leader of the Senate, \$39,920; Minority Leader of the Senate, \$39,920; Majority Whip of the Senate, \$9,980; Minority Whip of the Senate, \$9,980; President Pro Tempore Emeritus, \$15,000; Chairmen of the Majority and Minority Conference Committees, \$4,690 for each Chairman; and Chairmen of the Majority and Minority Policy Committees, \$4,690 for each Chairman; in all, \$189,840.

For representation allowances of the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate, \$14,070 for each such Leader; in all, \$28,140.

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

For compensation of officers, employees, and others as authorized by law, including agency contributions, \$194,709,812, which shall be paid from this appropriation as follows:

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

For the Office of the Vice President, \$2,417,248.

## 1 OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

2 For the Office of the President Pro Tempore,  
3 \$723,466.

## 4 OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS

5 For the Office of the President Pro Tempore Emer-  
6 itus, \$309,000.

## 7 OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

8 For Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders,  
9 \$5,255,576.

## 10 OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS

11 For Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips,  
12 \$3,359,424.

## 13 COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

14 For salaries of the Committee on Appropriations,  
15 \$15,142,000.

## 16 CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

17 For the Conference of the Majority and the Con-  
18 ference of the Minority, at rates of compensation to be  
19 fixed by the Chairman of each such committee,  
20 \$1,658,000 for each such committee; in all, \$3,316,000.

21 OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES OF THE CONFERENCE OF  
22 THE MAJORITY AND THE CONFERENCE OF THE MINORITY

23 For Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of  
24 the Majority and the Conference of the Minority,  
25 \$817,402.

## 1 POLICY COMMITTEES

2 For salaries of the Majority Policy Committee and  
3 the Minority Policy Committee, \$1,692,905 for each such  
4 committee; in all, \$3,385,810.

## 5 OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

6 For Office of the Chaplain, \$436,886.

## 7 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

8 For Office of the Secretary, \$25,132,000.

## 9 OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER

10 For Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper,  
11 \$78,565,000.

## 12 OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND

## 13 MINORITY

14 For Offices of the Secretary for the Majority and the  
15 Secretary for the Minority, \$1,810,000.

## 16 AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS AND RELATED EXPENSES

17 For agency contributions for employee benefits, as  
18 authorized by law, and related expenses, \$54,364,000.

## 19 OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF THE SENATE

20 For salaries and expenses of the Office of the Legisla-  
21 tive Counsel of the Senate, \$6,115,000.

## 22 OFFICE OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

23 For salaries and expenses of the Office of Senate  
24 Legal Counsel, \$1,147,000.

1 EXPENSE ALLOWANCES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE  
2 SENATE, SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF  
3 THE SENATE, AND SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJOR-  
4 ITY AND MINORITY OF THE SENATE

5 For expense allowances of the Secretary of the Sen-  
6 ate, \$7,110; Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Sen-  
7 ate, \$7,110; Secretary for the Majority of the Senate,  
8 \$7,110; Secretary for the Minority of the Senate, \$7,110;  
9 in all, \$28,440.

10 CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE

11 INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

12 For expenses of inquiries and investigations ordered  
13 by the Senate, or conducted under paragraph 1 of rule  
14 XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, section 112  
15 of the Supplemental Appropriations and Rescission Act,  
16 1980 (Public Law 96–304), and Senate Resolution 281,  
17 96th Congress, agreed to March 11, 1980, \$133,265,000,  
18 of which \$26,650,000 shall remain available until Sep-  
19 tember 30, 2020.

20 U.S. SENATE CAUCUS ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS

21 CONTROL

22 For expenses of the United States Senate Caucus on  
23 International Narcotics Control, \$508,000.

## 1 SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

2 For expenses of the Office of the Secretary of the  
3 Senate, \$10,536,000 of which \$7,036,000 shall remain  
4 available until September 30, 2022 and of which  
5 \$3,500,000 shall remain available until expended.

## 6 SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

7 For expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms  
8 and Doorkeeper of the Senate, \$130,076,000, which shall  
9 remain available until September 30, 2022.

## 10 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

11 For miscellaneous items, \$18,870,349 which shall re-  
12 main available until September 30, 2020.

## 13 SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE

## 14 ACCOUNT

15 For Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense  
16 Account, \$404,000,000 of which \$19,122,504 shall remain  
17 available until September 30, 2020.

## 18 OFFICIAL MAIL COSTS

19 For expenses necessary for official mail costs of the  
20 Senate, \$300,000.

1                                   ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS  
2 REQUIRING AMOUNTS REMAINING IN SENATORS' OFFI-  
3            CIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT  
4            TO BE USED FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION OR TO RE-  
5            DUCE THE FEDERAL DEBT

6            SEC. 101. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
7 law, any amounts appropriated under this Act under the  
8 heading "SENATE" under the heading "CONTINGENT  
9 EXPENSES OF THE SENATE" under the heading "SEN-  
10 ATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE AC-  
11 COUNT" shall be available for obligation only during the  
12 fiscal year or fiscal years for which such amounts are  
13 made available. Any unexpended balances under such al-  
14 lowances remaining after the end of the period of avail-  
15 ability shall be returned to the Treasury in accordance  
16 with the undesignated paragraph under the center heading  
17 "GENERAL PROVISION" under chapter XI of the  
18 Third Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1957 (2 U.S.C.  
19 4107) and used for deficit reduction (or, if there is no  
20 Federal budget deficit after all such payments have been  
21 made, for reducing the Federal debt, in such manner as  
22 the Secretary of the Treasury considers appropriate).

23                                   SENATE PROCUREMENTS

24            SEC. 102. Section 6102 of title 41, United States  
25 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:





1           “(2) DEPARTING SENATOR OR VICE PRESI-  
 2           DENT.—The term ‘departing Senator or Vice Presi-  
 3           dent’ means a Senator or Vice President who will  
 4           not serve in the next term due to retirement, res-  
 5           ignation, a decision to not seek reelection, or a fail-  
 6           ure to secure reelection.”; and

7           (C) in paragraph (3)(B), as so redesign-  
 8           ated, by striking “rate of basic pay for an em-  
 9           ployee for a position at ES-1” and all that fol-  
 10          lows and inserting “rate of basic pay payable  
 11          for a position at level IV of the Executive  
 12          Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United  
 13          States Code.”;

14          (2) in subsection (b)(1)(A)(ii), by striking “1-  
 15          year”;

16          (3) in subsection (c)(1)—

17           (A) by striking “The term” and inserting  
 18           the following:

19           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
 20           subparagraph (B), the term”;

21           (B) by adding at the end the following:

22           “(B) DEPARTING SENATORS AND VICE  
 23           PRESIDENTS.—After the date that is 1 year be-  
 24           fore the departure date of a departing Senator  
 25           or Vice President, the departing Senator or

1 Vice President may enter into a service agree-  
2 ment under this section with an eligible em-  
3 ployee of the office of the Senator or Vice  
4 President (including an eligible employee who  
5 has completed a required period of employment  
6 under a previous service agreement) that in-  
7 cludes a required period of employment that—

8 “(i) is less than 1 year; and

9 “(ii) shall end on the last day of the  
10 last full pay period ending on or before the  
11 departure date of the departing Senator or  
12 Vice President.”; and

13 (4) in subsection (d)—

14 (A) in paragraph (2)—

15 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
16 “or” at the end;

17 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
18 the period at the end and inserting “; or”;  
19 and

20 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
21 lowing:

22 “(C) the employee separates from service  
23 with the office of a departing Senator or Vice  
24 President.”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “(in-  
 2 cluding a required period of employment de-  
 3 scribed in subsection (c)(1)(B))” after “re-  
 4 quired period of employment”.

5 **FILING BY SENATE CANDIDATES WITH COMMISSION**

6 **SEC. 105.** Section 302(g) of the Federal Election  
 7 Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30102(g)) is amended  
 8 to read as follows:

9 “(g) **FILING WITH THE COMMISSION.**—All designa-  
 10 tions, statements, and reports required to be filed under  
 11 this Act shall be filed with the Commission.”.

12 **JOINT ITEMS**

13 For Joint Committees, as follows:

14 **JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE**

15 For salaries and expenses of the Joint Economic  
 16 Committee, \$4,203,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary  
 17 of the Senate.

18 **JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

19 For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on  
 20 Taxation, \$10,095,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Ad-  
 21 ministrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

22 For other joint items, as follows:

## 1           OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

2           For medical supplies, equipment, and contingent ex-  
3 penses of the emergency rooms, and for the Attending  
4 Physician and his assistants, including:

5           (1) an allowance of \$2,175 per month to the  
6           Attending Physician;

7           (2) an allowance of \$1,300 per month to the  
8           Senior Medical Officer;

9           (3) an allowance of \$725 per month each to  
10          three medical officers while on duty in the Office of  
11          the Attending Physician;

12          (4) an allowance of \$725 per month to 2 assist-  
13          ants and \$580 per month each not to exceed 11 as-  
14          sistants on the basis heretofore provided for such as-  
15          sistants; and

16          (5) \$2,780,000 for reimbursement to the De-  
17          partment of the Navy for expenses incurred for staff  
18          and equipment assigned to the Office of the Attend-  
19          ing Physician, which shall be advanced and credited  
20          to the applicable appropriation or appropriations  
21          from which such salaries, allowances, and other ex-  
22          penses are payable and shall be available for all the  
23          purposes thereof, \$3,838,000, to be disbursed by the  
24          Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Rep-  
25          resentatives.

## 1 OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

## 2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

3 For salaries and expenses of the Office of Congres-  
4 sional Accessibility Services, \$1,429,000, to be disbursed  
5 by the Secretary of the Senate.

## 6 CAPITOL POLICE

## 7 SALARIES

8 For salaries of employees of the Capitol Police, in-  
9 cluding overtime, hazardous duty pay, and Government  
10 contributions for health, retirement, social security, pro-  
11 fessional liability insurance, and other applicable employee  
12 benefits, \$347,700,000 of which overtime shall not exceed  
13 \$45,000,000 unless the Committee on Appropriations of  
14 the House and Senate are notified, to be disbursed by the  
15 Chief of the Capitol Police or his designee.

## 16 GENERAL EXPENSES

17 For necessary expenses of the Capitol Police, includ-  
18 ing motor vehicles, communications and other equipment,  
19 security equipment and installation, uniforms, weapons,  
20 supplies, materials, training, medical services, forensic  
21 services, stenographic services, personal and professional  
22 services, the employee assistance program, the awards pro-  
23 gram, postage, communication services, travel advances,  
24 relocation of instructor and liaison personnel for the Fed-  
25 eral Law Enforcement Training Center, and not more

1 than \$5,000 to be expended on the certification of the  
2 Chief of the Capitol Police in connection with official rep-  
3 resentation and reception expenses, \$74,800,000, to be  
4 disbursed by the Chief of the Capitol Police or his des-  
5 ignee: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding any other provi-  
6 sion of law, the cost of basic training for the Capitol Police  
7 at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for fis-  
8 cal year 2018 shall be paid by the Secretary of Homeland  
9 Security from funds available to the Department of Home-  
10 land Security.

11 OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

12 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

13 For salaries and expenses of the Office of Compli-  
14 ance, as authorized by section 305 of the Congressional  
15 Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1385), \$3,959,000,  
16 of which \$450,000 shall remain available until September  
17 30, 2019: *Provided*, That not more than \$500 may be ex-  
18 pended on the certification of the Executive Director of  
19 the Office of Compliance in connection with official rep-  
20 resentation and reception expenses.

21 CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

22 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

23 For salaries and expenses necessary for operation of  
24 the Congressional Budget Office, including not more than  
25 \$6,000 to be expended on the certification of the Director

1 of the Congressional Budget Office in connection with offi-  
2 cial representation and reception expenses, \$48,100,000.

3                   ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

4                   CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS

5           For salaries for the Architect of the Capitol, and  
6 other personal services, at rates of pay provided by law;  
7 for all necessary expenses for surveys and studies, con-  
8 struction, operation, and general and administrative sup-  
9 port in connection with facilities and activities under the  
10 care of the Architect of the Capitol including the Botanic  
11 Garden; electrical substations of the Capitol, Senate and  
12 House office buildings, and other facilities under the juris-  
13 diction of the Architect of the Capitol; including fur-  
14 nishings and office equipment; including not more than  
15 \$5,000 for official reception and representation expenses,  
16 to be expended as the Architect of the Capitol may ap-  
17 prove; for purchase or exchange, maintenance, and oper-  
18 ation of a passenger motor vehicle, \$91,589,000.

19                   CAPITOL BUILDING

20           For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care  
21 and operation of the Capitol, \$46,125,000, of which  
22 \$22,125,000 shall remain available until September 30,  
23 2022.

## 1                                   CAPITOL GROUNDS

2           For all necessary expenses for care and improvement  
3 of grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House  
4 office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant,  
5 \$11,880,000, of which \$2,000,000 shall remain available  
6 until September 30, 2022.

## 7                                   SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

8           For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care  
9 and operation of Senate office buildings; and furniture and  
10 furnishings to be expended under the control and super-  
11 vision of the Architect of the Capitol, \$110,346,000, of  
12 which \$49,884,000 shall remain available until September  
13 30, 2022.

## 14                                  CAPITOL POWER PLANT

15          For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care  
16 and operation of the Capitol Power Plant; lighting, heat-  
17 ing, power (including the purchase of electrical energy)  
18 and water and sewer services for the Capitol, Senate and  
19 House office buildings, Library of Congress buildings, and  
20 the grounds about the same, Botanic Garden, Senate ga-  
21 rage, and air conditioning refrigeration not supplied from  
22 plants in any of such buildings; heating the Government  
23 Publishing Office and Washington City Post Office, and  
24 heating and chilled water for air conditioning for the Su-  
25 preme Court Building, the Union Station complex, the



1 Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building and the  
2 Folger Shakespeare Library, expenses for which shall be  
3 advanced or reimbursed upon request of the Architect of  
4 the Capitol and amounts so received shall be deposited  
5 into the Treasury to the credit of this appropriation,  
6 \$102,628,724, of which \$25,487,724 shall remain avail-  
7 able until September 30, 2022: *Provided*, That not more  
8 than \$9,000,000 of the funds credited or to be reimbursed  
9 to this appropriation as herein provided shall be available  
10 for obligation during fiscal year 2018.

11 LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

12 For all necessary expenses for the mechanical and  
13 structural maintenance, care and operation of the Library  
14 buildings and grounds, \$27,443,000, of which \$2,500,000  
15 shall remain available until September 30, 2022.

16 CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND SECURITY

17 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care  
18 and operation of buildings, grounds and security enhance-  
19 ments of the United States Capitol Police, wherever lo-  
20 cated, the Alternate Computing Facility, and Architect of  
21 the Capitol security operations, \$30,833,000, of which  
22 \$13,300,000 shall remain available until September 30,  
23 2022.

## 1 BOTANIC GARDEN

2 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care  
3 and operation of the Botanic Garden and the nurseries,  
4 buildings, grounds, and collections; and purchase and ex-  
5 change, maintenance, repair, and operation of a passenger  
6 motor vehicle; all under the direction of the Joint Com-  
7 mittee on the Library, \$12,613,000, of which \$2,600,000  
8 shall remain available until September 30, 2022: *Provided*,  
9 That, of the amount made available under this heading,  
10 the Architect of the Capitol may obligate and expend such  
11 sums as may be necessary for the maintenance, care and  
12 operation of the National Garden established under sec-  
13 tion 307E of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,  
14 1989 (2 U.S.C. 2146), upon vouchers approved by the Ar-  
15 chitect of the Capitol or a duly authorized designee.

## 16 CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

17 For all necessary expenses for the operation of the  
18 Capitol Visitor Center, \$20,557,000.

## 19 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

20 NO BONUSES FOR CONTRACTORS BEHIND SCHEDULE OR  
21 OVER BUDGET

22 SEC. 110. None of the funds made available in this  
23 Act for the Architect of the Capitol may be used to make  
24 incentive or award payments to contractors for work on  
25 contracts or programs for which the contractor is behind

1 schedule or over budget, unless the Architect of the Cap-  
2 itol, or agency-employed designee, determines that any  
3 such deviations are due to unforeseeable events, govern-  
4 ment-driven scope changes, or are not significant within  
5 the overall scope of the project and/or program.

6 SCRIMS

7 SEC. 111. None of the funds made available by this  
8 Act may be used for scrims containing photographs of  
9 building facades during restoration or construction  
10 projects performed by the Architect of the Capitol.

11 LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

12 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

13 For all necessary expenses of the Library of Congress  
14 not otherwise provided for, including development and  
15 maintenance of the Library's catalogs; custody and custo-  
16 dial care of the Library buildings; special clothing; clean-  
17 ing, laundering and repair of uniforms; preservation of  
18 motion pictures in the custody of the Library; operation  
19 and maintenance of the American Folklife Center in the  
20 Library; preparation and distribution of catalog records  
21 and other publications of the Library; hire or purchase  
22 of one passenger motor vehicle; and expenses of the Li-  
23 brary of Congress Trust Fund Board not properly charge-  
24 able to the income of any trust fund held by the Board,  
25 \$457,017,000, of which not more than \$6,000,000 shall

1 be derived from collections credited to this appropriation  
2 during fiscal year 2018, and shall remain available until  
3 expended, under the Act of June 28, 1902 (chapter 1301;  
4 32 Stat. 480; 2 U.S.C. 150) and not more than \$350,000  
5 shall be derived from collections during fiscal year 2018  
6 and shall remain available until expended for the develop-  
7 ment and maintenance of an international legal informa-  
8 tion database and activities related thereto: *Provided*,  
9 That the Library of Congress may not obligate or expend  
10 any funds derived from collections under the Act of June  
11 28, 1902, in excess of the amount authorized for obliga-  
12 tion or expenditure in appropriations Acts: *Provided fur-*  
13 *ther*, That the total amount available for obligation shall  
14 be reduced by the amount by which collections are less  
15 than \$6,350,000: *Provided further*, That of the total  
16 amount appropriated, not more than \$12,000 may be ex-  
17 pended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress,  
18 in connection with official representation and reception ex-  
19 penses for the Overseas Field Offices: *Provided further*,  
20 That of the total amount appropriated, \$8,444,000 shall  
21 remain available until expended for the digital collections  
22 and educational curricula program: *Provided further*, That  
23 of the total amount appropriated, \$1,300,000 shall remain  
24 available until expended for upgrade of the Legislative  
25 Branch Financial Management System.

## COPYRIGHT OFFICE

## SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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3 For all necessary expenses of the Copyright Office,  
4 \$68,825,000, of which not more than \$35,218,000, to re-  
5 main available until expended, shall be derived from collec-  
6 tions credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 2018  
7 under section 708(d) of title 17, United States Code: *Pro-*  
8 *vided*, That the Copyright Office may not obligate or ex-  
9 pend any funds derived from collections under such sec-  
10 tion, in excess of the amount authorized for obligation or  
11 expenditure in appropriations Acts: *Provided further*, That  
12 not more than \$6,087,000 shall be derived from collections  
13 during fiscal year 2018 under sections 111(d)(2),  
14 119(b)(3), 803(e), 1005, and 1316 of such title: *Provided*  
15 *further*, That the total amount available for obligation  
16 shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are  
17 less than \$41,305,000: *Provided further*, That \$2,260,000  
18 shall be derived from prior year unobligated balances: *Pro-*  
19 *vided further*, That not more than \$100,000 of the amount  
20 appropriated is available for the maintenance of an “Inter-  
21 national Copyright Institute” in the Copyright Office of  
22 the Library of Congress for the purpose of training nation-  
23 als of developing countries in intellectual property laws  
24 and policies: *Provided further*, That not more than \$6,500  
25 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of

1 Congress, in connection with official representation and  
2 reception expenses for activities of the International Copy-  
3 right Institute and for copyright delegations, visitors, and  
4 seminars: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding any  
5 provision of chapter 8 of title 17, United States Code, any  
6 amounts made available under this heading which are at-  
7 tributable to royalty fees and payments received by the  
8 Copyright Office pursuant to sections 111, 119, and chap-  
9 ter 10 of such title may be used for the costs incurred  
10 in the administration of the Copyright Royalty Judges  
11 program, with the exception of the costs of salaries and  
12 benefits for the Copyright Royalty Judges and staff under  
13 section 802(e).

14 CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

15 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

16 For all necessary expenses to carry out the provisions  
17 of section 203 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of  
18 1946 (2 U.S.C. 166) and to revise and extend the Anno-  
19 tated Constitution of the United States of America,  
20 \$112,698,234: *Provided*, That no part of such amount  
21 may be used to pay any salary or expense in connection  
22 with any publication, or preparation of material therefor  
23 (except the Digest of Public General Bills), to be issued  
24 by the Library of Congress unless such publication has  
25 obtained prior approval of either the Committee on House

1 Administration of the House of Representatives or the  
 2 Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate;  
 3 this prohibition does not apply to publication of non-con-  
 4 fidential Congressional Research Service (CRS) reports. A  
 5 non-confidential CRS report includes any report con-  
 6 taining research or analysis that is currently available for  
 7 general congressional access on the CRS Congressional  
 8 Intranet, or that would be made available on the CRS  
 9 Congressional Intranet in the normal course of business.  
 10 It does not include reports prepared in direct response to  
 11 a Congressional office request for custom analysis or re-  
 12 search.

13 BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED  
 14 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

15 For all necessary expenses to carry out the Act of  
 16 March 3, 1931 (chapter 400; 46 Stat. 1487; 2 U.S.C.  
 17 135a), \$50,248,000: *Provided*, That of the total amount  
 18 appropriated, \$650,000 shall be available to contract to  
 19 provide newspapers to blind and physically handicapped  
 20 residents at no cost to the individual.

21 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

22 REIMBURSABLE AND REVOLVING FUND ACTIVITIES

23 SEC. 120. (a) IN GENERAL.—For fiscal year 2018,  
 24 the obligational authority of the Library of Congress for

1 the activities described in subsection (b) may not exceed  
2 \$190,642,000.

3 (b) ACTIVITIES.—The activities referred to in sub-  
4 section (a) are reimbursable and revolving fund activities  
5 that are funded from sources other than appropriations  
6 to the Library in appropriations Acts for the legislative  
7 branch.

#### 8 REVOLVING FUNDS UPDATE

9 SEC. 121. The Library of Congress Fiscal Operations  
10 Improvement Act of 2000 (2 U.S.C. 182a et seq.; Public  
11 Law 106–481) is amended—

12 (a) in section 102 (2 U.S.C. 182b)—

13 (1) in the section heading, by striking the head-  
14 ing and inserting “Revolving fund for sales shop and  
15 other services”; and

16 (2) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the  
17 following: “(5) Training.”; and

18 (b) in section 103(f)(1) (2 U.S.C. 182c(f)(1)), by in-  
19 serting “tribal governments (as defined in 40 U.S.C.  
20 502(c)(2)(B))” after “Federal Government,”.

#### 21 GIFTS

22 SEC. 122. The first undesignated paragraph of sec-  
23 tion 4 of the Act entitled “An Act to create a Library  
24 of Congress Trust Fund Board, and for other purposes”,  
25 approved March 3, 1925 (2 U.S.C. 160), is amended—



1 (a) in the first sentence—

2 (1) by striking “of money for immediate dis-  
3 bursement”; and

4 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-  
5 ing “, of the following: (1) nonpersonal services; (2)  
6 voluntary and uncompensated personal services not  
7 to exceed \$10,000 per person, per year in value; and  
8 (3) gifts or bequests of money for immediate dis-  
9 bursement.”; and

10 (b) by adding the following sentence at the end of  
11 the first paragraph: “The Librarian shall make an annual  
12 public report regarding gifts accepted under this section.”.

13 APPLICATION OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

14 OF 1995 TO THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS; ELECTION

15 OF PROCEEDING

16 SEC. 123. (a) APPLICATION OF CONGRESSIONAL AC-

17 COUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995 TO THE LIBRARY OF CON-

18 GRESS.—

19 (1) APPLICATION THROUGH DEFINITIONS.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 101 of the

21 Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2

22 U.S.C. 1301) is amended—

23 (i) in paragraph (3)—

24 (I) in subparagraph (H), by

25 striking “or” at the end;

1 (II) in subparagraph (I), by  
2 striking the period and inserting “;  
3 or”; and

4 (III) by adding at the end the  
5 following:

6 “(J) the Library of Congress, except for  
7 section 220.”; and

8 (ii) in paragraph (9)—

9 (I) in subparagraph (C), by strik-  
10 ing “or” at the end;

11 (II) in subparagraph (D), by  
12 striking the period and inserting “;  
13 or”; and

14 (III) by adding at the end the  
15 following:

16 “(E) the Library of Congress, except for  
17 section 220.”.

18 (B) PUBLIC SERVICES AND ACCOMMODA-  
19 TIONS.—Section 210(a) of the Congressional  
20 Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1331(a))  
21 is amended—

22 (i) in paragraph (9), by striking  
23 “and” at the end;

24 (ii) in paragraph (10), by striking the  
25 period and inserting “; and”; and

1 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 “(11) the Library of Congress.”.

4 (C) LABOR-MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS.—  
5 Section 220(a) of the Congressional Account-  
6 ability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1351(a)) is  
7 amended—

8 (i) in paragraph (2), in the paragraph  
9 heading, by striking “(2) DEFINITION.—”  
10 and inserting “(2) APPLICATION.—” ; and

11 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-  
12 lowing:

13 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sec-  
14 tion, the term ‘covered employee’ does not include an  
15 employee of the Library of Congress, and the term  
16 ‘employing office’ does not include the Library of  
17 Congress.”.

18 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO ACT.—The  
19 Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C.  
20 1301 et seq.) is amended—

21 (A) in section 204(a)(2) (2 U.S.C.  
22 1314(a)(2)), by striking “and the Library of  
23 Congress” each place it appears;

1 (B) in section 205(a)(2) (2 U.S.C.  
2 1315(a)(2)), by striking “and the Library of  
3 Congress” each place it appears;

4 (C) in section 206(a)(2) (2 U.S.C.  
5 1316(a)(2))—

6 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
7 “and the Library of Congress”; and

8 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
9 “and the Library of Congress”;

10 (D) in section 215(a)(2) (2 U.S.C.  
11 1341(a)(2))—

12 (i) in subparagraph (C), by striking “,  
13 the Library of Congress,”; and

14 (ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking  
15 “and the Library of Congress”; and

16 (E) in section 415(a) (2 U.S.C. 1415(a))—

17 (i) by striking the comma after “Gen-  
18 eral Accounting Office” and inserting  
19 “or”; and

20 (ii) by striking “, or the Library of  
21 Congress”.

22 (b) ELECTION OF PROCEEDING.—

23 (1) PROCEDURE.—Section 401(3) of the Con-  
24 gressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C.  
25 1401(3)) is amended—

1 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
2 (A), by striking “either”;

3 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or”  
4 at the end;

5 (C) in subparagraph (B), by striking the  
6 period and inserting “, or”; and

7 (D) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(C) in the case of an Library claimant (as  
9 defined in section 404(a)), a proceeding de-  
10 scribed in section 404(b)(3) that relates to the  
11 violation at issue.”.

12 (2) ELECTION.—Section 404 of the Congres-  
13 sional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1404)  
14 is amended—

15 (A) by striking “Not” and inserting the  
16 following:

17 “(b) ELECTION AFTER PROCEEDINGS INITIALLY  
18 BROUGHT UNDER THIS ACT.—Not”; and

19 (B) by inserting after the section heading  
20 the following:

21 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 “(1) DIRECT ACT.—The term ‘direct Act’  
23 means an Act (other than this Act), or provision of  
24 the Revised Statutes, that is specified in section  
25 201, 202, 203, or 210.

1           “(2) DIRECT PROVISION.—The term ‘direct  
2 provision’ means a provision (including a definitional  
3 provision) of a direct Act that applies the rights or  
4 protections of a direct Act (including rights and pro-  
5 tections relating to nonretaliation or noncoercion) to  
6 a library claimant.

7           “(3) LIBRARY CLAIMANT.—The term ‘Library  
8 claimant’ means—

9                   “(A) with respect to a direct provision  
10 (other than a provision described in subpara-  
11 graph (B)), an employee of the Library of Con-  
12 gress who is covered by that direct provision,  
13 and

14                   “(B) with respect to a direct provision that  
15 applies the rights or protections of title II or  
16 III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of  
17 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12131 et seq., 12181 et seq.),  
18 an individual who is eligible to provide services  
19 for or receive services from the Library of Con-  
20 gress and who is covered by that provision.”;

21                   (C) in subsection (b), as added by subpara-  
22 graph (A) of this paragraph—

23                           (i) in the matter preceding paragraph  
24 (1), by striking “may either” and inserting

1 “who initially requested counseling and  
2 mediation under this title may elect to”;

3 (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking “or”  
4 at the end;

5 (iii) in paragraph (2), by striking the  
6 period and inserting “, or”; and

7 “(3) in the case of a Library claimant, bring  
8 the claim, complaint, or charge that is brought for  
9 a proceeding before the corresponding Federal agen-  
10 cy, under the corresponding direct provision.”; and

11 (D) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(c) ELECTION AFTER PROCEEDINGS INITIALLY  
13 BROUGHT UNDER OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS OR LABOR  
14 LAW.—A library claimant who initially brings a claim,  
15 complaint, or charge under a direct provision for a pro-  
16 ceeding before a Federal agency may, prior to requesting  
17 a hearing under the agency’s procedures, elect to—

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

21 “(2) file a complaint with the Office in accord-  
22 ance with section 405, or

23 “(3) file a civil action in accordance with sec-  
24 tion 408 in the United States district court for the

1 district in which the employee is employed or for the  
 2 District of Columbia.”.

3 (c) PROSPECTIVE APPLICABILITY.—This section and  
 4 the amendments made by this section—

5 (1) shall take effect on the date of enactment  
 6 of this section; and

7 (2) shall apply to any charge, complaint, or  
 8 claim, that is made on or after the date of enact-  
 9 ment of this section, of a violation of—

10 (A) section 201, 202, 203, 207, or 210 of  
 11 the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2  
 12 U.S.C. 1311 et seq.); or

13 (B) a direct provision as defined in section  
 14 404(a) of the Congressional Accountability Act  
 15 of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1404) (as added by sub-  
 16 section (b)).

17 EQUAL ACCESS TO CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

18 REPORTS

19 SEC. 124. (a) DEFINITIONS.—

20 (1) CRS PRODUCT.—In this section, the term  
 21 “CRS product” means any final work product of  
 22 CRS in any format.

23 (2) CRS REPORT.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the  
 25 term “CRS Report” means any written CRS



1 product, including an update to a previous writ-  
2 ten CRS product, consisting of—

3 (i) a Congressional Research Service  
4 Report;

5 (ii) a Congressional Research Service  
6 Authorization of Appropriations Product  
7 and Appropriations Product; or

8 (iii) subject to subparagraph (B)(iii),  
9 any other written CRS product containing  
10 CRS research or CRS analysis which is  
11 available for general congressional access  
12 on the CRS Congressional Intranet.

13 (B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “CRS Re-  
14 port” does not include—

15 (i) any CRS product that is deter-  
16 mined by the CRS Director to be a custom  
17 product or service because it was prepared  
18 in direct response to a request for custom  
19 analysis or research and is not available  
20 for general congressional access on the  
21 CRS Congressional Intranet;

22 (ii) any Congressional Research Serv-  
23 ice Report or any Congressional Research  
24 Service Authorization of Appropriations  
25 Product and Appropriations Product re-

1           ported or produced before the effective  
2           date of this Act which, as of such effective  
3           date, is not available for general congress-  
4           sional access on the CRS Congressional  
5           Intranet; or

6                   (iii) a written CRS product that has  
7           been made available by CRS for publica-  
8           tion on a public website maintained by the  
9           GPO Director (other than the Website) or  
10          the Library of Congress.

11          (3) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

12                   (A) the term “CRS” means the Congres-  
13          sional Research Service;

14                   (B) the term “CRS Congressional  
15          Intranet” means any of the websites maintained  
16          by CRS for the purpose of providing to Mem-  
17          bers and employees of Congress access to infor-  
18          mation from CRS;

19                   (C) the term “CRS Director” means the  
20          Director of CRS;

21                   (D) the term “GPO Director” means the  
22          Director of the Government Publishing Office;

23                   (E) the term “Member of Congress” in-  
24          cludes a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to  
25          Congress; and

1 (F) the term “Website” means the website  
2 established and maintained under subsection  
3 (b).

4 (b) AVAILABILITY OF CRS REPORTS THROUGH GPO  
5 WEBSITE.—

6 (1) WEBSITE.—

7 (A) ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE.—The GPO Director, in consultation  
8 with the CRS Director, shall establish and  
9 maintain a public website containing CRS Re-  
10 ports and an index of all CRS Reports con-  
11 tained on the website, in accordance with this  
12 subsection.  
13

14 (B) FORMAT.—On the Website, CRS Re-  
15 ports shall be searchable, sortable, and  
16 downloadable, including downloadable in bulk.

17 (C) FREE ACCESS.—Notwithstanding sec-  
18 tion 4102 of title 44, United States Code, the  
19 GPO Director may not charge a fee for access  
20 to the Website.

21 (2) UPDATES; DISCLAIMER.—The GPO Direc-  
22 tor, in consultation with the CRS Director, shall en-  
23 sure that the Website—

24 (A) is updated contemporaneously, auto-  
25 matically, and electronically to include each new

1 or updated CRS Report released on or after the  
2 effective date of this section;

3 (B) shows the status of each CRS Report  
4 as new, updated, or withdrawn; and

5 (C) displays the following statement in ref-  
6 erence to the CRS Reports included on the  
7 Website: “These documents were prepared by  
8 the Congressional Research Service (CRS).  
9 CRS serves as nonpartisan shared staff to con-  
10 gressional committees and Members of Con-  
11 gress. It operates solely at the behest of and  
12 under the direction of Congress. Information in  
13 a CRS Report should not be relied upon for  
14 purposes other than public understanding of in-  
15 formation that has been provided by CRS to  
16 Members of Congress in connection with CRS’s  
17 institutional role. CRS Reports, as a work of  
18 the United States Government, are not subject  
19 to copyright protection in the United States.  
20 Any CRS Report may be reproduced and dis-  
21 tributed in its entirety without permission from  
22 CRS. However, as a CRS Report may include  
23 copyrighted images or material from a third  
24 party, you may need to obtain the permission of

1 the copyright holder if you wish to copy or oth-  
2 erwise use copyrighted material.”.

3 (3) FURNISHING OF NECESSARY INFORMATION  
4 AND TECHNOLOGY.—The CRS Director shall consult  
5 with and provide assistance to the GPO Director to  
6 ensure—

7 (A) that the GPO Director is provided  
8 with all of the information necessary to carry  
9 out this section, including all of the information  
10 described in clauses (i) through (v) of sub-  
11 section (c)(1)(A), in such format and manner  
12 as the GPO Director considers appropriate; and

13 (B) that CRS makes available and imple-  
14 ments such technology as may be necessary to  
15 facilitate the contemporaneous, automatic, and  
16 electronic provision of CRS Reports to the GPO  
17 Director as required under this section.

18 (4) NONEXCLUSIVITY.—The GPO Director may  
19 publish other information on the Website.

20 (5) ADDITIONAL TECHNIQUES.—The GPO Di-  
21 rector and the CRS Director may use additional  
22 techniques to make CRS Reports available to the  
23 public, if such techniques are consistent with this  
24 section and any other applicable laws.

1           (6) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The CRS Di-  
2           rector is encouraged to make additional CRS prod-  
3           ucts that are not custom products or services avail-  
4           able to the GPO Director for publication on the  
5           Website, and the GPO Director is encouraged to  
6           publish such CRS products on the Website.

7           (7) EXPANSION OF CONTENTS OF ANNUAL RE-  
8           PORT TO CONGRESS TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ON  
9           EFFORTS TO MAKE ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS AVAIL-  
10          ABLE ON WEBSITE.—Section 203(i) of the Legisla-  
11          tive Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 166(i)) is  
12          amended by striking the period at the end and in-  
13          serting the following: “, and shall include in the re-  
14          port a description of the efforts made by the Direc-  
15          tor to make additional Congressional Research Serv-  
16          ice products that are not custom products or services  
17          available to the Director of the Government Pub-  
18          lishing Office for publication on the website estab-  
19          lished and maintained under section 124 of the Leg-  
20          islative Branch Appropriations Act, 2018.”.

21          (c) WEBSITE CONTENTS.—

22                 (1) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTS  
23                 POSTED ON WEBSITE.—

24                         (A) RESPONSIBILITIES OF GPO DIREC-  
25                         TOR.—With respect to each CRS Report in-

1           cluded on the Website, the GPO Director shall  
2           include—

3                   (i) the name and identification num-  
4                   ber of the CRS Report;

5                   (ii) an indication as to whether the  
6                   CRS Report is new, updated, or with-  
7                   drawn;

8                   (iii) the date of release of the CRS  
9                   Report;

10                  (iv) the division or divisions of CRS  
11                  that were responsible for the production of  
12                  the CRS Report; and

13                  (v) any other information the GPO  
14                  Director, in consultation with the CRS Di-  
15                  rector, considers appropriate.

16           (B) RESPONSIBILITIES OF CRS DIREC-  
17           TOR.—With respect to each CRS Report in-  
18           cluded on the Website, the CRS Director shall,  
19           prior to transmitting the Report to the GPO  
20           Director—

21                   (i) at the discretion of the CRS Direc-  
22                   tor, remove the name of and any contact  
23                   information for any employee of CRS; and

24                   (ii) include in the CRS Report the fol-  
25                   lowing written statement: “This document

1 was prepared by the Congressional Re-  
2 search Service (CRS). CRS serves as non-  
3 partisan shared staff to congressional com-  
4 mittees and Members of Congress. It oper-  
5 ates solely at the behest of and under the  
6 direction of Congress. Information in a  
7 CRS Report should not be relied upon for  
8 purposes other than public understanding  
9 of information that has been provided by  
10 CRS to Members of Congress in connec-  
11 tion with CRS's institutional role. CRS Re-  
12 ports, as a work of the United States Gov-  
13 ernment, are not subject to copyright pro-  
14 tection in the United States. Any CRS Re-  
15 port may be reproduced and distributed in  
16 its entirety without permission from CRS.  
17 However, as this CRS Report may include  
18 copyrighted images or material from a  
19 third party, you may need to obtain the  
20 permission of the copyright holder if you  
21 wish to copy or otherwise use copyrighted  
22 material.”.

23 (2) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR INDEX ON  
24 WEBSITE.—The GPO Director shall ensure that the



1 index of all CRS Reports published on the Website  
2 is—

3 (A) comprehensive;

4 (B) contemporaneously updated;

5 (C) searchable;

6 (D) sortable;

7 (E) maintained in a human-readable for-  
8 mat;

9 (F) maintained in a structured data for-  
10 mat;

11 (G) downloadable; and

12 (H) inclusive of each item of information  
13 described in paragraph (1)(A) with respect to  
14 each CRS Report.

15 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO DUTIES OF  
16 CRS.—Section 203(d) of the Legislative Reorganization  
17 Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 166(d)) is amended—

18 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
19 (7);

20 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
21 graph (8) and inserting “; and”; and

22 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
23 paragraph:

24 “(9) to comply with the requirements of, and  
25 provide information and technological assistance

1 consistent with, section 124 of the Legislative  
2 Branch Appropriations Act, 2018.”.

3 (e) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

4 (1) NO EFFECT ON SPEECH OR DEBATE  
5 CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section may be construed  
6 to diminish, qualify, condition, waive, or otherwise  
7 affect the applicability of clause 1 of section 6 of ar-  
8 ticle I of the Constitution of the United States (com-  
9 monly known as the “Speech or Debate Clause”) or  
10 any other privilege available to Congress or Mem-  
11 bers, offices, or employees of Congress with respect  
12 to any CRS Report made available online under this  
13 section.

14 (2) CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS.—Noth-  
15 ing in this section may be construed to waive the re-  
16 quirement that any confidential communication by  
17 CRS to a Member, office, or committee of Congress  
18 shall remain under the custody and control of Con-  
19 gress and may be released only by Congress and its  
20 Houses, Members, offices, and committees, in ac-  
21 cordance with the rules and privileges of each House  
22 and the requirements of this section.

23 (3) DISSEMINATION OF CRS PRODUCTS.—Noth-  
24 ing in this section may be construed to limit or oth-  
25 erwise affect the ability of a Member, office, or com-

1       mittee of Congress to disseminate CRS products on  
2       a website of the Member, office, or committee or to  
3       otherwise provide CRS products to the public, in-  
4       cluding as part of constituent service activities.

5       (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

6           (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
7       graph (2), this section and the amendments made by  
8       this section shall take effect 90 days after the date  
9       on which the GPO Director submits the certification  
10      described in paragraph (2)(B).

11          (2) PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND TECH-  
12      NOLOGY.—

13           (A) CRS DEADLINE.—Not later than 90  
14      days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
15      the CRS Director shall provide the GPO Direc-  
16      tor with the information and technology nec-  
17      essary for the GPO Director to begin the initial  
18      operation of the Website.

19           (B) CERTIFICATION.—Upon provision of  
20      the information and technology described in  
21      subparagraph (A), the GPO Director shall sub-  
22      mit to Congress a certification that the CRS  
23      Director has provided the information and tech-  
24      nology necessary for the GPO Director to begin  
25      the initial operation of the Website.

1           GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE  
2                    CONGRESSIONAL PUBLISHING  
3                    (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4           For authorized publishing of congressional informa-  
5 tion and the distribution of congressional information in  
6 any format; publishing of Government publications au-  
7 thorized by law to be distributed to Members of Congress;  
8 and publishing, and distribution of Government publica-  
9 tions authorized by law to be distributed without charge  
10 to the recipient, \$79,528,000: *Provided*, That this appro-  
11 priation shall not be available for paper copies of the per-  
12 manent edition of the Congressional Record for individual  
13 Representatives, Resident Commissioners or Delegates au-  
14 thorized under section 906 of title 44, United States Code:  
15 *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be available  
16 for the payment of obligations incurred under the appro-  
17 priations for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years:  
18 *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the 2-year limita-  
19 tion under section 718 of title 44, United States Code,  
20 none of the funds appropriated or made available under  
21 this Act or any other Act for printing and binding and  
22 related services provided to Congress under chapter 7 of  
23 title 44, United States Code, may be expended to print  
24 a document, report, or publication after the 27-month pe-  
25 riod beginning on the date that such document, report,

1 or publication is authorized by Congress to be printed, un-  
2 less Congress reauthorizes such printing in accordance  
3 with section 718 of title 44, United States Code: *Provided*  
4 *further*, That any unobligated or unexpended balances in  
5 this account or accounts for similar purposes for preceding  
6 fiscal years may be transferred to the Government Pub-  
7 lishing Office Business Operations Revolving Fund for  
8 carrying out the purposes of this heading, subject to the  
9 approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the  
10 House of Representatives and Senate: *Provided further*,  
11 That notwithstanding sections 901, 902, and 906 of title  
12 44, United States Code, this appropriation may be used  
13 to prepare indexes to the Congressional Record on only  
14 a monthly and session basis.

15 PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS OF THE  
16 SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS  
17 SALARIES AND EXPENSES  
18 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

19 For expenses of the public information programs of  
20 the Office of Superintendent of Documents necessary to  
21 provide for the cataloging and indexing of Government  
22 publications and their distribution to the public, Members  
23 of Congress, other Government agencies, and designated  
24 depository and international exchange libraries as author-  
25 ized by law, \$29,000,000: *Provided*, That amounts of not

1 more than \$2,000,000 from current year appropriations  
2 are authorized for producing and disseminating Congres-  
3 sional serial sets and other related publications for fiscal  
4 years 2016 and 2017 to depository and other designated  
5 libraries: *Provided further*, That any unobligated or unex-  
6 pended balances in this account or accounts for similar  
7 purposes for preceding fiscal years may be transferred to  
8 the Government Publishing Office Business Operations  
9 Revolving Fund for carrying out the purposes of this head-  
10 ing, subject to the approval of the Committees on Appro-  
11 priations of the House of Representatives and Senate.

12           GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE BUSINESS

13                   OPERATIONS REVOLVING FUND

14           For payment to the Government Publishing Office  
15 Business Operations Revolving Fund, \$8,540,000, to re-  
16 main available until expended, for information technology  
17 development and facilities repair: *Provided*, That the Gov-  
18 ernment Publishing Office is hereby authorized to make  
19 such expenditures, within the limits of funds available and  
20 in accordance with law, and to make such contracts and  
21 commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as  
22 provided by section 9104 of title 31, United States Code,  
23 as may be necessary in carrying out the programs and  
24 purposes set forth in the budget for the current fiscal year  
25 for the Government Publishing Office Business Operations

1 Revolving Fund: *Provided further*, That not more than  
2 \$7,500 may be expended on the certification of the Direc-  
3 tor of the Government Publishing Office in connection  
4 with official representation and reception expenses: *Pro-*  
5 *vided further*, That the Business Operations Revolving  
6 Fund shall be available for the hire or purchase of not  
7 more than 12 passenger motor vehicles: *Provided further*,  
8 That expenditures in connection with travel expenses of  
9 the advisory councils to the Director of the Government  
10 Publishing Office shall be deemed necessary to carry out  
11 the provisions of title 44, United States Code: *Provided*  
12 *further*, That the Business Operations Revolving Fund  
13 shall be available for temporary or intermittent services  
14 under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but  
15 at rates for individuals not more than the daily equivalent  
16 of the annual rate of basic pay for level V of the Executive  
17 Schedule under section 5316 of such title: *Provided fur-*  
18 *ther*, That activities financed through the Business Oper-  
19 ations Revolving Fund may provide information in any  
20 format: *Provided further*, That the Business Operations  
21 Revolving Fund and the funds provided under the heading  
22 “Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of  
23 Documents” may not be used for contracted security serv-  
24 ices at Government Publishing Office’s passport facility in  
25 the District of Columbia.

## 1 GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

## 2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

3 For necessary expenses of the Government Account-  
4 ability Office, including not more than \$12,500 to be ex-  
5 pended on the certification of the Comptroller General of  
6 the United States in connection with official representa-  
7 tion and reception expenses; temporary or intermittent  
8 services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States  
9 Code, but at rates for individuals not more than the daily  
10 equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level IV of  
11 the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of such title;  
12 hire of one passenger motor vehicle; advance payments in  
13 foreign countries in accordance with section 3324 of title  
14 31, United States Code; benefits comparable to those pay-  
15 able under sections 901(5), (6), and (8) of the Foreign  
16 Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4081(5), (6), and (8));  
17 and under regulations prescribed by the Comptroller Gen-  
18 eral of the United States, rental of living quarters in for-  
19 eign countries, \$562,771,695: *Provided*, That of this  
20 amount \$1,900,000 is provided for information technology  
21 investments to remain available until September 30, 2019:  
22 *Provided further*, That, in addition, \$23,800,000 of pay-  
23 ments received under sections 782, 791, 3521, and 9105  
24 of title 31, United States Code, shall be available without  
25 fiscal year limitation: *Provided further*, That this appro-



1 priation and appropriations for administrative expenses of  
 2 any other department or agency which is a member of the  
 3 National Intergovernmental Audit Forum or a Regional  
 4 Intergovernmental Audit Forum shall be available to fi-  
 5 nance an appropriate share of either Forum's costs as de-  
 6 termined by the respective Forum, including necessary  
 7 travel expenses of non-Federal participants: *Provided fur-*  
 8 *ther*, That payments hereunder to the Forum may be cred-  
 9 ited as reimbursements to any appropriation from which  
 10 costs involved are initially financed.

11 OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST

12 FUND

13 For a payment to the Open World Leadership Center  
 14 Trust Fund for financing activities of the Open World  
 15 Leadership Center under section 313 of the Legislative  
 16 Branch Appropriations Act, 2001 (2 U.S.C. 1151),  
 17 \$5,600,000: *Provided*, That funds made available to sup-  
 18 port Russian participants shall only be used for those en-  
 19 gaging in free market development, humanitarian activi-  
 20 ties, and civic engagement, and shall not be used for offi-  
 21 cials of the central government of Russia.

22 JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC  
 23 SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

24 For payment to the John C. Stennis Center for Pub-  
 25 lic Service Development Trust Fund established under

1 section 116 of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Serv-  
2 ice Training and Development Act (2 U.S.C. 1105),  
3 \$430,000.

## 4 TITLE II

### 5 GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### 6 MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES

7 SEC. 201. No part of the funds appropriated in this  
8 Act shall be used for the maintenance or care of private  
9 vehicles, except for emergency assistance and cleaning as  
10 may be provided under regulations relating to parking fa-  
11 cilities for the House of Representatives issued by the  
12 Committee on House Administration and for the Senate  
13 issued by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### 14 FISCAL YEAR LIMITATION

15 SEC. 202. No part of the funds appropriated in this  
16 Act shall remain available for obligation beyond fiscal year  
17 2018 unless expressly so provided in this Act.

#### 18 RATES OF COMPENSATION AND DESIGNATION

19 SEC. 203. Whenever in this Act any office or position  
20 not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of  
21 1929 (46 Stat. 32 et seq.) is appropriated for or the rate  
22 of compensation or designation of any office or position  
23 appropriated for is different from that specifically estab-  
24 lished by such Act, the rate of compensation and the des-  
25 ignation in this Act shall be the permanent law with re-

1 spect thereto: *Provided*, That the provisions in this Act  
2 for the various items of official expenses of Members, offi-  
3 cers, and committees of the Senate and House of Rep-  
4 resentatives, and clerk hire for Senators and Members of  
5 the House of Representatives shall be the permanent law  
6 with respect thereto.

7 CONSULTING SERVICES

8 SEC. 204. The expenditure of any appropriation  
9 under this Act for any consulting service through procure-  
10 ment contract, under section 3109 of title 5, United States  
11 Code, shall be limited to those contracts where such ex-  
12 penditures are a matter of public record and available for  
13 public inspection, except where otherwise provided under  
14 existing law, or under existing Executive order issued  
15 under existing law.

16 COSTS OF LBFMC

17 SEC. 205. Amounts available for administrative ex-  
18 penses of any legislative branch entity which participates  
19 in the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council  
20 (LBFMC) established by charter on March 26, 1996, shall  
21 be available to finance an appropriate share of LBFMC  
22 costs as determined by the LBFMC, except that the total  
23 LBFMC costs to be shared among all participating legisla-  
24 tive branch entities (in such allocations among the entities  
25 as the entities may determine) may not exceed \$2,000.

## 1                                   LIMITATION ON TRANSFERS

2           SEC. 206. None of the funds made available in this  
3 Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-  
4 strumentality of the United States Government, except  
5 pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority pro-  
6 vided in, this Act or any other appropriation Act.

## 7                                   GUIDED TOURS OF THE CAPITOL

8           SEC. 207. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b),  
9 none of the funds made available to the Architect of the  
10 Capitol in this Act may be used to eliminate or restrict  
11 guided tours of the United States Capitol which are led  
12 by employees and interns of offices of Members of Con-  
13 gress and other offices of the House of Representatives  
14 and Senate.

15           (b) At the direction of the Capitol Police Board, or  
16 at the direction of the Architect of the Capitol with the  
17 approval of the Capitol Police Board, guided tours of the  
18 United States Capitol which are led by employees and in-  
19 terns described in subsection (a) may be suspended tempo-  
20 rarily or otherwise subject to restriction for security or re-  
21 lated reasons to the same extent as guided tours of the  
22 United States Capitol which are led by the Architect of  
23 the Capitol.

24                         This Act may be cited as the “Legislative  
25           Branch Appropriations Act, 2018”.



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**A BILL**

Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch  
for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018,  
and for other purposes.

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JULY 27, 2017

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