

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Mr. WALSH, from the committee of conference,
submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2209]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2209) “making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes”, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

Amendment numbered 1:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 1, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert:

JOINT ITEMS

For Joint Committees, as follows:

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

For salaries and expenses of the Joint Economic Committee, \$2,750,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Printing, \$804,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Taxation, \$5,815,500, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House.

For other joint items, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

For medical supplies, equipment, and contingent expenses of the emergency rooms, and for the Attending Physician and his assistants, including: (1) an allowance of \$1,500 per month to the Attending Physician; (2) an allowance of \$500 per month each to two medical officers while on duty in the Office of the Attending Physician; (3) an allowance of \$500 per month to one assistant and \$400 per month each to not exceed nine assistants on the basis heretofore provided for such assistants; and (4) \$893,000 for reimbursement to the Department of the Navy for expenses incurred for staff and equipment assigned to the Office of the Attending Physician, which shall be advanced and credited to the applicable appropriation or appropriations from which such salaries, allowances, and other expenses are payable and shall be available for all the purposes thereof, \$1,266,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House.

CAPITOL POLICE BOARD

CAPITOL POLICE

SALARIES

For the Capitol Police Board for salaries of officers, members, and employees of the Capitol Police, including overtime, hazardous duty pay differential, clothing allowance of not more than \$600 each for members required to wear civilian attire, and Government contributions for health, retirement, Social Security, and other applicable employee benefits, \$70,955,000, of which \$34,118,000 is provided to the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House, and \$36,837,000 is provided to the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate: Provided, That, of the amounts appropriated under this heading, such amounts as may be necessary may be transferred between the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives and the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, upon approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

GENERAL EXPENSES

For the Capitol Police Board for necessary expenses of the Capitol Police, including motor vehicles, communications and other equipment, security equipment and installation, uniforms, weapons, supplies, materials, training, medical services, forensic services, stenographic services, personal and professional services, the employee assistance program, not more than \$2,000 for the awards program, postage, telephone service, travel advances, relocation of

instructor and liaison personnel for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and \$85 per month for extra services performed for the Capitol Police Board by an employee of the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate or the House of Representatives designated by the Chairman of the Board, \$3,099,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives: Provided, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the cost of basic training for the Capitol Police at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for fiscal year 1998 shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury from funds available to the Department of the Treasury.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 110. Amounts appropriated for fiscal year 1998 for the Capitol Police Board for the Capitol Police may be transferred between the headings "SALARIES" and "GENERAL EXPENSES" upon the approval of—

(1) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, in the case of amounts transferred from the appropriation provided to the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives under the heading "SALARIES";

(2) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, in the case of amounts transferred from the appropriation provided to the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate under the heading "SALARIES"; and

(3) the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives, in the case of other transfers.

SEC. 111. (a)(1) The Capitol Police Board shall establish and maintain unified schedules of rates of basic pay for members and civilian employees of the Capitol Police which shall apply to both members and employees whose appointing authority is an officer of the Senate and members and employees whose appointing authority is an officer of the House of Representatives.

(2) The Capital Police Board may, from time to time, adjust any schedule established under paragraph (1) to the extent that the Board determines appropriate to reflect changes in the cost of living and to maintain pay comparability.

(3) A schedule established or revised under paragraph (1) or (2) shall take effect only upon approval by the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

(4) A schedule approved under paragraph (3) shall have the force and effect of law.

(b)(1) The Capitol Police Board shall prescribe, by regulation, a unified leave system for members and civilian employees of the Capitol Police which shall apply to both members and employees whose appointing authority is an officer of the Senate and members and employees whose appointing authority is an officer of the House of Representatives. The leave system shall include provisions for—

(A) annual leave, based on years of service;

(B) sick leave;

(C) administrative leave;

(D) leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993

(29 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.);

(E) leave without pay and leave with reduced pay, including provisions relating to contributions for benefits for any period of such leave;

(F) approval of all leave by the Chief or the designee of the Chief;

(G) the order in which categories of leave shall be used;

(H) use, accrual, and carryover rules and limitations, including rules and limitations for any period of active duty in the armed forces;

(I) advance of annual leave or sick leave after a member or civilian employee have used all such accrued leave;

(J) buy back of annual leave or sick leave used during an extended recovery period in the case of an injury in the performance of duty;

(K) the use of accrued leave before termination of the employment as a member or civilian employee of the Capitol Police, with provision for lump sum payment for unused annual leave; and

(L) a leave sharing program.

(2) The leave system under this section may not provide for the accrual of either annual or sick leave for any period of leave without pay or leave with reduced pay.

(3) All provisions of the leave system established under this subsection shall be subject to the approval of the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate. All regulations approved under this subsection shall have the force and effect of law.

(c)(1) Upon the approval of the Capitol Police Board, a member or civilian employee of the Capitol Police who is separated from service may be paid a lump sum payment for the accrued annual leave of the member or civilian employee.

(2) The lump sum payment under paragraph (1)—

(A) shall equal the pay the member or civilian employee would have received had such member or employee remained in the service until the expiration of the period of annual leave;

(B) shall be paid from amounts appropriated to the Capitol Police;

(C) shall be based on the rate of basic pay in effect with respect to the member or civilian employee on the last day of service of the member or civilian employee;

(D) shall not be calculated on the basis of extending the period of leave described under subparagraph (A) by any holiday occurring after the date of separation from service;

(E) shall be considered pay for taxation purposes only; and

(F) shall be paid only after the Chairman of the Capitol Police Board certifies the applicable period of leave to the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, as appropriate.

(3) A member or civilian employee of the Capitol Police who enters active duty in the armed forces may—

(A) receive a lump sum payment for accrued annual leave in accordance with this subsection, in addition to any pay or allowance payable from the armed forces; or

(B) elect to have the leave remain to the credit of such member or civilian employee until such member or civilian employee returns from active duty.

(4) The Capitol Police Board may prescribe regulations to carry out this subsection. No lump sum payment may be paid under this subsection until such regulations are approved by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives. All regulations approved under this subsection shall have the force and effect of law.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the appointing authority of any officer of the Senate or the House of Representatives.

CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE AND SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE

For salaries and expenses of the Capitol Guide Service and Special Service Office, \$1,991,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate: Provided, That no part of such amount may be used to employ more than forty individuals: Provided further, That the Capitol Guide Board is authorized, during emergencies, to employ not more than two additional individuals for not more than one hundred twenty days each, and not more than ten additional individuals for not more than six months each, for the Capitol Guide Service.

STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS

For the preparation, under the direction of the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives, of the statements for the first session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress, showing appropriations made, indefinite appropriations, and contracts authorized, together with a chronological history of the regular appropriations bills as required by law, \$30,000, to be paid to the persons designated by the chairmen of such committees to supervise the work.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses of the Office of Compliance, as authorized by section 305 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1385), \$2,479,000.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-344), including not more than \$2,500 to be expended on the certification of the Director of the Congressional Budget Office in connection with official representation and reception expenses, \$24,797,000: Provided, That no part of such amount may be used for the purchase or hire of a passenger motor vehicle.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

CAPITOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

CAPITOL BUILDINGS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries for the Architect of the Capitol, the Assistant Architect of the Capitol, and other personal services, at rates of pay provided by law; for surveys and studies in connection with activities under the care of the Architect of the Capitol; for all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol and electrical substations of the Senate and House office buildings under the jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol, including furnishings and office equipment, including not more than \$1,000 for official reception and representation expenses, to be expended as the Architect of the Capitol may approve; for purchase or exchange, maintenance and operation of a passenger motor vehicle; and not to exceed \$20,000 for attendance, when specifically authorized by the Architect of the Capitol, at meetings or conventions in connection with subjects related to work under the Architect of the Capitol, \$36,977,000, of which \$7,500,000 shall remain available until expended.

CAPITOL GROUNDS

For all necessary expenses for care and improvement of grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant, \$5,116,000, of which \$745,000 shall remain available until expended.

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

For all necessary expenses for maintenance, care and operation of Senate Office Buildings; and furniture and furnishings to be expended under the control and supervision of the Architect of the Capitol, \$52,021,000, of which \$13,200,000 shall remain available until expended: Provided, That appropriations under this heading for management personnel and miscellaneous restaurant expenses hereafter shall be transferred at the beginning of each fiscal year to the special deposit account in the United States Treasury established under Public Law 87-82, approved July 6, 1961, as amended (40 U.S.C. 174j-4), and effective October 1, 1997, all management personnel of the Senate Restaurant facilities shall be paid from the special deposit account. Management personnel transferred hereunder shall be paid at the same rates of pay applicable immediately prior to the date of transfer, and annual and sick leave balances shall be credited to leave accounts of such personnel in the Senate Restaurants.

And after line 4, page 2, of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 2209, insert the following:

SENATE

EXPENSE ALLOWANCES

For expense allowances of the Vice President, \$10,000; the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, \$10,000; Majority Leader of the Senate, \$10,000; Minority Leader of the Senate, \$10,000; Majority Whip of the Senate, \$5,000; Minority Whip of the Senate, \$5,000; and Chairmen of the Majority and Minority Conference Committees, \$3,000 for each Chairman; in all, \$56,000.

REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

For representation allowances of the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate, \$15,000 for each such Leader; in all, \$30,000.

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

For compensation of officers, employees, and others as authorized by law, including agency contributions, \$77,254,000, which shall be paid from this appropriation without regard to the below limitations, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

For the Office of the Vice President, \$1,612,000.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

For the Office of the President Pro Tempore, \$371,000.

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

For Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders, \$2,388,000.

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS

For Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips, \$1,221,000.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

For the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority, at rates of compensation to be fixed by the Chairman of each such committee, \$1,061,000 for each such committee; in all, \$2,122,000.

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

For Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority, \$409,000.

POLICY COMMITTEES

For salaries of the Majority Policy Committee and the Minority Policy Committee, \$1,077,500 for each such committee; in all, \$2,155,000.

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

For Office of the Chaplain, \$260,000.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

For Office of the Secretary, \$13,306,000.

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPERS

For Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, \$33,037,000.

OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY

For Offices of the Secretary for the Majority and the Secretary for the Minority, \$1,165,000.

AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS AND RELATED EXPENSES

For agency contributions for employee benefits, as authorized by law, and related expenses, \$19,208,000.

OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF THE SENATE

For salaries and expenses of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate, \$3,605,000.

OFFICE OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

For salaries and expenses of the Office of Senate Legal Counsel, \$966,000.

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

For expense allowances of the Secretary of the Senate, \$3,000; Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, \$3,000; Secretary for the Majority of the Senate, \$3,000; Secretary for the Minority of the Senate, \$3,000; in all, \$12,000.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE

INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

For expenses of inquiries and investigations ordered by the Senate, or conducted pursuant to section 134(a) of Public Law 601, Seventy-ninth Congress, as amended, section 112 of Public Law 96-304 and Senate Resolution 281, agreed to March 11, 1980, \$75,600,000.

EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE CAUCUS ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

For expenses of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, \$370,000.

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

For expenses of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, \$1,511,000.

SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

For expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, \$64,833,000, of which \$7,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 1999.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

For miscellaneous items, \$7,905,000.

SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT

For Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account, \$228,600,000.

STATIONERY (REVOLVING FUND)

For stationery for the President of the Senate, \$4,500, for officers of the Senate and the Conference of the Majority and Conference of the Minority of the Senate, \$8,500; in all, \$13,000.

OFFICIAL MAIL COSTS

For expenses necessary for official mail costs of the Senate, \$300,000, to remain available until September 30, 1999.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. (a) For fiscal year 1998, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to make advance payments under a contract or other agreement to provide a service or deliver an article for the United States Government without regard to the provisions of section 3324 of title 31, United States Code.

(b) An advance payment authorized by subsection (a) shall be made in accordance with regulations issued by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

(c) The authority granted by subsection (a) shall not take effect until regulations are issued pursuant to subsection (b).

SEC. 2. (a) Upon the written request of the Majority or Minority Whip of the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate shall transfer during any fiscal year, from the appropriations account appropriated under the headings "Salaries, Officers and Employees" and "Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips", such amount as either whip shall specify to the appropriations account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, "Miscellaneous Items".

(b) The Majority and Minority Whips of the Senate are each authorized to incur such expenses as may be necessary or appropriate. Expenses incurred by either such whip shall be paid from the amount transferred pursuant to subsection (a) by such whip and upon vouchers approved by such whip.

(c) The Secretary of the Senate is authorized to advance such sums as may be necessary to defray expenses incurred in carrying out subsections (a) and (b).

SEC. 3. (a) Effective in the case of any fiscal year which begins on or after October 1, 1997, clause (iii) of paragraph (3)(A) of section 506(b) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1973 (2 U.S.C. 58(b)) is amended to read as follows:

“(iii) subject to subparagraph (B), in case the Senator represents Alabama, \$182,567, Alaska, \$251,901, Arizona, \$197,079, Arkansas, \$168,282, California, \$468,724, Colorado, \$186,350, Connecticut, \$160,903, Delaware, \$127,198, Florida, \$299,746, Georgia, \$210,214, Hawaii, \$279,512, Idaho, \$163,335, Illinois, \$266,248, Indiana, \$194,770, Iowa, \$170,565, Kansas, \$168,177, Kentucky, \$177,338, Louisiana, \$185,647, Maine, \$147,746, Maryland, \$173,020, Massachusetts, \$195,799, Michigan, \$236,459, Minnesota, \$187,702, Mississippi, \$168,103, Missouri, \$197,941, Montana, \$161,725, Nebraska, \$160,361, Nevada, \$171,096, New Hampshire, \$142,394, New Jersey, \$206,260, New Mexico, \$166,140, New York, \$327,955, North Carolina, \$210,946, North Dakota, \$149,824, Ohio, \$259,452, Oklahoma, \$181,761, Oregon, \$189,345, Pennsylvania, \$266,148, Rhode Island, \$138,582, South Carolina, \$170,451, South Dakota, \$151,450, Tennessee, \$191,954, Texas, \$348,681, Utah, \$168,632, Vermont, \$135,925, Virginia, \$193,467, Washington, \$214,694, West Virginia, \$147,772, Wisconsin, \$191,569, Wyoming, \$152,438, plus”.

(b) Subsection (a) of the first section of Public Law 100–137 (2 U.S.C. 58c) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(6) Effective on and after October 1, 1997, the Senator’s Account shall be available for the payment of franked mail expenses of Senators.”.

(c)(1) Section 12 of Public Law 101–520 is repealed.

(2) The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall be effective on and after October 1, 1997.

(d) Nothing in this section affects the authority of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate to prescribe regulations relating to the frank by Senators and officers of the Senate.

SEC. 4. (a) The aggregate amount authorized by Senate Resolution 54, agreed to February 13, 1997, is increased—

(1) by \$401,635 for the period March 1, 1997, through September 30, 1998, and

(2) by \$994,150 for the period March 1, 1998, through February 28, 1999.

(b) This section is effective on and after October 1, 1997.

SEC. 5. Effective on and after October 1, 1997, each of the dollar amounts contained in the table under section 105(d)(1) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1968 (2 U.S.C. 61–1) shall be deemed to be the dollar amounts in that table on December 31, 1995, increased by 2 percent on January 1, 1996, and by 2.3 percent on January 1, 1997.

SEC. 6. (a) The aggregate amount authorized by Senate Resolution 54, agreed to February 13, 1997, is increased—

(1) by \$125,000 for the period March 1, 1997, through September 30, 1998; and

(2) by \$175,000 for the period March 1, 1998, through February 28, 1999.

(b) Funds in the account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, available for the expenses of inquiries and investigations shall be available for franked mail expenses incurred by committees of the Senate the other expenses of which are paid from that account.

(c) This section is effective for fiscal years beginning on and after October 1, 1997.

SEC. 7. Section 1101 of Public Law 85-58 (2 U.S.C. 46a-1) is amended by adding at the end the following: "Disbursements from the fund shall be made upon vouchers approved by the Secretary of the Senate, or his designee."

And on page 9, after line 15, of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 2209, insert:

"SEC. 107. Title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking "the Speaker of the House of Representatives" each place it appears in sections 5532(i)(2)(B), 5532(i)(3), 8344(k)(2)(B), 8344(k)(3), 8468(h)(2)(B), and 8468(h)(3) and inserting "the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives".

SEC. 108. (a) For fiscal year 1998 and each succeeding fiscal year, the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives is authorized to make advance payments under a contract or other agreement to provide a service or deliver an article for the United States Government without regard to the provisions of section 3324 of title 31, United States Code.

(b) An advance payment authorized by subsection (a) shall be made in accordance with regulations issued by the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives.

(c) The authority granted by subsection (a) shall not take effect until regulations are issued pursuant to subsection (b).

SEC. 109. (a) There is hereby established an account in the House of Representatives for purposes of making payments of the House of Representatives to the Employees' Compensation Fund under section 8147 of title 5, United States Code.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, payments may be made from the account established under subsection (a) at any time after the date of the enactment of this Act without regard to the fiscal year for which the obligation to make such payments is incurred.

(c) The account established under subsection (a) shall be treated as a category of allowances and expenses for purposes of section 101(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1993 (2 U.S.C. 95b(a))."

And on page 20, line 19, of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 2209, strike "\$37,181,000" and insert "\$36,610,000"; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 2:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 2, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert:

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol Power Plant; lighting, heating, power (including the purchase of electrical energy) and water and sewer services for the Capitol, Senate and House office buildings, Library of Congress buildings, and the grounds about the same, Botanic Garden, Senate garage, and air conditioning refrigeration not supplied from plants in any of such buildings; heating the Government Printing Office and Washington City Post Office, and heating and chilled water for

air conditioning for the Supreme Court Building, the Union Station complex, the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building and the Folger Shakespeare Library, expenses for which shall be advanced or reimbursed upon request of the Architect of the Capitol and amounts so received shall be deposited into the Treasury to the credit of this appropriation, \$33,932,000, of which \$1,650,000 shall remain available until expended: Provided, That not more than \$4,000,000 of the funds credited or to be reimbursed to this appropriation as herein provided shall be available for obligation during fiscal year 1998.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of section 203 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 166) and to revise and extend the Annotated Constitution of the United States of America, \$64,603,000: Provided, That no part of such amount may be used to pay any salary or expense in connection with any publication, or preparation of material therefor (except the Digest of Public General Bills), to be issued by the Library of Congress unless such publication has obtained prior approval of either the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives or the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate: Provided further, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the compensation of the Director of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, shall be at an annual rate which is equal to the annual rate of basic pay for positions at level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For authorized printing and binding for the Congress and the distribution of Congressional information in any format; printing and binding for the Architect of the Capitol; expenses necessary for preparing the semimonthly and session index to the Congressional Record, as authorized by law (44 U.S.C. 902); printing and binding of Government publications authorized by law to be distributed to Members of Congress; and printing, binding, and distribution of Government publications authorized by law to be distributed without charge to the recipient, \$81,669,000, of which \$11,017,000 shall be derived by transfer from the Government Printing Office revolving fund under section 309 of title 44, United States Code: Provided, That this appropriation shall not be available for paper copies of the permanent edition of the Congressional Record for individual Representatives, Resident Commissioners or Delegates authorized under 44 U.S.C. 906: Provided further, That this appropriation shall be available for the payment of obligations incurred under the appropriations for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years.

This title may be cited as the "Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1998".

TITLE II—OTHER AGENCIES

BOTANIC GARDEN

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Botanic Garden and the nurseries, buildings, grounds, and collections; and purchase and exchange, maintenance, repair, and operation of a passenger motor vehicle; all under the direction of the Joint Committee on the Library, \$3,016,000.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Library of Congress not otherwise provided for, including development and maintenance of the Union Catalogs; custody and custodial care of the Library buildings; special clothing; cleaning, laundering and repair of uniforms; preservation of motion pictures in the custody of the Library; operation and maintenance of the American Folklife Center in the Library; preparation and distribution of catalog records and other publications of the Library; hire or purchase of one passenger motor vehicle; and expenses of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board not properly chargeable to the income of any trust fund held by the Board, \$227,016,000, of which not more than \$7,869,000 shall be derived from collections credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 1998, and shall remain available until expended, under the Act of June 28, 1902 (chapter 1301; 32 Stat. 480; 2 U.S.C. 150): Provided, That the Library of Congress may not obligate or expend any funds derived from collections under the Act of June 28, 1902, in excess of the amount authorized for obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: Provided further, That the total amount available for obligation shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are less than the \$7,869,000: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$9,619,000 is to remain available until expended for acquisition of books, periodicals, newspapers, and all other materials including subscriptions for bibliographic services for the Library, including \$40,000 to be available solely for the purchase, when specifically approved by the Librarian, of special and unique materials for additions to the collections: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$5,584,000 is to remain available until expended for the acquisition and partial support for implementation of an integrated library system (ILS).

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Copyright Office, including publication of the decisions of the United States courts involving copyrights, \$34,361,000, of which not more than \$17,340,000 shall be derived from collections credited to this appropriation during fiscal

year 1998 under 17 U.S.C. 708(d), and not more than \$5,086,000 shall be derived from collections during fiscal year 1998 under 17 U.S.C. 111(d)(2), 119(b)(2), 802(h), and 1005: Provided, That the total amount available for obligation shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are less than \$22,426,000: Provided further, That not more than \$100,000 of the amount appropriated is available for the maintenance of an "International Copyright Institute" in the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress for the purpose of training nationals of developing countries in intellectual property laws and policies: Provided further, That not more than \$2,250 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official representation and reception expenses for activities of the International Copyright Institute.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses to carry out the Act of March 3, 1931 (chapter 400; 46 Stat. 1487; 2 U.S.C. 135a), \$46,561,000, of which \$12,944,000 shall remain available until expended.

FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS

For necessary expenses for the purchase, installation, and repair of furniture, furnishings, office and library equipment, \$4,178,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 201. Appropriations in this Act available to the Library of Congress shall be available, in an amount of not more than \$194,290, of which \$58,100 is for the Congressional Research Service, when specifically authorized by the Librarian, for attendance at meetings concerned with the function or activity for which the appropriation is made.

SEC. 202. (a) No part of the funds appropriated in this Act shall be used by the Library of Congress to administer any flexible or compressed work schedule which—

(1) applies to any manager or supervisor in a position the grade or level of which is equal to or higher than GS-15; and

(2) grants such manager or supervisor the right to not be at work for all or a portion of a workday because of time worked by the manager or supervisor on another workday.

(b) For purposes of this section, the term "manager or supervisor" means any management official or supervisor, as such terms are defined in section 7103(a) (10) and (11) of title 5, United States Code.

SEC. 203. Appropriated funds received by the Library of Congress from other Federal agencies to cover general and administrative overhead costs generated by performing reimbursable work for other agencies under the authority of 31 U.S.C. 1535 and 1536 shall not be used to employ more than 65 employees and may be expended or obligated—

(1) in the case of a reimbursement, only to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in appropriations Acts; or

(2) *in the case of an advance payment, only—*

(A) *to pay for such general or administrative overhead costs as are attributable to the work performed for such agency; or*

(B) *to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in appropriations Acts, with respect to any purpose not allowable under subparagraph (A).*

SEC. 204. *Of the amounts appropriated to the Library of Congress in this Act, not more than \$5,000 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official representation and reception expenses for the incentive awards program.*

SEC. 205. *Of the amount appropriated to the Library of Congress in this Act, not more than \$12,000 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official representation and reception expenses for the Overseas Field Offices.*

SEC. 206. (a) *For fiscal year 1998, the obligational authority of the Library of Congress for the activities described in subsection (b) may not exceed \$100,490,000.*

(b) *The activities referred to in subsection (a) are reimbursable and revolving fund activities that are funded from sources other than appropriations to the Library in appropriations Acts for the legislative branch.*

SEC. 207. (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.—Effective October 1, 1997, there is established in the Treasury of the United States a revolving fund to be known as the Cooperative Acquisitions Program Revolving Fund (in this section referred to as the “revolving fund”). Moneys in the revolving fund shall be available to the Librarian of Congress, without fiscal year limitation, for financing the cooperative acquisitions program (in this section referred to as the “program”) under which the Library acquires foreign publications and research materials on behalf of participating institutions on a cost-recovery basis. Obligations under the revolving fund are limited to amounts specified in the appropriations Act for that purpose for any fiscal year.*

(b) *AMOUNTS DEPOSITED.—The revolving fund shall consist of—*

(1) *any amounts appropriated by law for the purposes of the revolving fund;*

(2) *any amounts held by the Librarian as of October 1, 1997 or the date of enactment, whichever is later, that were collected as payment for the Library’s indirect cost of the program; and*

(3) *the difference between (A) the total value of the supplies, equipment, gift fund balances, and other assets of the program, and (B) the total value of the liabilities (including unfunded liabilities such as the value of accrued annual leave of employees) of the program.*

(c) *CREDITS TO THE REVOLVING FUND.—The revolving fund shall be credited with all advances and amounts received as payment for purchases under the program and services and supplies furnished to program participants, at rates estimated by the Librarian to be adequate to recover the full direct and indirect costs of the program to the Library over a reasonable period of time.*

(d) *UNOBLIGATED BALANCES.—Any unobligated and unexpended balances in the revolving fund that the Librarian deter-*

mines to be in excess of amounts needed for activities financed by the revolving fund, shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts. Amounts needed for activities financed by the revolving fund means the direct and indirect costs of the program, including the costs of purchasing, shipping, binding of books and other library materials; supplies, materials, equipment and services needed in support of the program; salaries and benefits; general overhead; and travel.

(e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than March 31 of each year, the Librarian of Congress shall prepare and submit to Congress an audited financial statement for the revolving fund for the preceding fiscal year. The audit shall be conducted in accordance with Government Auditing Standards for financial audits issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

SEC. 208. AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD TO INVEST GIFT FUNDS.—Section 4 of the Act entitled “An Act to create a Library of Congress Trust Fund Board, and for other purposes”, approved March 3, 1925 (2 U.S.C. 160), is amended by adding at the end the following new undesignated paragraph:

“Upon agreement by the Librarian of Congress and the Board, a gift or bequest accepted by the Librarian under the first paragraph of this section may be invested or reinvested in the same manner as provided for trust funds under the second paragraph of section 2.”.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

STRUCTURAL AND MECHANICAL CARE

For all necessary expenses for the mechanical and structural maintenance, care and operation of the Library buildings and ground, 11,573,000, of which \$3,910,000 shall remain available until expended.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses of the Office of Superintendent of Documents necessary to provide for the cataloging and indexing of Government publications and their distribution to the public, Members of Congress, other Government agencies, and designated depository and international exchange libraries as authorized by law, \$29,077,000: Provided, That travel expenses, including travel expenses of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer, shall not exceed \$150,000: Provided further, That amounts of not more than \$2,000,000 from current year appropriations are authorized for producing and disseminating Congressional serial sets and other related publications for 1996 and 1997 to depository and other designated libraries.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND

The Government Printing Office is hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds available and in accord with the law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 9104 of title 31, United States Code, as may be necessary in carrying out the programs and purposes set forth in the budget for the current fiscal year for the Government Printing Office revolving fund: Provided, That not more than \$2,500 may be expended on the certification of the Public Printer in connection with official representation and reception expenses: Provided further, That the revolving fund shall be available for the hire or purchase of not more than twelve passenger motor vehicles: Provided further, That expenditures in connection with travel expenses of the advisory councils to the Public Printer shall be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of title 44, United States Code: Provided further, That the revolving fund shall be available for temporary or intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not more than the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such title: Provided further, That the revolving fund and the funds provided under the headings "OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS" and SALARIES AND EXPENSES" together may not be available for the full-time equivalent employment of more than 3,550 workyears: Provided further, That activities financed through the revolving fund may provide information in any format: Provided further, That the revolving fund shall not be used to administer any flexible or compressed work schedule which applies to any manager or supervisor in a position the grade or level of which is equal to or higher than GS-15: Provided further, That expenses for attendance at meetings shall not exceed \$75,000: Provided further, That \$1,500,000 may be expended on the certification of the Public Printer, for reimbursement to the General Account Office, for a management audit.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the General Accounting Office, including not more than \$7,000 to be expended on the certification of the Comptroller General of the United States in connection with official representation and reception expenses; temporary or intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not more than the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of such title; hire of one passenger motor vehicle; advance payments in foreign countries in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3324; benefits comparable to those payable under sections 901(5), 901(6) and 908(8) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4081(5), 4081(6) and 4081(8)); and under regulations prescribed by the Comptroller General of the United States, rental of living quarters in foreign countries; \$339,499,000: Provided, That not more than \$1,000,000 of reimbursements received incident to the oper-

ation of the General Accounting Office Building shall be available for use in fiscal year 1998: Provided further, That an additional amount of \$4,404,000 shall be available by transfer from funds previously deposited in the special account established pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 782: Provided further, That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 9105 hereafter amounts reimbursed to the Comptroller General pursuant to that section shall be deposited to the appropriation of the General Accounting Office then available and remain available until expended, and not more than \$2,000,000 of such funds shall be available for use in fiscal year 1998: Provided further, That this appropriation and appropriations for administrative expenses of any other department or agency which is a member of the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) shall be available to finance an appropriate share of JFMIP costs as determined by the JFMIP, including the salary of the Executive Director and secretarial support: Provided further, That this appropriation and appropriations for administrative expenses of any other department or agency which is a member of the National Intergovernmental Audit Forum or a Regional Intergovernmental Audit Forum shall be available to finance an appropriate share of either Forum's costs as determined by the respective Forum, including necessary travel expenses of non-Federal participants. Payments hereunder to either the Forum or the JFMIP may be credited as reimbursements to any appropriation from which costs involved are initially financed: Provided further, That this appropriation and appropriations for administrative expenses of any other department or agency which is a member of the American Consortium on International Public Administration (ACIPA) shall be available to finance an appropriate share of ACIPA costs as determined by the ACIPA, including any expenses attributable to membership of ACIPA in the International Institute of Administrative Sciences.

TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 301. No part of the funds appropriated in this Act shall be used for the maintenance or care of private vehicles, except for emergency assistance and cleaning as may be provided under regulations relating to parking facilities for the House of Representatives issued by the Committee on House Oversight and for the Senate issued by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SEC. 302. No part of the funds appropriated in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond fiscal year 1998 unless expressly so provided in this Act.

SEC. 303. Whenever in this Act any office or position not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of 1929 is appropriated for or the rate of compensation or designation of any office or position appropriated for is different from that specifically established by such Act, the rate of compensation and the designation in this Act shall be the permanent law with respect thereto: Provided, That the provisions in this Act for the various items of official expenses of Members, officers, and committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, and clerk hire for Senators and Members of the House of Representatives shall be the permanent law with respect thereto.

SEC. 304. The expenditure of any appropriation under this Act for any consulting service through procurement contract, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109, shall be limited to those contracts where such expenditures are a matter of public record and available for public inspection, except where otherwise provided under existing law, or under existing Executive order issued pursuant to existing law.

SEC. 305. (a) It is the sense of the Congress that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased with funds made available in this Act should be American-made.

(b) In providing financial assistance to, or entering into any contract with, any entity using funds made available in this Act, the head of each Federal agency, to the greatest extent practicable, shall provide to such entity a notice describing the statement made in subsection (a) by the Congress.

(c) If it has been finally determined by a court or Federal agency that any person intentionally affixed a label bearing a "Made in America" inscription, or any inscription with the same meaning, to any product sold in or shipped to the United States that is not made in the United States, such person shall be ineligible to receive any contract or subcontract made with funds provided pursuant to this Act, pursuant to the debarment, suspension, and ineligibility procedures described in section 9.400 through 9.409 of title 48, Code of Federal Regulations.

SEC. 306. Such sums as may be necessary are appropriated to the account described in subsection (a) of section 415 of Public Law 104-1 to pay awards and settlements as authorized under such subsection.

SEC. 307. Amounts available for administrative expenses of any legislative branch entity which participates in the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council (LBFMC) established by charter on March 26, 1996, shall be available to finance an appropriate share of LBFMC costs as determined by the LBFMC, except that the total LBFMC costs to be shared among all participating legislative branch entities (in such allocations among the entities as the entities may determine) may not exceed \$1,500.

SEC. 308. (a) Section 713(a) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after "Senate," the following: "or the seal of the United States House of Representatives, or the seal of the United States Congress,"

(b) Section 713 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (f); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (c) the following new subsections:

"(d) Whoever, except as directed by the United States House of Representatives, or the Clerk of the House of Representatives on its behalf, knowingly uses, manufactures, reproduces, sells or purchases for resale, either separately or appended to any article manufactured or sold, any likeness of the seal of the United States House of Representatives, or any substantial part thereof, except for manufacture or sale of the article for the official use of the Government of the United States, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

"(e) Whoever, except as directed by the United States Congress, or the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Rep-

representatives, acting jointly on its behalf, knowingly uses, manufactures, reproduces, sells or purchases for resale, either separately or appended to any article manufactured or sold, any likeness of the seal of the United States Congress, or any substantial part thereof, except for manufacture or sale of the article for the official use of the Government of the United States, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.”.

(c) Section 713(f) of title 18, United States Code (as redesignated by subsection (b)(1)), is amended—

- (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (1);
- (2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (2) and inserting a semicolon; and
- (3) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:
 - “(3) in the case of the seal of the United States House of Representatives, upon complaint by the Clerk of the House of Representatives; and
 - “(4) in the case of the seal of the United States Congress, upon complaint by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, acting jointly.”.

(d) The heading of section 713 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “and the seal of the United States Senate” and inserting the following: “the seal of the United States Senate, the seal of the United States House of Representatives, and the seal of the United States Congress”.

(e) The table of sections for chapter 33 of part I of title 18, United States Code, is amended by amending the item relating to section 713 to read as follows:

“713. Use of likenesses of the great seal of the United States, the seals of the President and Vice President, the seal of the United States Senate, the seal of the United States House of Representatives, and the seal of the United States Congress.”.

SEC. 309. Section 316 of Public Law 101-302 is amended in the first sentence of subsection (a) by striking “1997” and inserting “1998”.

SEC. 310. (a) SEVERANCE PAY.—Section 5595 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) in subsection (a)(1)—
 - (A) in subparagraph (D) by striking “and” after the semicolon; and
 - (B) by adding after subparagraph (E) the following new subparagraph:
 - “(F) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, but only with respect to the United States Senate Restaurants; and”;
- (2) in subsection (a)(2)—
 - (A) in clause (vii) by striking “or” after the semicolon;
 - (B) by redesignating clause (viii) as clause (ix) and inserting after clause (vii) the following:
 - “(viii) an employee of the United States Senate Restaurants of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, who is employed on a temporary when actually employed basis; or”;
- (3) in subsection (b) by adding at the end the following:
 - “The Architect of the Capitol may prescribe regulations to effect

the application and operation of this section to the agency specified in subsection (a)(1)(F) of this section.”.

(b) EARLY RETIREMENT.—(1) This subsection applies to an employee of the United States Senate Restaurants of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol who—

(A) voluntarily separates from service on or after the date of enactment of this Act and before October 1, 1999; and

(B) on such date of separation—

(i) has completed 25 years of service as defined under section 8331(12) or 8401(26) of title 5, United States Code; or

(ii) has completed 20 years of such service and is at least 50 years of age.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 83 or 84 of title 5, United States Code, an employee described under paragraph (1) is entitled to an annuity which shall be computed consistent with the provisions of law applicable to annuities under section 8336(d) or 8414(b) of title 5, United States Code.

(c) VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.—(1) In this subsection, the term “employee” means an employee of the United States Senate Restaurants of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, serving without limitation, who has been currently employed for a continuous period of at least 12 months, except that such term shall not include—

(A) a reemployed annuitant under subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, or another retirement system for employees of the Government;

(B) an employee having a disability on the basis of which such employee is or would be eligible for disability retirement under any of the retirement systems referred to in subparagraph (A); or

(C) an employee who is employed on a temporary when actually employed basis.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in order to avoid or minimize the need for involuntary separations due to a reduction in force, reorganization, transfer of function, or other similar action affecting the agency, the Architect of the Capitol shall establish a program under which voluntary separation incentive payments may be offered to encourage not more than 50 eligible employees to separate from service voluntarily (whether by retirement or resignation) during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act through September 30, 1999.

(3) Such voluntary separation incentive payments shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of section 5597(d) of title 5, United States Code. Any such payment shall not be a basis of payment, and shall not be included in the computation, of any other type of Government benefit.

(4)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), an employee who has received a voluntary separation incentive payment under this section and accepts employment with the Government of the United States within 5 years after the date of the separation on which the payment is based shall be required to repay the entire amount of the incentive payment to the agency that paid the incentive payment.

(B)(i) *If the employment is with an Executive agency (as defined by section 105 of title 5, United States Code), the Director of the Office of Personnel Management may, at the request of the head of the agency, waive the repayment if the individual involved possesses unique abilities and is the only qualified applicant available for the position.*

(ii) *If the employment is with an entity in the legislative branch, the head of the entity or the appointing official may waive the repayment if the individual involved possesses unique abilities and is the only qualified applicant available for the position.*

(iii) *If the employment is with the judicial branch, the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts may waive the repayment if the individual involved possesses unique abilities and is the only qualified applicant available for the position.*

(C) *For purposes of subparagraph (A) (but not subparagraph (B)), the term “employment” includes employment under a personal services contract with the United States.*

(5) *The Architect of the Capitol may prescribe regulations to carry out this subsection.*

(d) **COMPETITIVE SERVICE TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.**—(1) *This subsection applies to any employee of the United States Senate Restaurants of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol who—*

(A) is involuntarily separated from service on or after the date of the enactment of this Act and before October 1, 1999 (except by removal for cause on charges of misconduct or delinquency); and

(B) has performed any period of service employed in the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (including the United States Senate Restaurants) in a position in the excepted service as defined under section 2103 of title 5, United States Code.

(2) *For purposes of applying for employment for any position in the executive branch (including for purposes of the administration of chapter 33 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to such employment application), any period of service described under paragraph (1)(B) of this subsection shall be deemed a period of service in the competitive service as defined under section 2102 of title 5, United States Code.*

(3) *This subsection shall—*

(A) take effect on the date of enactment of this Act; and

(B) apply only to an employment application submitted by an employee during the 2-year period beginning on the date of such employee’s separation from service described under paragraph (1)(A).

(e) **RETRAINING, JOB PLACEMENT, AND COUNSELING SERVICES.**—(1) *In this subsection, the term “employee”—*

(A) means an employee of the United States Senate Restaurants of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol; and

(B) shall not include—

(i) a reemployed annuitant under subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, or another retirement system for employees of the Government; or

(ii) an employee who is employed on a temporary when actually employed basis.

(2) The architect of the Capitol may establish a program to provide retraining, job placement, and counseling services to employees and former employees.

(3) A former employee may not participate in a program established under this subsection, if—

(A) the former employee was separated from service with the United States Senate Restaurants of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol for more than 1 year; or

(B) the separation was by removal for cause on charges of misconduct or delinquency.

(4) Retraining costs for the program established under this subsection may not exceed \$5,000 for each employee or former employee.

(f) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—(1) The Architect of the Capitol—

(A) may use employees of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol to establish and administer programs and carry out the provisions of this section; and

(B) may procure temporary and intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, to carry out such provisions—

(i) not subject to the 1 year of service limitation under such section 3109(b); and

(ii) at rates for individuals which do not exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such title.

(2) Funds to carry out subsections (a) and (c) may be expended only from funds available for the basic pay of the employee who is receiving the applicable payment.

(3) Funds to carry out subsection (e) may be expended from any funds made available to the Architect of the Capitol.

SEC. 311. (a) RATE OF PAY FOR DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING.—Section 108(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991 (40 U.S.C. 166b–3b(a)) is amended by striking “the rate of basic pay payable for level V of the Executive Schedule” and inserting “such rate as the Architect considers appropriate, not to exceed 90 percent of the highest total rate of pay for the Senior Executive Service under chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, for the locality involved”.

(b) APPLICABLE RATE OF PAY.—Section 108(b)(1) of such Act (40 U.S.C. 166b–3b(b)(1)) is amended—

(1) by striking the second sentence; and

(2) by striking “the maximum rate allowable for the Senior Executive Service” each place it appears in subparagraphs (A) and (B) and inserting the following: “the highest total rate of pay for the Senior Executive Service under chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, for the locality involved”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to pay periods beginning on or after January 1, 1998.

And on page 38, line 15 of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 2209, strike "SEC. 309" and insert "*SEC. 312*" ; and the Senate agree to the same.

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JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

The managers on the part of the House and the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2209) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, submit the following joint statement to the House and Senate in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the managers and recommended in the accompanying conference report.

Amendment No. 1: The Senate deleted several provisions of the House bill and inserted substitute provisions. Several items in both House and Senate bills are identical and are included in the conference agreement without change. With respect to those items in amendment number 1 that differ between House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following:

TITLE I—CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS

SENATE

Appropriates \$461,055,000 for Senate operations instead of \$460,622,000 as proposed by the Senate and contains several administrative provisions. Inasmuch as this item relates solely to the Senate and in accord with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the managers on the part of the House, at the request of the managers on the part of the Senate, have receded to the Senate.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The managers on the part of the House have asked the Senate conferees to agree to the addition of three House administrative provisions. The first transfers authority for granting retirement waivers from the Speaker to the Committee on House Oversight; the second authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to make advance payments for certain goods and services; and the third authorizes available funds to be used for reimbursing the Department of Labor for workmen's compensation payments. Inasmuch as this item relates solely to the House and in accord with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the managers on the part of the Senate, at the request of the managers on the part of the House, have receded to the House.

JOINT ITEMS

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

Appropriates \$804,000 for the Joint Committee on Printing as proposed by the House instead of \$807,000 as proposed by the Senate.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Appropriates \$5,815,500 for the Joint Committee on Taxation instead of \$5,907,000 as proposed by the House and \$5,724,000 as proposed by the Senate. This level of funding provides resources for an additional 2.5 FTE's over the current level. The conferees agree that the Joint Committee on Taxation, a joint item that supports both the House and the Senate equally, serves a critical role in preparing tax and revenue estimates for Members of Congress. The conferees expect the Joint Committee staff to be fully responsive in assisting with revenue estimates for Members of Congress who are not members of the tax committees. Upon the request of any Member of Congress, the Joint Committee shall expeditiously provide a revenue estimate, describe all assumptions it makes in performing its calculations and provide all primary and secondary source materials to Members or their designees. The Joint Committee shall also state the assumptions and source material in a manner that will allow the calculations for the revenue estimate to be replicated by Members or their designees. The conferees note that such revenue estimates are needed in a timely manner and are critical to the consideration of legislation and amendments. The conferees expect the Joint Committee to be both responsive and timely in its responses to Members of Congress who do not serve on the revenue committees. It is the intent of the conferees to carefully monitor the responsiveness of the Joint Committee to determine if statutory language will be required next year.

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

In the appropriating paragraph for the "Office of the Attending Physician", restores a colon inserted by the House and stricken by the Senate, restores the designation "Office of the Attending Physician" as proposed by the House and stricken by the Senate instead of "Attending Physician's Office" as proposed by the Senate, restores the word "assistants" as proposed by the House and stricken by the Senate instead of "assistance" as proposed by the Senate and inserts "applicable appropriation or appropriations from which such salaries, allowances, and other expenses" as proposed by the Senate instead of similar language as proposed by the House and stricken by the Senate.

CAPITOL POLICE BOARD

CAPITOL POLICE

SALARIES

Appropriates \$70,955,000 for salaries of officers, members, and employees of the Capitol Police as proposed by the House instead

of \$73,935,000 as proposed by the Senate, of which \$34,118,000 is provided to the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives and \$36,837,000 is provided to the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate. The conferees have agreed to fund 1255 FTE's as proposed by the House instead of 1259 as proposed by the Senate. An amount of \$267,000 is provided for "comparability" pay and is fenced pending approval of the appropriate authorities. The conferees concur in House report language regarding the need for the police to improve their record keeping.

GENERAL EXPENSES

Appropriates \$3,099,000 for general expenses of the Capitol Police as proposed by the House instead of \$5,401,000 as proposed by the Senate.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Changes section numbers, and makes corrections in capitalization and spelling.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$2,479,000 for salaries and expenses, Office of Compliance as proposed by the House instead of \$2,600,000 as proposed by the Senate.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$24,797,000 for salaries and expenses, Congressional Budget Office as proposed by the House instead of \$24,995,000 as proposed by the Senate.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

CAPITOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

CAPITOL BUILDINGS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

In the appropriating paragraph for salaries and expenses, Capitol buildings, Capitol buildings and grounds, Architect of the Capitol, inserts "for" as proposed by the Senate, inserts a limitation on travel expenses as proposed by the Senate, and appropriates \$36,977,000 instead of \$36,827,000 as proposed by the House and \$39,554,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$7,500,000 shall remain available until expended as proposed by the Senate instead of \$6,450,000 as proposed by the House. With respect to object class and project differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following:

1. Personnel compensation and benefits	\$22,690,000
2. Annual maintenance, repairs, and alterations	5,383,000
3. Supplies, materials, and equipment	628,400
4. Conservation of wall paintings	100,000
5. Provide infrastructure for security installations	500,000

6. Replace six West Front lower terrace windows	0
7. Design to replace legislative call system and clocks	¹ 0
8. Study of exterior architectural fixtures and elements	¹ 0
9. Electrical renovations to Senate kitchen	75,000
10. Repairs to East Front bronze doors	0
11. Cleaning of historical architectural surface	0
12. Modifications to South Capitol Street Warehouse	0
13. Conservation and maintenance of exterior sculptures	0
14. Witness timers in House committee rooms	125,000
15. Chemical and explosive storage facility, D.C. Village	0
16. Completion of canine facility, D.C. Village	200,000
17. Replace House chamber sound reinforcement system	930,000
18. Provide protection from transformers in open areas	¹ 0
19. Computer aided facility management	0
20. Improve lighting for Senate chamber	300,000
21. Upgrade electrical system drawings on CAD	0
22. CAD Mechanical Database	0
23. Upgrade Rotunda lighting	0
24. Sound systems, House committee and hearing rooms	120,000
25. Design to upgrade air conditioning, East Front	¹ 0
26. Study for upgrading building systems, Capitol	0

¹ To be done with FY97 funds.

The conferees understand that several of the unfunded projects can be done with FY 1997 funds, including \$75,000 for a replacement of a fire pump that was not in disagreement, and direct the Architect to submit a list of those projects to the Committees on Appropriations. To the extent that carryover funds authorized in this bill for the Architect of the Capitol remain unused in this or any other account, the Architect is directed to seek approval from the Committees on Appropriations before expending any balances.

CAPITOL GROUNDS

Appropriates \$5,116,000 for care and improvement of grounds surrounding the Capitol, House and Senate office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant instead of \$4,991,000 as proposed by the House and \$6,203,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$745,000 shall remain available until expended as proposed by the Senate instead of \$25,000 as proposed by the House. With respect to object class and project differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following:

1. Supplies, materials, and equipment	\$142,000
2. Replace delta barriers, north and south drives	0
3. Renovate and restore Russell courtyard	0
4. Design for security improvements, HSOB horseshoe	125,000
5. Security planters, Capitol square and secured streets	0
6. Install new hydraulic security barriers	0
7. CAD database development—site utilities	0
8. Upgrade, automate, and expand irrigation system	0

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Appropriates \$52,021,000 instead of \$50,922,000 as proposed by the Senate, of which \$13,200,000 shall remain available until expended, for the operations of the Senate office buildings. Inasmuch as this item relates solely to the Senate and in accord with long practice under which each body determines its own house-keeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the managers of the part of the House, at the request of the managers on the part of the Senate, have receded to the Senate.

Amendment No. 2: The Senate deleted several provisions of the House bill and inserted substitute provisions. Several items in both House and Senate bills are identical and are included in the conference agreement without change. With respect to those items in amendment number 2 that differ between House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following:

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

At the request of the managers on the part of the House, appropriates \$36,610,000 for the operations of House office buildings instead of \$37,181,000 as proposed by the House and Senate, of which \$8,082,000 shall remain available until expended. The reduction is made possible because FY 1997 funds will be used for various roof repairs and the purchase of a fire pump. Inasmuch as this item relates solely to the House and in accord with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the managers on the part of the Senate, at the request of the managers on the part of the House, have receded to the House.

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

In the appropriating paragraph for the Capitol Power Plant, two grammatical changes are made, and \$33,932,000 is appropriated for plant operations instead of \$32,032,000 as proposed by the House and \$33,645,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$1,650,000 shall remain available until expended as proposed by the Senate instead of \$550,000 as proposed by the House. With respect to object class and project differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following:

1. Purchase of electricity	\$925,000
2. Annual maintenance and supplies	5,060,000
3. East Plant chiller	1,000,000
4. Replace dealkalizer resin	0
5. Distribution system (steam and chilled water)	0
6. Update CAD drawings for Capitol Power Plant	0
7. Optimization of plant operations	0
8. Additional fuel costs	775,000

The additional fuel costs were not contained in either House or Senate bills and are due to the conversion of coal fired boilers to gas burners for emission control purposes.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$64,603,000 for salaries and expenses, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress as proposed by the House instead of \$65,134,000 as proposed by the Senate.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

Restores a heading contained in the House bill and stricken by the Senate and provides \$81,669,000, including a transfer of

\$11,017,000 from the GPO revolving fund, for Congressional printing and binding as proposed by the House instead of a direct appropriation of \$82,269,000 as proposed by the Senate. In addition, the conferees have restored a provision of the House bill stricken by the Senate and deleted a provision inserted in the Senate bill regarding billing procedures.

The conferees remind GPO to observe section 718, title 44, United States Code, in billing and carrying out printing work for Congress.

TITLE II—OTHER AGENCIES

BOTANIC GARDEN

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$3,016,000 for salaries and expenses, Botanic Garden instead of \$1,771,000 as proposed by the House and \$3,228,000 as proposed by the Senate. With respect to object class and project differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following:

1. Personnel compensation and benefits	\$2,804,000
2. Travel, rent, and communications	6,000
3. Annual maintenance, repairs, and alterations	69,000
4. Supplies, materials, and equipment	137,000
5. Bartholdi Park irrigation system	0

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Provides \$227,016,000 for salaries and expenses, Library of Congress instead of \$223,507,000 as proposed by the House and \$229,904,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$9,619,000 is to remain available until expended for acquisition of library materials as proposed by the Senate instead of \$8,845,000 as proposed by the House. With respect to the integrated library system (ILS), the House report (105–196) directs the Library of Congress to complete a number of key planning activities before awarding a contract. The Library has acted on several items and has developed a schedule for addressing the remaining tasks. The conferees direct that all of these key activities be essentially completed and documented before contract award. Among these are:

- developing detailed transition, data conversion, arrearage reduction, training, and post-deployment human resource utilization plans; and
- implementing a system capable of continuously tracking all ILS-related benefits and costs.

The conferees also agree with the Senate report regarding the submission of a report on the availability of off-the-shelf ILS software and a timeline plan and quarterly reports. The conferees also direct the Library to have approval from the Committees on Appropriations before proceeding with a contract award. With respect to the projected savings and benefits that are the basis of the Library of Congress' justification for investing over \$40 million in the Integrated Library System project, the conferees believe that these savings are fully expected to materialize and will result in actual

budgetary and resource savings. The conferees do not intend, therefore, that the savings associated with this project will be automatically reinvested in the Library's resource base. Any use of these savings will have to be included in resource increases requested in the usual manner in the annual budget submission. The conferees also endorse the Senate report language regarding a security plan.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Provides \$34,361,000 for salaries and expenses, Copyright Office as proposed by the House instead of \$34,567,000 as proposed by the Senate.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$46,561,000 for salaries and expenses, books for the blind and physically handicapped instead of \$45,936,000 as proposed by the House and \$47,870,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$12,944,000 shall remain available until expended instead of \$12,319,000 as proposed by the House and \$14,194,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees have provided \$1,250,000 to begin a program to replace an additional 10,000 playback machines.

FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS

The conferees agree to the Senate insertion of “, installation”.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The conferees have corrected a typographical error in section 202 and agree to the Senate bill which added \$3,000,000 to the limitation on reimbursable and revolving fund activities. The conferees have also agreed to the language of the Senate bill regarding the establishment of a Cooperative Acquisitions Program Revolving Fund and have also agreed to language in the Senate bill regarding authority to invest gift funds.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

STRUCTURAL AND MECHANICAL CARE

Appropriates \$11,573,000 for structural and mechanical care, Library buildings and grounds, Architect of the Capitol instead of \$10,073,000 as proposed by the House and \$14,699,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$3,910,000 shall remain available until expended as proposed by the Senate instead of \$710,000 as proposed by the House. With respect to object class and project differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following:

1. Annual maintenance, repairs, and alterations	\$1,191,000
2. Supplies, materials, equipment and land	615,000
3. Replace HVAC eliminator plate, TJB and JMMB	0

4. Replace convector controls, Madison Building	0
5. Replace copper on roof vertical walls, TJB Building	1,500,000
6. Indoor security improvements—cages and vaults	0
7. Design for building security systems upgrades	0
8. Design for Visitors Center, Thomas Jefferson Building	0
9. Compact bookstack safety review, Madison Building	0
10. Install additional readers, Library of Congress Buildings	0
11. Design for screening/holding facility, Fort Meade	0
12. Exterior security improvements	0
13. HVAC Improvements NW Curtain, TJB	0

The conferees direct that no funds be expended for design of building security system upgrades until approval of the Library's overall security plan by the appropriate committees of the House and Senate.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$29,077,000 as proposed by the Senate and makes a punctuation change for salaries and expenses, Office of Superintendent of Documents instead of \$29,264,000 as proposed by the House.

On September 16, 1997, the General Accounting Office (GAO) issued a report related to the Government Printing Office (GPO) inventory reductions during the last quarter of Fiscal Year 1996. GAO found that certain procedures and policies were not followed, which resulted in thousands of volumes being destroyed without the usual prior notification of issuing agencies to determine if they wanted the excess copies. The conferees find the actions of GPO in this matter irresponsible and to have shown a callous disregard for the interest of the taxpayers. GPO has taken or plans to take the following actions to assure that this does not recur:

Superintendent of Documents policy has been changed to require that certain publications, because of their historical significance, will remain in print and available in the Sales Program indefinitely. Inventory control documents for these publications will indicate this policy.

GPO will develop a formal system for identifying publications that will remain in the inventory indefinitely.

GPO has amended its policy to require that no exception can be made to the requirement that excess stocks must be offered to the issuing agency. This revised policy will provide that excess inventory will be charged to surplus publications expense when it is determined to be excess. The excess inventory will be held in GPO's warehouse while issuing agencies are contacted to see if they want the excess publications. The policy to offer issuing agencies excess copies before their disposal cannot be waived.

GPO has issued a written policy that excess inventory does not have to be physically removed from GPO's warehouse before it can be charged to surplus publications expense.

GPO's new Integrated Processing System will allow GPO to electronically designate excess inventories and provides a comment box where GPO can designate a publication as not to

be excessed, or make other appropriate notations about its disposition. Until the new system is implemented, notations on holding copies indefinitely will be made on records that are maintained manually.

GPO will modify the form it uses to make recommendations on excess inventory to include consideration of holding costs.

The conferees direct that GPO implement and monitor the management of the Sales Program vigilantly under these actions in all cases. In addition, the conferees note that GPO has developed a legislative proposal to authorize the transfer or donation of excess publications to schools or similar institutions, if they are not wanted by the issuing agency. The proposal has been submitted to the appropriate congressional committees.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND

The conferees agree to a technical change in a heading reference and have deleted the Senate language regarding the time reference for calculating full-time equivalent employment.

The conference agreement provides that the Government Printing Office (GPO) will make available up to \$1,500,000 from its revolving fund to the General Accounting Office (GAO) for a management audit of selected GPO procedures and operational processes. It is expected that GAO will rely heavily on outside experts and contract assistance for its reviews, and will report the results no later than April 30, 1998, to House and Senate Appropriations Committees, Joint Committee on Printing, Committee on House Oversight, and the Senate Rules and Administration Committee. Specific activities that GAO is instructed to assess and make recommendations on are: (1) the Superintendent of Document's sales program and the procedures involved in the management of publication inventories for the program; (2) the Government Printing Office's printing procurement program including the organization, operation, staffing, marketing, and financing of this program as well as procedures for contracting for printing services from private vendors and the process for determining charges for printing and other services provided to Congress and executive branch agencies; (3) the Government Printing Office's in-plant production including ways to improve its efficiency and cost-effectiveness, its organization and the mix of its products, its management and staffing, and the processes for determining charges for printing and other services provided to Congress and the executive branch agencies; (4) the appropriate use of GPO personnel (training, deployment, supervisory structure, etc.); and (5) the Government Printing Office's budgeting, accounting and financial reporting systems including their methodology, presentation, clarity, reliability and ease of interpretation. This management audit must include an objective evaluation of each of these activities with specific recommendations which will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Government Printing Office in fulfilling its legal responsibilities. GAO is also instructed to update and assess the implementation status of financial and other management-related observations and recommendations identified during the audit of GPO's consolidated financial statement for the year ended September 30, 1995. GAO's

reviews should not be encumbered by presupposing that GPO's current operations, including in-house printing of the Congressional Record and other resource-intensive Congressional and executive branch publications and operating with three shifts, cannot be changed.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Makes several punctuation and non-substantive language changes as proposed by the Senate and appropriates \$339,499,000 for salaries and expenses, General Accounting Office, instead of \$323,520,000 as proposed by the House and \$346,751,000 as proposed by the Senate. With respect to the provision added by the Senate regarding studies and assessments, the conferees have agreed to drop this provision.

TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

In Title III, General Provisions, section numbers have been changed to conform to the conference agreement. The conferees have agreed to the language of the House bill in section 302, have agreed to the provisions in the House bill regarding “buy American”, the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council, and the amendment to title 18, United States Code, covering the use of the House and Congressional seals. The conferees have also agreed to sections 306 and 309 of the Senate bill regarding section 316 of Public Law 101–302 and the Senate restaurant system. The conferees have agreed to delete section 307 of the Senate bill, which amends the National Energy Conservation Policy Act, and section 308 of the Senate bill, regarding residence of Members of Congress. Also, the conferees have added a new provision which adjusts the cap on nine senior positions in the office of the Architect of the Capitol. The conferees intend that the cap adjustment be used for cost-of-living adjustment purposes.

ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

The conferees are aware that the Energy Policy Act of 1992 calls for the incorporation of alternative fuel vehicles into Federal fleets. Inclusion of such clean fuel vehicles provides needed air quality benefits for the Nation's Capital. The conferees note that Senate report language directs the Architect of the Capitol and the Senate Sergeant at Arms to report to the Senate Committee on Appropriations by January 1, 1998, on how they could incorporate alternative fuel vehicles into their fleets consistent with their needs and requirements. Accordingly, the conferees direct the Comptroller General of the States, the Public Printer, the Capitol Police Board, the Clerk of the House, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Librarian of Congress, as well as the Senate Sergeant at Arms and the Architect of the Capitol to report to their respective Committees on Appropriations on a plan that would incorporate alternative fuel vehicles into their fleets consistent with their needs and requirements and the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 1998 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 1997 amount, the 1998 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 1998 follow:

New Budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1997	\$2,202,881,200
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1998	2,394,560,000
House bill, fiscal year 1998	1,711,417,000
Senate bill, fiscal year 1998	2,283,746,000
Conference agreement, fiscal year 1998	2,248,676,500
Conference agreement, compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1997	+45,795,300
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1998	-145,883,500
House bill, fiscal year 1998	+537,259,500
Senate bill, fiscal year 1998	-35,069,500

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