

FY2016 Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill Omnibus Agreement Summary

Highlights of the FY2016 Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill:

The measure totals \$4.363 billion, an increase of \$63 million above the FY2015 enacted level, and \$166 million below the FY2016 budget request. The legislation includes a provision to freeze the pay of Members of Congress, preventing any pay increases in FY2016. A freeze on Members' salaries has been in place since 2010.

U.S. Senate – \$870.2 million, \$5.9 million above the FY2015 enacted level and \$60.2 million below the FY2016 budget request. The increase provides funding necessary for critical modernization and upgrades of the Senate financial management system and other information technology systems hardware and software, to include data network communications and security upgrades. Members' personal offices and committees are held steady at the FY 2015 enacted level.

U.S. House of Representatives – \$1.18 billion, equal to the FY2015 enacted level and the FY2016 budget request.

U.S. Capitol Police – \$375 million for the U.S. Capitol Police, \$27 million above the FY2015 enacted level and \$4 million below the FY2016 budget request. This funding level will provide for additional personnel, lifecycle replacement for some information technology systems and equipment, and allow the Department to continue mission-essential training.

Architect of the Capitol (AOC) – \$612.9 million, \$12.6 million above the FY 2015 enacted level and \$49 million below the FY 2016 budget request, to allow the AOC to maintain current operations and prioritize some of the critical projects that address safety concerns for all who visit and work in the Capitol complex.

Library of Congress (LOC) – \$600 million, \$9 million above the FY2015 enacted level and \$25 million below the FY2016 budget request, to allow the LOC to continue support functions for Congress, maintain services for the public, and begin the upgrade of the Legislative Branch Financial Management System.

Government Publishing Office (GPO) – \$117 million, \$3 million below the FY2015 enacted level and the FY2016 budget request. Congressional printing activities will remain at current levels.

Government Accountability Office (GAO) – \$531 million, \$9 million above the FY2015 enacted level and \$22 million below the FY 2016 budget request. This funding will continue GAO support to Congress by providing critical oversight with accurate, nonpartisan reporting of federal programs and tracking the expenditure of taxpayer dollars.

2017 Presidential Inauguration – Every four years, in preparation for the Presidential Inauguration, funding is provided for the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural

Ceremonies (JCCIC). The agreement fully funds the request for the JCCIC at \$1.25 million, consistent with prior years; provides funding for the Inaugural stands and support facilities within the Architect of the Capitol budget; and includes associated overtime and security costs within the Capitol Police budget.

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