

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2017

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MINORITY VIEWS

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The Committee on Appropriations submits the following report in explanation of the accompanying bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.

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### SUMMARY OF BILL

The accompanying bill contains recommendations for new budget (obligational) authority for fiscal year 2017 for the Legislative Branch. The following table summarizes these recommendations and reflects comparisons with the budget and with amounts appropriated to date for fiscal year 2016:

#### SUMMARY OF THE BILL

[Note: Excludes Senate items, including those Senate items under the Architect of the Capitol]  
(Amounts in Thousands)

Recapitulation	FY 2016 enacted	FY 2017 request	Bill	Bill vs. enacted	Bill vs. request
House of Representatives					
Salaries & Expenses .....	1,180,734	1,187,309	1,189,049	8,315	1,740
Joint Items .....	20,732	21,010	19,565	-1,167	-1,445
Capitol Police .....	375,000	409,588	391,300	16,300	-18,288
Office of Compliance .....	3,959	4,315	3,959	---	-356
Congressional Budget Office .....	46,500	47,637	46,500	---	-1,137
Architect of the Capitol .....	528,683	605,895	551,735	23,052	-54,160
Library of Congress .....	599,912	667,215	628,912	29,000	-38,303
Government Publishing Office .....	117,068	117,068	117,068	---	---
Government Accountability Office .....	531,000	567,825	533,100	2,100	-34,725
Open World Leadership Center .....	5,600	5,800	1,000	-4,600	-4,800
	430	430	430	---	---
Scorekeeping Adjustment .....	-1,000	1,000	-1,000	---	-2,000
Grand Total .....	3,408,618	3,635,092	3,481,618	73,000	-153,474
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### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BILL

The Committee recommends \$3,481,620,499 in discretionary resources for operations of the Legislative Branch of government (excluding Senate items). The fiscal year 2017 recommendation is \$73,000,000 above the current fiscal year level and is a decrease of \$152,472,652 below the budget request.

Conforming to longstanding practice under which each body of Congress determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, funds for the Senate are not included in the bill as reported to the House. The budget request for the Senate for fiscal year 2017 including those under the Architect of the Capitol totals \$1,024,092,420.

This bill reflects a continued acknowledgment that the Legislative Branch must set itself as an example for fiscal restraint while continuing to serve the Nation. This bill will require strict fiscal discipline on the part of all Congressional offices and all agency heads in the Legislative Branch.

## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH-WIDE MATTERS

*Staffing Data in Budget Documents:* Legislative branch FTE data is not consistently reported across the Legislative Branch agencies when submitting their budget justifications. The Committee directs the legislative branch agencies to include data on FTE levels that would actually be supported by the associated request or enacted funding levels. The Committee further directs the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council to coordinate on a plan for aligning FTE levels with the Legislative branch agencies for consistency in reporting.

*Zero Base Budgeting:* The Committee continues to direct all agencies of the Legislative Branch to develop budget requests from a zero base. The Committee believes that this valuable budgeting process has given agencies the opportunity to take a fresh look at all areas of their operations and make funding reductions and alignments within the current budget base. The Committee believes that there are continued opportunities to realize meaningful savings by carefully reviewing each agency's budget requirements from a zero base.

*Committee Requests, Furloughs and Performance Based Merit Increases:* The Committee directs that adherence to the language carried in House Reports 112–148, 112–511 and 113–417 pertaining to Committee Requests and Furloughs to be continued unless otherwise so directed. Performance Based Merit Increases are not to exceed the maximum allowable for agencies with a certified SES performance appraisal system.

## TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The Committee recommends \$1,189,050,766 for the operations and maintenance of the House of Representatives. This amount is \$8,314,766 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is \$1,740,766 above the budget request.

## HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$22,278,891
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	22,278,891
Recommended in the bill .....	22,278,891

The Committee recommends \$22,278,891 for salaries and expenses of staff in House leadership offices. This amount is the same as the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is the same as the budget request.

The allocation by office follows:

Office of the Speaker .....	\$6,645,417
Office of the Majority Floor Leader .....	2,180,048
Office of the Majority Whip .....	1,886,632
Republican Conference .....	1,505,426
Office of the Minority Floor Leader .....	7,114,471
Office of the Minority Whip .....	1,459,639
Democratic Caucus .....	1,487,258
Total .....	<u>\$22,278,891</u>

## MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$554,317,732
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	554,317,732
Recommended in the bill .....	562,632,498

The Committee recommends \$562,632,498 for the representational allowances of the Members of the House (MRAs). This amount is \$8,314,766 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is \$8,314,766 above the budget request. This level of funding will allow the MRAs to operate at current authorized levels as approved by the Committee on House Administration.

## HOUSE COMMITTEES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$147,174,177
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	150,324,377
Recommended in the bill .....	150,324,377

The Committee recommends \$150,324,377 in total for House Committees. This amount is \$3,150,200 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and the same as the budget request.

This account includes funding for staff salaries and official expenses of Committees including equipment, telecommunications, printing, and contract services. Funding is available until December 31, 2018.

This amount includes \$3,150,200 made available for committee room renovations.

Included in the total is \$23,271,004 for the Committee on Appropriations. The amount is the same as the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and the budget request.

## SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$178,531,768
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	181,756,000
Recommended in the bill .....	181,487,000

The Committee recommends \$181,487,000 for the salaries and expenses of House officers and employees of the various activities funded through this consolidated item. This amount is \$2,955,232 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is \$269,000 below the budget request.

The following table summarizes the funding allocation provided to each component of the account:

Office of the Clerk .....	\$26,268,000
Office of the Sergeant-At-Arms .....	15,505,000

*Parking for Pregnant Women:* The Committee recognizes the value of and supports parking accommodations for Members and Staff during pregnancy. The Committee supports efforts by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, in conjunction with the Committee on House Administration to provide accommodating temporary parking for Members and Staff during their pregnancy.

*Garage Security Implementation Plan:* The Committee commends the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives and the Capitol Police for their work to secure the Capitol Complex. The Committee notes that a plan to install magnetometers at the entrances to the House office buildings leading from the garages is a significant step forward in closing one of the last gaps in internal build-

ing security. Having said that, it is clear that the garage magnetometer program as presented will not be operational in all of the House office buildings, making it less effective than a program in which all three buildings could be secured simultaneously. Nonetheless, comprehensive garage security should move forward and the Committee expects the Sergeant at Arms and the Capitol Police to implement those security efforts after providing a plan that will outline how the program will be implemented in all garages. Furthermore the Committee encourages the Sergeant at Arms and the Capitol Police to hold additional briefings to re-introduce and reorient offices to the details of the plan required above, including providing information to new Members who will join the 115th Congress.

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer ..... 117,165,000

*Continuity of Operations:* The Committee continues to be concerned about internal risks due to the complexities of the House of Representative's network and application infrastructures. The Committee encourages the House to adopt solutions based on existing IT infrastructures and security controls that isolate and segment sensitive application information and maintains architecturally sound and secured separation among networks. The Committee also encourages the House to look at existing commercial solutions that provides resiliency, automation and ensures the continuity of operations for the House of Representatives' systems.

*Food Service:* In August of 2015 Sodexo Government Services began operating House food services, which includes eateries, vending services, and the in-house catering operation through the subcontractor Capitol Host. Sodexo is taking over House food service operations after 7 years of Restaurant Associates' management. The Committee recognizes and understands the many challenges of delivering affordable high quality food options to the House community. The Committee also believes it is important to obtain input from food service patrons. The Chief Administrative Officer is directed to have food service vendors establish a point of contact for Members, staff and visitors to easily contact when they have issues with the food service, recommendations or suggestions on cafeteria or dining room operations. As part of establishing a point of contact and mechanisms to contact them, follow up procedures should be a part of the plan.

*Donating Computer Equipment:* The Committee is aware of several Member's desire to review the regulations that outline the eligibility of, and process by which, House equipment can be donated to local and State governments as well as 501(c)(3) charities. The Committee believes this is a worthwhile review and that the Committee on House Administration is the proper committee of jurisdiction to address any specific regulation changes.

Office of the Inspector General .....	4,963,000
Office of General Counsel .....	1,444,000
Office of the Parliamentarian .....	1,999,000
Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House .....	3,167,000
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House .....	8,979,000
Office of Interparliamentary Affairs .....	814,000
Other authorized employees .....	1,183,000
Total .....	<u>\$181,487,000</u>

## ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$278,433,432
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	278,633,000
Recommended in the bill .....	272,328,000

The Committee recommends a total of \$272,328,000 for allowances and expenses. This amount is \$6,105,432 below the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is \$6,305,000 below the budget request.

These funds include supplies, materials, administrative costs, and Federal tort claims; the costs of official mail for the Committees, leadership, and administrative offices; employee benefits; miscellaneous items; Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery, and Office of Congressional Ethics.

The following table summarizes the funding allocation provided to each major component of the account:

Supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims	\$3,625,000
Official mail (committees, administrative, and leadership offices)	190,000
Government contributions .....	245,334,000
Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery .....	16,217,000
Transition Activities .....	2,084,000
Wounded Warrior Program .....	2,500,000
Office of Congressional Ethics .....	1,658,000
Miscellaneous items .....	720,000
Total, allowances and expenses .....	\$272,328,000

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Section 101 provides for unspent amounts remaining in Members' Representational Allowances account to be used for deficit or debt reduction.

Section 102 prohibits the delivery of bills and resolutions.

Section 103 prohibits the delivery of printed copies of the Congressional Record.

Section 104 places a limitation on amount available to lease vehicles.

Section 105 places a limitation on printed copies of the U.S. Code.

Section 106 prohibits the delivery of reports of disbursements.

Section 107 prohibits the delivery of the daily calendar.

Section 108 prohibits delivery of congressional pictorial directory.

Section 109 prohibits cost of living adjustment for Members of Congress.

Section 110 allows USCP dignitary protection detail to travel overseas with Members of the Leadership.

## JOINT ITEMS

The Committee recommends \$19,565,000 for the various joint committees and activities carried under this heading. The recommendation is \$1,167,000 below the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is \$1,445,000 below the budget request.

## JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$4,203,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	4,203,000
Recommended in the bill .....	4,203,000

The Committee recommends \$4,203,000 for the Joint Economic Committee. This recommendation is the same as the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and the budget request.

The Joint Economic Committee was created by the Employment Act of 1946. The primary tasks of the Committee are to review economic conditions and to recommend improvements in economic policy. The Committee performs research and economic analysis and monitors and analyzes current economic, financial, and employment conditions.

#### JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$10,095,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	11,540,000
Recommended in the bill .....	10,095,000

The Committee recommends \$10,095,000 for the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT). This recommendation is the same as the fiscal 2016 enacted level and is \$1,445,000 below the budget request.

The Joint Committee on Taxation operates under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and its predecessors dating to the Revenue Act of 1926. It has responsibility to (1) investigate the operation and effects of internal revenue taxes and the administration of such taxes; (2) investigate measures and methods for the simplification of such taxes; (3) make reports to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance (or to the House and the Senate) on the results of such investigations and studies and to make recommendations; and (4) review any proposed refund or credit of income or estate and gift taxes or certain other taxes set forth in Code section 6405 in excess of \$2,000,000 (\$5,000,000 in the case of a C corporation). In addition to these functions that are specified in the Internal Revenue Code, the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the Joint Committee to provide revenue estimates for all tax legislation considered by either the House or the Senate.

#### OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$3,784,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	3,838,000
Recommended in the bill .....	3,838,000

The Committee recommends \$3,838,000 for the Office of the Attending Physician. This amount is \$54,000 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and the same as the request. The increase above the current level provides for the increase for the reimbursement to the Navy.

#### OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$1,400,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	1,429,000
Recommended in the bill .....	1,429,000

The Committee recommends \$1,429,000 for the operation of the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services. This amount is \$29,000 above the fiscal 2016 enacted level and is the same as the budget request.

The Office of Congressional Accessibility Services provides and coordinates a variety of accessibility services for individuals with

disabilities including Members of Congress, staff and visitors in the United States Capitol Complex.

#### CAPITOL POLICE

The Committee recommends a total of \$391,300,000 for the Capitol Police (USCP). This amount is \$16,300,000 above the fiscal year 2016 level and is \$18,288,000 below the budget request.

The Committee withholds \$7,000,000 pending approval of an obligation plan.

*Firing Range:* The Committee understands the newly opened firing range for the Capitol Police was closed due to safety concerns after complaints by officers of unsafe conditions. The Committee is aware that the Architect of the Capitol is working with USCP and the contractor to determine the cause or causes of the identified problems. However, the Committee expects a full accounting of how such an error could happen. As AOC and USCP work to reopen the firing range, both agencies shall report any additional costs to taxpayers that may be incurred due to this incident 45 days after reopening.

#### SALARIES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$309,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	333,128,000
Recommended in the bill .....	325,300,000

The Committee recommends \$325,300,000 for the salaries and benefits authorized for police services throughout the USCP jurisdiction. This amount is \$16,300,000 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is \$7,828,000 below the budget request.

Based on the rise in terrorist events and the tactics displayed by the assailants, USCP reviewed its operational and tactical posture, they believe that additional screening must be used. The increase includes full year funding for hires added in FY2016 and half year costs of hires expected to address implementation of additional screening and pre-screening at various building access points.

*New Posts:* The Committee continues to direct the USCP to notify the Committee on Appropriations of the House when new posts are created, including the annualized cost of maintaining the new post, and how the cost will be offset.

*Use of Grounds:* The Committee understands the need to maintain safety and order on the Capitol grounds and commends the Capitol Police for their efforts. Given the family-style neighborhood that the Capitol shares with the surrounding community the Committee continues to instruct the Capitol Police to forebear enforcement of 2 U.S.C. 1963 (“An act to protect the public property, turf, and grass of the Capitol Grounds from injury”) and the Traffic Regulations for the United States Capitol Grounds when encountering snow sleds on the grounds.

#### GENERAL EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$66,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	76,460,000
Recommended in the bill .....	66,000,000



The Committee recommends \$66,000,000 for general expenses of the USCP. This amount is the same as the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is \$10,460,000 below the budget request.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

Section 1001 provides for disposal of lost and found property and acceptance of property from other Federal agencies.

#### OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

##### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$3,959,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	4,315,151
Recommended in the bill .....	3,959,000

The Committee recommends \$3,959,000 for the Office of Compliance. This amount is the same as the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is \$356,151 below the budget request.

The Office of Compliance was established to administer and enforce the Congressional Accountability Act (Public Law 104-91). The Act applies various employment and workplace safety laws to Congress and certain Legislative Branch entities.

#### CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

##### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$46,500,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	47,637,000
Recommended in the bill .....	46,500,000

The Committee recommends \$46,500,000 for the Congressional Budget Office. This is the same as the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is \$1,137,000 below the budget request.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

Sec. 1101 authorizes senior level positions.

#### ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$528,683,499
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	605,895,000
Recommended in the bill .....	551,735,733

<sup>1</sup>Does not include Senate Office Buildings

The Committee recommends \$551,735,733 for the activities of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC). Excluded are Senate items which are traditionally left for consideration by that body. This amount is \$23,052,234 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is \$54,159,267 below the budget request.

Within the recommended level the Committee continues its prioritization of projects that: (1) promote the safety and health of workers and occupants, (2) decrease the deferred maintenance backlog, and (3) invest to achieve future energy savings. In addition, by including \$17,000,000 for the House Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund, the bill continues the Committee's commitment to advance planning for major capital renewal projects which will be essential to sustaining the performance of historic House buildings.

The AOC is responsible for the maintenance, operation, development, and preservation of the United States Capitol Complex. This includes mechanical and structural maintenance of the Capitol, Congressional office buildings, the Library of Congress buildings, the U.S. Botanic Garden, the Capitol Power Plant, and other facilities, as well as the upkeep and improvement of the grounds surrounding the Capitol complex.

*Working Capital Fund:* The Committee has created a working capital fund (WCF) for the Architect of the Capitol. The WCF provides a tool to ensure that its appropriated funds are being used in the most efficient manner possible to support Congress and the Supreme Court. Specifically, the WCF will ensure that the AOC's Construction Division can continue to operate in the most efficient and economical manner. The AOC will establish standard operating procedures to administer and operate the WCF. The WCF will also be subject to AOC policies, internal controls, and auditing requirements to ensure that the WCF is operating within the parameters of appropriations law requirements.

*Baby Changing Stations:* The Committee recognizes the importance of providing designated baby changing stations for members of the public and Members and staffers who visit the Capitol Complex, including in both male and female publicly accessible bathrooms. The Committee encourages the Architect of the Capitol to take steps to provide baby changing stations at easily accessible locations throughout the Capitol Complex in both male and female bathrooms.

The following table summarizes the allocation of funds by appropriation account:

Architect of the Capitol:	
Capital Construction and Operations .....	\$88,542,234
Capitol Building .....	33,005,499
Capitol Grounds .....	12,826,000
House Office Buildings subtotal .....	204,481,000
House Office Buildings .....	(187,481,000)
House Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund .....	(17,000,000)
Capitol Power Plant .....	104,480,000
Library Buildings and Grounds .....	47,080,000
Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds and Security .....	26,697,000
Botanic Garden .....	14,067,000
Capitol Visitor Center .....	20,557,000
Total .....	\$551,735,733

#### CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$91,589,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	103,650,000
Recommended in the bill .....	88,542,234

The Committee recommends \$88,542,234 for personnel services, equipment, communications, and other central support activities of the AOC. This amount is \$3,046,766 below the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is \$15,107,766 below the budget request.

The recommendation supports an operating budget of \$83,274,234.

The recommended project budget of \$5,268,000 includes the following projects:

Item	Committee recommendation
New Legislative Call System Installation .....	\$1,368,000
AOC Backup Data Center .....	3,900,000
Total .....	\$5,268,000

CAPITOL BUILDING

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$46,737,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	44,010,000
Recommended in the bill .....	33,005,499

The Committee recommends \$33,005,499 for the operation, maintenance, and care of the Capitol building. This amount is \$13,731,501 below the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is \$11,004,501 below the budget request.

*Flag Office Modernization:* The Committee recognizes the flag flying service available to House and Senate Offices and their Constituents as an important and popular service the AOC provides.

While the Flag Office operates as efficiently and effectively as they can with their current operating procedures, the process is often cumbersome and antiquated.

Numerous studies in the past have looked at the entire life-cycle of the flag flying process, the results of which have been little or no change to current operations. The AOC is directed to perform an analysis of the current flag process and identify improvements in order to make the process more efficient and effective, including but not limited to identifying ways to automate processes, streamline ordering and delivery of flags. The automation approach shall take into consideration several key aspects of the process such as order entry and submission, order tracking, consolidated delivery of flags from office supply, and payment for this service. Since the flag flying process involves other House and Senate organizations, the AOC shall coordinate the analysis with the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate in order to streamline one agreed upon process.

The AOC shall complete the analysis and provide recommendations to the Committee in 120 days. The recommendations shall include but not be limited to a detailed description of the options, associated implementation costs for each option, and timeline for their implementation.

The recommendation supports an operating budget of \$24,000,000.

The recommended project budget of \$9,005,499 includes the following projects:

Item	Committee recommendation
Exterior Stone and Metal Preservation, West Facade, Phase III .....	\$4,906,499
Conservation of Fine and Architectural Art .....	599,000
Minor Construction .....	3,500,000
Total .....	\$9,005,499

## CAPITOL GROUNDS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$11,880,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	13,083,000
Recommended in the bill .....	12,826,000

The Committee recommends \$12,826,000 for the care of the grounds surrounding the Capitol. This amount is \$946,000 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is \$257,000 below the budget request.

The recommendation supports an operating budget of \$9,880,000.

The recommended project budget of \$2,946,000 includes the following projects:

Item	Committee recommendation
Capitol Square Infrastructure Repair .....	\$946,000
Minor Construction .....	2,000,000
Total .....	\$2,946,000

## HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$174,962,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	189,528,000
Recommended in the bill .....	187,481,000

The Committee recommends \$187,481,000 for the operation, maintenance, and care of the House office buildings. This amount is \$12,519,000 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and \$2,047,000 below the budget request.

This amount includes \$15,000,000 for the full year lease cost of the Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Office Building.

*House Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund:* The bill includes \$10,000,000 for the House Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund. Public Law 111-68 established the Fund to finance major repairs and renovations to facilities of the House. Subject to approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House, the AOC may use these funds for major renovation projects to preserve and maintain the performance of the iconic buildings of the House of Representatives.

*Cannon House Office Building:* The Committee is pleased with the progress that the Architect of the Capitol has made advancing the much needed renovation of the Cannon House Office Building. Using an integrated project delivery method, the AOC has successfully managed this project in collaboration with congressional oversight to keep the renewal on time and on budget. As Phase 0 concludes and Phase 1 begins, the Committee is confident the AOC will continue to utilize best practice methods and procedures to deliver the project in an efficient manner to meet the needs of Congress and the public.

*Rayburn House Office Building Garage Rehabilitation:* The Committee provides \$30,789,000 for the second phase of a four phased rehabilitation program for the Rayburn House Office Building garage. There is severe corrosion of the reinforcing steel and spalling and delaminating of the concrete slabs and columns. This project provides structural and architectural modifications for life safety, accessibility, lighting, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, fire protection, and security system upgrades.

*Security:* The Committee understands additional phases of the Rayburn garage security project and the security storm window installation for the Cannon House Office Building will be necessary and expects the Architect of the Capitol to keep the Committee apprised of cost estimates and progress. Future requests of this nature should be included in the regular budget process.

The recommendation supports an operating budget of \$64,077,000.

The recommended project budget of \$123,404,000 includes the following projects:

Item	Committee recommendation
Garage Rehabilitation, Phase II, RHOB .....	\$30,789,000
Emergency Power Upgrades, RHOB & HUG's .....	19,955,000
CAO Project Support .....	3,660,000
Restoration and Renovation, CHOB .....	62,000,000
Minor Construction .....	7,000,000
Total .....	\$123,404,000

#### CAPITOL POWER PLANT

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$94,722,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	105,765,000
Recommended in the bill .....	104,480,000
Offsetting collections .....	9,000,000
Total available .....	\$113,480,000

The Committee recommends \$104,480,000 for the Capitol Power Plant. This amount is \$9,757,501 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is \$1,285,000 below the budget request.

The recommendation supports an operating budget of \$86,141,000.

The recommended project budget of \$27,339,000 includes the following projects:

Item	Committee recommendation
West Refrigeration Plant Chiller System Replacement, RPR, Phase IIIA .....	\$17,834,000
Roof Replacement, PPBP & PPGP .....	3,805,000
Cogeneration Management Program, CPP .....	1,700,000
Minor Construction .....	4,000,000
Total .....	\$27,339,000

#### LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$40,689,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	65,959,000
Recommended in the bill .....	47,080,000

The Committee recommends \$47,080,000 for the care and maintenance of the Library buildings and grounds. This amount is \$6,391,000 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is \$18,879,000 below the budget request.

The recommendation supports an operating budget of \$24,943,000.

The recommended project budget of \$22,137,000 includes the following projects:

Item	Committee recommendation
Garage Structural Repairs & Entry Improvements, JAB .....	\$8,722,000
Emergency Generator Replacement, TJB .....	4,901,000
Elevator Modernization, JMMB MC1–MC4, JAB 13–14 .....	4,292,000
East and West Main Pavilion Roof Replacement, TJB .....	2,222,000
Minor Construction .....	2,000,000
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$22,137,000</b>

**CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND SECURITY**

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$25,434,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	37,513,000
Recommended in the bill .....	26,697,000

The Committee recommends \$26,697,000 for Capitol Police buildings, grounds, and security. This amount is \$1,263,000 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is \$10,816,000 below the budget request.

The recommendation supports an operating budget of \$17,533,000.

The recommended project budget of \$9,164,000 includes the following projects:

Item	Committee recommendation
Chiller Replacement and Chilled Water System Expansion, Phase I, ACF .....	\$7,664,000
Minor Construction .....	1,500,000
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$9,164,000</b>

**BOTANIC GARDEN**

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$12,113,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	15,081,000
Recommended in the bill .....	14,067,000

The Committee recommends \$14,067,000 for the Botanic Garden. This amount is \$1,954,000 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is \$1,014,000 below the budget request.

The recommendation supports an operating budget of \$10,013,000.

The recommended project budget of \$4,054,000, includes the following projects:

Item	Committee recommendation
Production Facility Renewal .....	\$1,954,000
Minor Construction .....	2,100,000
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$4,054,000</b>

*Education Opportunities:* Again the Committee congratulates the Botanic Garden on the accomplishments of its education and outreach programs, which have leveraged the Garden’s unparalleled expertise to provide unique educational opportunities. The Committee continues to urge the Garden to continue forming partnerships with national and local organizations with a particular focus to increase urban horticulture educational opportunities, and to

utilize House Office Buildings for visitors and constituents in order to advance educational goals.

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$20,557,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	21,306,000
Recommended in the bill .....	20,557,000

The CVC was established to improve security for all persons working in or visiting the U.S. Capitol and to enhance the educational experience of visitors.

The Committee recommends \$20,557,000 for the operation of the Capitol Visitor Center (CVC). This amount is the same as the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and \$749,000 below the budget request.

There are no capital projects in fiscal year 2017.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Section 1201 prohibits payment of bonuses to contractors behind schedule or over budget.

Section 1202 prohibits expenditure of funds for scrims for projects performed by the Architect of the Capitol.

Section. 1203 establishes a working capital fund.

Section 1204 provides the Architect of the Capitol House Office Buildings jurisdiction authority to operate shuttle service between the House Office Buildings, O’Neill Building and Capitol.

Section 1205 authorizes use of expired funds for unemployment compensation payments.

Section 1206 establishes a flag office revolving fund.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Established by Congress in 1800, the Library of Congress is one of the largest libraries in the world, with a collection of more than 162,000,000 print, audio, and video items in 470 languages. Among its major programs are acquisitions, preservation, administration of U.S. copyright laws by the Copyright Office, research and analysis of policy issues for the Congress by the Congressional Research Service, and administration of a national program to provide reading material to the blind and physically handicapped. The Library maintains a significant number of collections and provides a range of services to libraries in the United States and abroad.

*Primary Computing Facility (PCF):* The Committee includes \$24,000,000 to migrate the Library’s Primary Computing Facility in the James Madison Building to an alternate facility. The Library’s current PCF, built in the 1970’s can no longer provide the level of data center reliability and availability that is needed. The current PCF is vulnerable in general to environment threats such as weather and earthquakes; a prime target for physical acts of terrorism and threats to Washington, DC as well as the facility power and cooling infrastructure to provide uninterrupted services are lacking.

*National Collection Stewardship Fund:* As stewards of the national collection, the Committee supports the ongoing need to provide secure, state-of-the art facilities in which to store and preserve the Library’s holdings. Costs for new Fort Meade modules, upgrades to the Library’s Capitol Hill facilities, and related collec-

tions preservation work can, however, exceed amounts available in annual budget allocations. To stabilize the funding stream for collections preservation and storage across fiscal years, the Committee includes a provision establishing a National Collection Stewardship Trust Fund into which the Congress may appropriate funds, the Library may transfer funds, and funds may be donated to remain available until expended. The trust fund will be available for collections storage construction or leasing upon the approval of the Joint Committee on the Library and the Committees on Appropriations. The Library will report to the Committees annually on use of the fund.

*Veterans History Project:* The Committee expects the Veterans History Project to be funded at least at the fiscal year 2016 level. The Committee recognizes the critical importance of the Veterans History Project as a way to collect, preserve and make accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans for the benefit of future generations. As the Veterans History Project relies on volunteers to collect and submit veteran's stories, the Committee encourages the Library of Congress to do further outreach with schools, Girl and Boy Scout programs, and other potential partners to enhance the project.

*Mass Deacidification Program:* Recognizing that the Library's extremely diverse collections require a well balanced approach of preservation assessment, treatment, reformatting, environmental storage, and protective housing. The Committee directs that the \$5,500,000 base provided for the mass deacidification program be maintained for the fiscal year as a reasonable level of activity at this time for a balanced preservation program. Other preservation approaches should not be compromised by this investment in mass deacidification and the Committee further recognizes that adjustments to long-term program targets are necessary to reflect changes in overall collection condition and other preservation alternatives.

*Computer Network Activity:* Section 208 of the general provisions is not intended to limit the Library of Congress or the Copyright Office from carrying out their work as required under law.

*Outreach:* The Committee encourages the Library of Congress to increase cooperative partnerships, fellowship opportunities, and curriculum program associations with post-secondary institutions that have significant percentages of minority students including Hispanic Serving Institutions and Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

*Teaching with Primary Sources Program:* The goal of the Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) program is to teach educators and librarians how to incorporate the digital collections of the Library of Congress into educational curricula. To help meet this goal, in the most recent fiscal years, the Library's National and International Outreach Office has launched a competitive program within the TPS for the development of online and interactive apps for classroom use on Congress and civic participation. The Committee applauds the National and International Outreach Office for their efforts in this regard and recognizes that these projects require significant time and professional skills. As such, the Committee directs the Library of Congress to prioritize the support and expansion of existing projects rather than initiating new ones. Addition-



ally, the Library of Congress is reminded that the original intention of the competitive program was to facilitate the development of programs focused on Congress and citizen participation, and existing programs should reflect these priorities.

To the extent practicable, the Committee instructs the Library to maintain certain subject headings that reflect terminology used in title 8, United States Code.

*Survey:* The Committee directs the Library of Congress to conduct a survey of ethnic collections of populations displaced as a result of World War II conflict found throughout the United States, and to share the results of the survey with the Committee.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$419,621,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	472,885,000
Recommended in the bill .....	443,621,000
Offsetting collections .....	6,350,000
	449,971,000

The Committee recommends \$443,621,000, plus authority to spend \$6,350,000 in receipts, for the salaries and expenses appropriation. This amount is \$24,000,000 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is \$29,264,000 below the budget request.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$23,098,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	28,331,000
Recommended in the bill .....	27,098,000
Offsetting collections .....	37,198,000
Prior Year Unobligated Balances .....	4,531,000
	\$68,827,000

*Copyright Modernization:* The Committee recognizes and strongly supports the need for a robust information technology modernization effort within the Copyright Office to support the growth of creativity and commercial artistic activity in our nation and to effectively serve users and copyright owners in the 21st century.

Last year the Committee required the Copyright Office to provide a plan on necessary IT upgrades to the Copyright Office and to seek public comments on efforts to modernize. The provisional report was received on February 29, 2016 with public comments to be provided later.

The Committee directs the Copyright Office, in collaboration with the Library of Congress Chief Information Officer, to modify the plan to include cost estimates and a timeline to execute this much needed improvement of the Copyright Office in alignment with the Library's Strategic Plan and Information Technology Strategic Plan. This report should also include funding strategies based on the comments received from the public. We expect these comments will give Congress a path to move forward on a funding strategy to implement modernization. The Committee remains convinced that the Copyright community will support a fee structure change alongside a commitment from Congress to improve the Copyright system. Finally, the report shall include a comparison between the software and requirements used by the recently modernized Patent and Trademark Office's Trademark processes and the software the

Copyright Office plans to implement. This modified plan is to be provided to the Committee within 90 days.

Therefore the Committee appropriates an additional \$4,000,000 above last year to support modernization totaling \$68,827,000, which includes authority to spend \$37,198,000 in receipts, and authority to spend \$4,531,000 in prior year unobligated balances for the Copyright Office. This is \$9,952,000 above the fiscal year 2016 level and is \$5,199,000 below the budget request. The increase above the current level is comprised of \$5,952,000, offset with increased authority to spend receipts of \$1,421,000, and prior year unobligated balances of \$4,531,000. The increase of \$1,421,000 in offsetting collections authority will fund 5 FTEs for supervision and staffing for emerging registration policies, 6 FTEs for public records and repositories staffing, and mandatory pay related and price level increases for Copyright Licensing Division and the Copyright Royalty Judges. The authority to spend prior year unobligated balances of \$4,531,000 will fund the contract portion of the Data Management Initiative (\$1,091,000) and the Searchable Historic Copyright Records Project (\$3,440,000).

To be consistent with the Legislative Branch mandate on shared services to achieve efficiencies and savings where practical and GAO findings on the Library’s information technology investment management, the House directs the Copyright Office to utilize the new hosting facility as the primary data center for infrastructure support including data storage and mission oriented software applications. Additionally, any development or use of commodity information technology services not provided by the Library should be done only by exception after collaboration with the Library’s Office of the Chief Information Officer and approval of the Chief Information Officer. Furthermore, all efforts by the Copyright Office to modernize its mission critical software applications should be accomplished in close collaboration with the Library’s Chief Information Officer to ensure there is no duplication of any shared services currently supported by the Library. The Committee expects to see savings from taking a shared services approach.

The Committee understands the Copyright Office has offered its expertise on copyright matters to the Executive Branch, including participation in international discussions, and expects the Office to continue that important role.

Consistent with historical practice, the Committee expects the Library to continue to defer to the copyright expertise of the Register of Copyrights.

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$106,945,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	114,408,000
Recommended in the bill .....	107,945,000

The Committee recommends \$107,945,000 for salaries and expenses of the Congressional Research Service (CRS). This amount is \$1,000,000 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is \$6,463,000 below the budget request.

CRS works for Members and committees of Congress to support their legislative, oversight, and representational functions by providing nonpartisan and confidential research and policy analysis.

## BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$50,248,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	51,591,000
Recommended in the bill .....	50,248,000

The Committee recommends \$50,248,000 for salaries and expenses of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS). This amount is the same as the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is \$1,343,000 below the budget request.

The NLS administers a free national reading program for blind and physically handicapped residents of the United States and U.S. citizens living abroad since 1931. NLS provides direction for the production of books and magazines in braille and recorded formats and audio playback machines for distribution through a nationwide network of 55 regional and 33 sub-regional libraries.

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Section 1301 authorizes obligational authority for reimbursable and revolving funds.

Section 1302 establishes a national collection stewardship fund.

Section 1303 continues to authorize the National Film Preservation Program.

Section 1304 continues to authorize the Sound Recording Preservation Program.

## GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

GPO provides publishing and dissemination services for Federal government publications to Congress, Federal agencies, Federal depository libraries, and the American public.

The Committee commends GPO for its continuing use of digital technology to support the information requirements of Congress, including support for the development of the *Constitution*, *Jefferson's Manual*, and the *Rules of the House of Representatives* in XML format; the introduction of a new website, govinfo, for providing permanent access to public documents including congressional information; and the agency's ongoing work to digitize all issues of the Congressional Record dating back to its introduction in 1873. GPO's skilled use of digital technology has allowed the agency to constrain the costs of its operations while expanding Government information access options to the American people, bringing greater openness and transparency to the operations of the Government and Congress.

## CONGRESSIONAL PUBLISHING

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$79,736,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	79,736,000
Recommended in the bill .....	79,736,000

The Committee recommends \$79,736,000 for Congressional Publishing. This amount is the same as the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is the same as the budget request.

This account funds the costs of publishing congressional information products in both digital and print formats. The amount is provided as a lump sum to cover various categories of printing.

PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF  
DOCUMENTS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$30,500,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	29,500,000
Recommended in the bill .....	29,500,000

The Committee recommends \$29,500,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents. This amount is \$1,000,000 below the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is the same as the budget request.

The Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents account funds the mailing of government documents for Members of Congress and Federal agencies, as statutorily authorized; the compilation of catalogs and indexes of government publications; and the cataloging, indexing, and providing of government publications in digital and tangible formats to the Federal Depository and International Exchange libraries and to other individuals and entities, as authorized by law.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS REVOLVING FUND

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$6,832,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	7,832,000
Recommended in the bill .....	7,832,000

The Committee recommends \$7,832,000 for the Business Operations Revolving Fund. This is an increase of \$1,000,000 above the fiscal 2016 level and the same as the budget request.

The operations of the Government Publishing Office are financed through the Business Operations Revolving Fund. This business-like fund is used to pay GPO's costs in performing congressional and agency publishing, information product procurement, and publications dissemination activities. The fund is reimbursed from payments from customer agencies, sales to the public, appropriations to the fund, and transfers from GPO's two annual appropriations.

The bill continues language authorizing the operation of the revolving fund and authority to hire or purchase automobiles, advisory councils, and consultants.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2017 .....	\$531,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	567,825,000
Recommended in the bill .....	533,100,000
Offsetting Collections .....	23,350,000
Total available .....	\$556,450,000

The Committee recommends \$533,100,000 in direct appropriations for the Government Accountability Office (GAO), plus \$23,350,000 in offsetting collections derived from reimbursements for conducting financial audits of government corporations and rental of space in the GAO building. This amount is an increase of \$2,100,000 above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level, and is \$34,725,000 below the budget request.

GAO was established by the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921. GAO works for Congress by responding to requests for studies of

Federal Government programs and expenditures. GAO may also initiate its own work.

The Committee recognizes the important work that the Government Accountability Office does on a daily basis to provide oversight, transparency, and accountability for Congress and the American people.

OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$5,600,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	5,800,000
Recommended in the bill .....	1,000,000

The Committee recommends \$1,000,000 for shut down costs. This amount is \$4,600,000 below the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and \$4,800,000 below the budget request.

For many years the Committee has had concern with the placement of the Open World Leadership Center (OWLC) in the Legislative Branch with it mirroring numerous similar or nearly identical programs administered by other Federal agencies. In this fiscal environment where our national debt exceeds \$19 trillion, it is important to eliminate duplicative programs. The Committee has provided \$1,000,000 to cover the cost associated with the shutdown of the OWLC. The Committee directs the Director to retain any necessary prior year funds in the Trust to cover any cost in excess of the \$1,000,000 provided in this bill to be utilized for the orderly shutdown. The Director is further directed that the program termination is to be finalized within one year of enactment of the Legislative Branch fiscal year 2017 appropriation bill.

JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Appropriation, fiscal year 2016 .....	\$430,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2017 .....	430,000
Recommended in the bill .....	430,000

The Committee recommends \$430,000 for fiscal year 2017. This amount is the same as the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and is the same as the budget request.

TITLE II—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Includes language regarding maintenance and care of private vehicles, fiscal year limitation, rates of compensation and designation, consulting services, the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council, a limitation on transfers, guided tours of the Capitol, computer network activity, and the spending reduction account.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REPORT REQUIREMENTS

The following items are included in accordance with various requirements of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

COMPARISON WITH THE BUDGET RESOLUTION

Section 308(a)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act requires the report accompanying a bill providing new budget authority to contain a statement comparing the levels in the bill to the suballoca-

tions submitted under section 302(b) of the Act for the most recently agreed to concurrent resolution on the budget for the applicable fiscal year. That information is provided in the table headed "Comparison of Reported Bill to Section 302(b) Suballocation."

[In millions of dollars]

	302(b) Allocation		This bill—	
	Budget authority	Outlays	Budget authority	Outlays
Comparison of amounts in the bill with Committee allocations to its subcommittees: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch				
Discretionary .....	\$4,436	\$4,336	\$3,482	\$3,600 <sup>1</sup>
Mandatory .....	139	139	139	139 <sup>1</sup>
Total .....	\$4,575	\$4,475	\$3,621	\$3,739

<sup>1</sup> Includes outlays from both House and Senate prior-year budget authority.  
Note.—Bill amounts excludes discretionary Senate related items.

#### FIVE-YEAR OUTLAY PROJECTIONS

In compliance with section 308(a)(1)(B) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (Public Law 93–344), as amended, the following table contains five-year projections prepared by the Congressional Budget Office of outlays associated with the budget authority provided in the accompanying bill:

[In millions of dollars]

Budget Authority .....	\$3,621
Outlays:	
2017 .....	<sup>2</sup> 3,008
2018 .....	396
2019 .....	99
2020 .....	48
2021 .....	33

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

#### ASSISTANCE TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Pursuant to section 308(a)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, (Public Law 93–344), as amended, the amount of financial assistance to State and local governments is as follows:

The accompanying bill contains no funding for State and local assistance programs.

#### PROGRAM DUPLICATION

No provision of this bill establishes or reauthorizes a program of the Federal Government known to be duplicative of another Federal program, a program that was included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111–139, or a program related to a program identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

#### DIRECTED RULE MAKING

The bill does not direct any rule-making to the Executive Branch.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following lists the transfers of funds included in the accompanying bill:

Indefinite transfer authority is authorized in Joint items disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House, Library of Congress, Congressional Printing and Binding, the Superintendent of Documents, and the Capitol Police programs.

#### RESCISSIONS

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following details the rescissions in the accompanying bill:

The accompanying bill contains no rescissions.

#### STATEMENT OF GENERAL PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following is a statement of general performance goals and objectives for which this measure authorizes funding:

The Committee on Appropriations considers program performance, including a program's success in developing and attaining outcome-related goals and objectives, in developing funding recommendations.

#### APPROPRIATIONS NOT AUTHORIZED BY LAW

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following lists the appropriations in the accompanying bill which are not authorized by law for the period concerned:

The accompanying bill contains no appropriations not authorized by law.

#### EARMARKS

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, this bill, as reported, contains no Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(e), 9(f), or 9(g) of rule XXI.

#### CHANGES IN THE APPLICATION OF EXISTING LAW

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(1)(A) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted describing the effect of provisions in the accompanying bill that directly or indirectly change the application of existing law:

1. The bill provides that certain appropriation items remain available for more than one year, where programs or projects are continuing in nature under the provisions of authorizing legislation but for which that legislation does not specifically authorize such extended availability.

2. The bill includes a number of provisions which place limitations on or change or extend existing limitations, appropriations, or authorizations, and which under some circumstances might be construed as changing the application of existing law.

3. The bill continues the practice of providing official reception and representation allowances for officers and offices of the Legislative Branch.

4. The bill authorizes disbursement of funds for various agencies.

5. The bill authorizes transfer authority between accounts for certain agencies in the bill.

6. The bill includes language allowing the use of funds for studies and examinations of executive agencies and temporary personnel services. Funds can also be available for reimbursement to agencies for services performed.

7. The bill includes language providing funds for the Family Room, the Superintendent of Garages, Office of Emergency Management, and preparing the Digest of Rules.

8. The bill includes language providing funds for House motor vehicles, interparliamentary receptions, and gratuities.

9. The bill requires unspent funds remaining in Members' Representational Allowances to be used for deficit or debt reduction.

10. The bill includes language that prohibits funds being used for the delivery of bills and resolutions.

11. The bill includes language that prohibits funds being used for the delivery of the Congressional Record.

12. The bill includes language that places a limitation on the amount that a Member can spend on a leased vehicle per month.

13. The bill includes language that places a limitation on printed copies of the U.S. Code for the House of Representatives.

14. The bill includes language that prohibits funds being used for the delivery of the Reports of Disbursements.

15. The bill includes language that prohibits funds being used for the delivery of the daily calendar.

16. The bill includes language that prohibits funds being used for the delivery of the congressional pictorial directory.

17. The bill authorizes allowances for employees of the Office of the Attending Physician and provides reimbursement to the Department of the Navy.

18. The bill authorizes expenses of the Capitol Police for motor vehicles, communications and other equipment, uniforms, weapons, supplies, materials, training, medical services, forensic services, stenographic services, personal and professional services, the employee assistance program, the awards program, postage, communication services, travel advances, and relocation expenses.

19. The bill provides that the cost of Capitol Police basic training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center be paid by the Department of Homeland Security.

20. The bill includes language that authorizes reimbursement for law enforcement assistance provided in connection with any activity that was not sponsored by Congress.

21. The bill includes language to authorize CBO to establish senior level positions.

22. The bill allows the Architect of the Capitol to purchase or exchange, maintain, and operate two passenger motor vehicles.

23. The bill includes authorization allowing reimbursements for chilled water and steam provided to the Government Publishing Office, the Washington City Post Office, the Supreme Court, the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building, Union Station Complex, and the Folger Shakespeare Library to be credited to the AOC Capitol Power Plant appropriation and made available for obligation.

24. The bill allows the Architect of the Capitol to expend funds to maintain, care for, and operate the National Garden.



25. The bill contains language that prohibits the Architect of the Capitol from expending funds for scrim containing photographs of building facades during restoration or construction projects.

26. The bill establishes Working Capital Fund for the Architect of the Capitol.

27. The bill permits the use of expired funds for unemployment compensation payments.

28. The bill establishes a Flag Office Revolving Fund.

29. The bill provides the authority to expend funds collected under the authority of 2 U.S.C. 150 and for international legal information, the balance to remain available until expended.

30. The bill establishes that the amount available for obligation by the Library of Congress is reduced by offsetting collections.

31. The bill provides funds for the digital collections and educational curricula program, and the American Folklife Center.

32. The bill allows the Library of Congress to hire or purchase one passenger motor vehicle.

33. The bill allows funds from offsetting collections to be used for the Library's Copyright Office.

34. The bill includes language authorizing the expenditure of receipts, with the exception of salaries and benefits, for the administration of the Copyright Royalty Judges program.

35. The bill contains language which provides that no funds in the Congressional Research Service can be used to publish or prepare material to be issued by the Library of Congress unless approved by the appropriate committees.

36. The bill provides funds to provide newspapers to the blind and physically handicapped.

37. The bill contains language under the Library of Congress placing a limitation on obligations for Reimbursable and Revolving Fund activities.

38. The bill establishes a National Collection Stewardship Fund.

39. The bill contains language restricting the use of funds appropriated to the Government Publishing Office for the permanent edition of the Congressional Record for individual Representatives and Senators, Resident Commissioners, or Delegates, and language providing that appropriations recommended shall be available for the payment of obligations incurred under appropriations for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years, limiting the printing of certain documents to a time certain, and authorizing the transfer of unobligated balances.

40. The bill includes authorization of appropriations for Congressional Publishing.

41. The bill includes language authorizing the Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents to pay for printing certain publications in prior years for the depository library program. There is language authorizing the transfer of unexpended balances.

42. There is language authorizing the operation of the Government Publishing Office revolving fund, and which authorizes travel expenses for advisory councils, the purchase of not more than 12 passenger motor vehicles and that the revolving fund may be used to provide information in any format.

43. The bill includes language relating to the Government Accountability Office, authorizing the direct procurement of expert

and consultant services under 5 U.S.C. 3109 at certain rates; authorizing the hire of one passenger motor vehicle, as required by 31 U.S.C. 1343; authorizing the Government Accountability Office to make advance payments in foreign countries in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3324; and providing certain benefits, including rental of living quarters in foreign countries. Appropriations are authorized for administrative expenses of any other member department or agency to finance an appropriate share of the costs of the National Intergovernmental Audit Forum or a Regional Intergovernmental Audit Forum.

44. In Section 201, there is language prohibiting the use of funds in the Act 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 issued by the Committee on House Administration and for the Senate by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

45. Section 203 provides that whenever any office or position not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of 1929 is appropriated for herein, or whenever the rate of compensation or designation of any position appropriated for herein is different from that specifically established for such position by such Act, the rate of compensation and the designation of the position, either appropriated for or provided herein, shall be the permanent law with respect thereto: Provided that the provisions herein for the various items of official expenses of Members, officers, and committees of the Senate and House, and clerk hire for Senators and Members shall be the permanent law with respect thereto.

46. Section 204 requires that certain information regarding consulting services shall be a matter of public record.

47. Section 205 authorizes Legislative Branch entities to share the costs of the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council.

48. Section 206 limits the transfer of funds in this Act.

49. Section 207 prohibits funds in this Act being used to eliminate or restrict staff led guided tours.

50. Section 208 prohibits funds to be used concerning computer network activity.

51. This bill provides language relating to cost of living adjustment for Members of Congress.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH RULE XIII, CL. 3(e) (RAMSEYER RULE)

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

### **LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1977**

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#### TITLE VI—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

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#### CAPITOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

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## CAPITOL GROUNDS

For care and improvement of grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House Office Buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant; personal and other services; care of trees; planting; fertilizer; repairs to pavements, walks, and roadways; waterproof wearing apparel; maintenance of signal lights; and for snow removal by hire of men and equipment or under contract without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, \$1,832,800: *Provided*, That hereafter, funds [appropriated under this heading] *appropriated for any available account of the Architect of the Capitol* shall be available for the purchase or rental, maintenance and operation of passenger motor vehicles to provide shuttle service for Members and employees of Congress to and from the buildings in the Legislative group.

Not to exceed \$94,500 of the unobligated balance of the appropriation under this head for the fiscal year 1976 is hereby continued available until September 30, 1977.

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**SECTION 1003 OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2003**

SEC. 1003. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY. (a) IN GENERAL.—Within the limits of available appropriations, the Capitol Police may dispose of [surplus or obsolete property of the Capitol Police] *surplus or obsolete property of the Capitol Police, and property which is in the possession of the Capitol Police because it has been disposed, forfeited, voluntarily abandoned, or unclaimed*, by inter-agency transfer, donation, sale, trade-in, or other appropriate method.

(b) AMOUNTS RECEIVED.—Any amounts received by the Capitol Police from the disposition of property under subsection (a) shall be credited to the account established for the general expenses of the Capitol Police, and shall be available to carry out the purposes of such account during the fiscal year in which the amounts are received and the following fiscal year.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply to fiscal year 2003 and each fiscal year thereafter.

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**NATIONAL FILM PRESERVATION ACT OF 1996**

**TITLE I—REAUTHORIZATION OF THE  
NATIONAL FILM PRESERVATION BOARD**

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**SEC. 112. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Librarian for the first fiscal year beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act and each succeeding fiscal year [through fiscal year 2016] *through fiscal year 2026* such sums as may be necessary to carry

out the purposes of this title, but in no fiscal year shall such sum exceed \$250,000.

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**TITLE 36, UNITED STATES CODE**

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**SUBTITLE II—PATRIOTIC AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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**PART B—ORGANIZATIONS**

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**CHAPTER 1517—NATIONAL FILM PRESERVATION FOUNDATION**

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**§ 151711. Authorization of appropriations**

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Library of Congress amounts necessary to carry out this chapter, not to exceed—

(A) \$530,000 for each of the fiscal years 2005 through 2009;

(B) \$750,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2011; and

(C) \$1,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2012 [through 2016] *through 2026*.

(2) MATCHING.—The amounts authorized to be appropriated under this subsection are to be made available to the corporation to match any private contributions (whether in currency, services, or property) made to the corporation by private persons and State and local governments.

(b) LIMITATION RELATED TO ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Amounts authorized under this section may not be used by the corporation for management and general or fundraising expenses as reported to the Internal Revenue Service as part of an annual information return required under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

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**CHAPTER 1524—NATIONAL RECORDING PRESERVATION FOUNDATION**

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**§ 152403. Board of directors**

(a) GENERAL.—The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation.

(b) MEMBERS AND APPOINTMENT.—(1) The Librarian of Congress (hereafter in this chapter referred to as the “Librarian”) is an ex officio nonvoting member of the board. Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this chapter, the Librarian shall appoint the directors to the board in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2)(A) The board consists of [nine directors] *12 directors*.

(B) Each director shall be a United States citizen.

(C) At least six directors shall be knowledgeable or experienced in sound recording production, distribution, preservation, or restoration, including two who are sitting members of the National Recording Preservation Board. These six directors shall, to the extent practicable, represent diverse points of view from the sound recording community.

(3) A director is not an employee of the Library of Congress and appointment to the board does not constitute appointment as an officer or employee of the United States Government for the purpose of any law of the United States.

(4) The terms of office of the directors are 4 years.

(5) A vacancy on the board shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(c) CHAIR.—The Librarian shall appoint one of the directors as the initial chair of the board for a 2-year term. Thereafter, the chair shall be appointed and removed in accordance with the by-laws of the corporation.

(d) QUORUM.—The number of directors constituting a quorum of the board shall be established under the bylaws of the corporation.

(e) MEETINGS.—The board shall meet at the call of the Librarian for regularly scheduled meetings.

(f) REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.—Directors shall serve without compensation but may receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with sections 5702 and 5703 of title 5.

(g) LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS.—Directors are not personally liable, except for gross negligence.

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**§ 152411. Authorization of appropriations**

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the corporation for the first fiscal year beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this chapter and each succeeding fiscal year [through fiscal year 2016] *through fiscal year 2026* an amount not to exceed the amount of private contributions (whether in currency, services, or property) made to the corporation by private persons and State and local governments.

(b) LIMITATION RELATED TO ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Amounts authorized under this section may not be used by the corporation for management and general or fundraising expenses as reported to the Internal Revenue Service as part of an annual information return required under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

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**NATIONAL RECORDING PRESERVATION ACT OF 2000**

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**TITLE I—SOUND RECORDING PRESER-  
VATION BY THE LIBRARY OF CON-  
GRESS**

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**Subtitle D—General Provisions**

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**SEC. 133. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Librarian for the first fiscal year beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act and each succeeding fiscal year **【through fiscal year 2016】** *through fiscal year 2026* such sums as may be necessary to carry out this title, except that the amount authorized for any fiscal year may not exceed \$250,000.

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## FULL COMMITTEE VOTES

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the House of Representatives, the results of each roll call vote on an amendment or on the motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and those voting against, are printed below:

ROLL CALL NO. 1

Date: May 17, 2017

Measure: Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2017

Motion by: Ms. Wasserman Schultz

Description of Motion: To strike report language concerning Library of Congress' subject headings.

Results: Defeated 24 yeas to 25 nays.

*Members Voting Yea*

Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Cuellar  
Ms. DeLauro  
Mr. Diaz-Balart  
Mr. Farr  
Mr. Honda  
Mr. Israel  
Mr. Jolly  
Ms. Kaptur  
Mr. Kilmer  
Ms. Lee  
Mrs. Lowey  
Ms. McCollum  
Ms. Pingree  
Mr. Price  
Mr. Quigley  
Ms. Roybal-Allard  
Mr. Ruppertsberger  
Mr. Ryan  
Mr. Serrano  
Mr. Valadao  
Mr. Visclosky  
Ms. Wasserman Schultz  
Mr. Young

*Members Voting Nay*

Mr. Aderholt  
Mr. Amodei  
Mr. Calvert  
Mr. Carter  
Mr. Cole  
Mr. Crenshaw  
Mr. Culberson  
Mr. Dent  
Mr. Fleischmann  
Mr. Fortenberry  
Mr. Frelinghuysen  
Ms. Granger  
Mr. Graves  
Dr. Harris  
Mr. Jenkins  
Mr. Joyce  
Mr. Palazzo  
Mr. Rigell  
Mrs. Roby  
Mr. Rogers  
Mr. Rooney  
Mr. Simpson  
Mr. Stewart  
Mr. Womack  
Mr. Yoder

## FULL COMMITTEE VOTES

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the House of Representatives, the results of each roll call vote on an amendment or on the motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and those voting against, are printed below:

ROLL CALL NO. 2

Date: May 17, 2017

Measure: Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2017

Motion by: Mr. Quigley

Description of Motion: To require the Congressional Research Service to give members of the public access to formal, written Congressional Research Service Reports by directing that they be published online by the Government Publishing Office.

Results: Defeated 18 yeas to 31 nays.

*Members Voting Yea*

Mr. Cuellar  
 Ms. DeLauro  
 Mr. Farr  
 Mr. Honda  
 Ms. Israel  
 Ms. Kaptur  
 Mr. Kilmer  
 Ms. Lee  
 Ms. Pingree  
 Mr. Price  
 Mr. Quigley  
 Mr. Rigell  
 Ms. Roybal-Allard  
 Mr. Ruppersberger  
 Mr. Ryan  
 Mr. Visclosky  
 Mr. Yoder  
 Mr. Young

*Members Voting Nay*

Mr. Aderholt  
 Mr. Amodei  
 Mr. Bishop  
 Mr. Calvert  
 Mr. Carter  
 Mr. Cole  
 Mr. Crenshaw  
 Mr. Culberson  
 Mr. Dent  
 Mr. Diaz-Balart  
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 Mr. Serrano  
 Mr. Simpson  
 Mr. Stewart  
 Mr. Valadao  
 Ms. Wasserman Schultz  
 Mr. Womack



## FULL COMMITTEE VOTES

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the House of Representatives, the results of each roll call vote on an amendment or on the motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and those voting against, are printed below:

ROLL CALL NO. 3

Date: May 17, 2017

Measure: Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2017

Motion by: Ms. McCollum

Description of Motion: To prohibit funds to be made available for the Select Investigative Panel of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Results: Defeated 20 yeas to 28 nays.

*Members Voting Yea*

Mr. Bishop  
 Mr. Cuellar  
 Ms. DeLauro  
 Mr. Farr  
 Mr. Honda  
 Mr. Jolly  
 Ms. Kaptur  
 Mr. Kilmer  
 Ms. Lee  
 Mrs. Lowey  
 Ms. McCollum  
 Ms. Pingree  
 Mr. Price  
 Mr. Quigley  
 Ms. Roybal-Allard  
 Mr. Ruppertsberger  
 Mr. Ryan  
 Mr. Serrano  
 Mr. Visclosky  
 Ms. Wasserman Schultz

*Members Voting Nay*

Mr. Aderholt  
 Mr. Amodei  
 Mr. Calvert  
 Mr. Carter  
 Mr. Cole  
 Mr. Crenshaw  
 Mr. Culberson  
 Mr. Dent  
 Mr. Diaz-Balart  
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 Mr. Young

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR 2016 AND BUDGET REQUESTS AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL FOR 2017  
(Amounts in Thousands)

	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2017 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request
TITLE I - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH					
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES					
Payment to Widows and Heirs of Deceased Members of Congress (Public Law 114-53, Sec. 143) 1/.....	174	---	---	-174	---
Salaries and Expenses					
House Leadership Offices					
Office of the Speaker.....	6,645	6,645	6,645	---	---
Office of the Majority Floor Leader.....	2,180	2,180	2,180	---	---
Office of the Minority Floor Leader.....	7,114	7,114	7,114	---	---
Office of the Majority Whip.....	1,887	1,887	1,887	---	---
Office of the Minority Whip.....	1,460	1,460	1,460	---	---
Republican Conference.....	1,505	1,505	1,505	---	---
Democratic Caucus.....	1,487	1,487	1,487	---	---
Subtotal, House Leadership Offices.....	22,278	22,278	22,278	---	---
Members' Representational Allowances Including Members' Clerk Hire, Official Expenses of Members, and Official Mail					
Expenses.....	554,318	554,318	562,632	+8,314	+8,314

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<b>Committee Employees</b>					
Standing Committees, Special and Select.....	123,903	127,053	127,053	+3,150	---
Committee on Appropriations (including studies and investigations).....	23,271	23,271	23,271	---	---
Subtotal, Committee employees.....	147,174	150,324	150,324	+3,150	---
<b>Salaries, Officers and Employees</b>					
Office of the Clerk.....	24,981	26,411	26,268	+1,287	-143
Office of the Sergeant at Arms.....	14,827	15,571	15,505	+678	-66
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.....	117,165	117,165	117,165	---	---
Office of the Inspector General.....	4,742	4,987	4,963	+221	-24
Office of General Counsel.....	1,413	1,451	1,444	+31	-7
Office of the Parliamentarian.....	1,975	2,010	1,999	+24	-11
Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House.....	3,120	3,182	3,167	+47	-15
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House.....	8,353	8,979	8,979	+626	---
Office of Interparliamentary Affairs.....	814	814	814	---	---
Other authorized employees.....	1,142	1,186	1,183	+41	-3
Subtotal, Salaries, officers and employees.....	178,532	181,756	181,487	+2,955	-269

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<b>Allowances and Expenses</b>					
Supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims.....	3,625	3,625	3,625	---	---
Official mail for committees, leadership offices, and administrative offices of the House.....	190	190	190	---	---
Government contributions.....	251,629	251,630	245,334	-6,295	-6,296
Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery.....	16,217	16,217	16,217	---	---
Transition activities.....	2,084	2,084	2,084	---	---
Wounded Warrior program.....	2,500	2,500	2,500	---	---
Office of Congressional Ethics.....	1,467	1,667	1,658	+191	-9
Miscellaneous items.....	720	720	720	---	---
<b>Subtotal, Allowances and expenses.....</b>	<b>278,432</b>	<b>276,633</b>	<b>272,328</b>	<b>-6,104</b>	<b>-6,305</b>
<b>Total, House of Representatives (discretionary).....</b>	<b>1,180,734</b>	<b>1,187,309</b>	<b>1,189,049</b>	<b>+8,315</b>	<b>+1,740</b>
<b>Total, House of Representatives (mandatory).....</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>-174</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>JOINT ITEMS</b>					
Joint Economic Committee.....	4,203	4,203	4,203	---	---
Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies of 2017.....	1,250	---	---	-1,250	---
Joint Committee on Taxation.....	10,095	11,540	10,095	---	-1,445

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<b>Office of the Attending Physician</b>					
Medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances.....	3,784	3,838	3,838	+54	---
Office of Congressional Accessibility Services.....	1,400	1,429	1,429	+29	---
Total, Joint items.....	20,732	21,010	19,565	-1,167	-1,445
<b>CAPITOL POLICE</b>					
Salaries.....	309,000	333,128	325,300	+16,300	-7,828
General expenses.....	66,000	76,460	66,000	---	-10,460
Total, Capitol Police.....	375,000	409,588	391,300	+16,300	-18,288
<b>OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE</b>					
Salaries and expenses.....	3,959	4,315	3,959	---	-356
<b>CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE</b>					
Salaries and expenses.....	46,500	47,637	46,500	---	-1,137

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ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL (AOC)					
Capital Construction and Operations.....	91,589	103,660	88,542	-3,047	-15,108
Capitol building.....	46,737	44,010	33,005	-13,732	-11,005
Capitol grounds.....	11,880	13,083	12,826	+946	-257
House of Representatives buildings:					
House office buildings.....	174,962	189,528	187,481	+12,519	-2,047
House Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund	10,000	10,000	17,000	+7,000	+7,000
Capitol Power Plant.....	103,722	114,765	113,480	+9,758	-1,285
Offsetting collections.....	-9,000	-9,000	-9,000	---	---
Subtotal, Capitol Power Plant.....	94,722	105,765	104,480	+9,758	-1,285
Library buildings and grounds.....	40,689	65,959	47,080	+6,391	-18,879
Capitol police buildings, grounds and security.....	25,434	37,513	26,697	+1,263	-10,816
Botanic Garden.....	12,113	15,081	14,067	+1,954	-1,014
Capitol Visitor Center.....	20,557	21,306	20,557	---	-749
Total, Architect of the Capitol.....	528,683	605,895	551,735	+23,052	-54,160

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS					
Salaries and expenses.....	425,971	479,235	449,971	+24,000	-29,264
Authority to spend receipts.....	-6,350	-6,350	-6,350	---	---
Subtotal, Salaries and expenses.....	419,621	472,885	443,621	+24,000	-29,264
Copyright Office, Salaries and expenses.....	58,875	74,026	68,827	+9,952	-5,199
Authority to spend receipts.....	-35,777	-39,548	-37,198	-1,421	+2,350
Prior year unobligated balances.....	---	-6,147	-4,531	-4,531	+1,616
Subtotal, Copyright Office.....	23,098	28,331	27,098	+4,000	-1,233
Congressional Research Service, Salaries and expenses. Books for the blind and physically handicapped, Salaries and expenses.....	106,945	114,408	107,945	+1,000	-6,463
	50,248	51,591	50,248	---	-1,343
Total, Library of Congress.....	599,912	667,215	628,912	+29,000	-38,303

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GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE					
Congressional publishing .....	79,736	79,736	79,736	---	---
Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents, Salaries and expenses.....	30,500	29,500	29,500	-1,000	---
Government Publishing Office Business Operations Revolving Fund .....	6,832	7,832	7,832	+1,000	---
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Total, Government Publishing Office .....	117,068	117,068	117,068	---	---
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses.....	556,450	591,175	556,450	---	-34,725
Offsetting collections.....	-25,450	-23,350	-23,350	+2,100	---
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Total, Government Accountability Office.....	531,000	567,825	533,100	+2,100	-34,725



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OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND					
Payment to the Open World Leadership Center (OWLC) Trust Fund.....	5,600	5,800	1,000	-4,600	-4,800
JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT					
Stennis Center for Public Service.....	430	430	430	---	---
GENERAL PROVISIONS					
AOC Working Capital Fund (CBO estimate).....	---	1,000	---	---	-1,000
Scorekeeping adjustment (CBO estimate) 2/.....	-1,000	---	-1,000	---	-1,000
Grand total.....	3,408,792	3,635,092	3,481,618	+72,826	-153,474
Discretionary.....	(3,408,618)	(3,635,092)	(3,481,618)	(+73,000)	(-153,474)
Mandatory 1/.....	(174)	---	---	(-174)	---

1/ FY2016 funds provided in Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016 (Public Law 114-53)

2/ FY2016 is Sec. 9 of Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Public Law 114-113)

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR 2016 AND BUDGET REQUESTS AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL FOR 2017  
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RECAPITULATION					
House of Representatives (discretionary).....	1,180,734	1,187,309	1,189,049	+8,315	+1,740
Joint Items.....	174	---	---	-174	---
House of Representatives (mandatory) 1/.....	20,732	21,010	19,565	-1,167	-1,445
Capitol Police.....	375,000	409,588	391,300	+16,300	-18,288
Office of Compliance.....	3,959	4,315	3,959	---	-356
Congressional Budget Office.....	46,500	47,637	46,500	---	-1,137
Architect of the Capitol.....	528,683	605,895	551,735	+23,052	-54,160
Library of Congress.....	599,912	667,215	628,912	+29,000	-38,303
Government Publishing Office.....	117,068	117,068	117,068	---	---
Government Accountability Office.....	531,000	567,825	533,100	+2,100	-34,725
Open World Leadership Center.....	5,600	5,800	1,000	-4,600	-4,800
Stennis Center for Public Service.....	430	430	430	---	---
General Provisions 2/.....	-1,000	1,000	-1,000	---	-2,000
Grand total.....	3,408,792	3,635,092	3,481,618	+72,826	-153,474
Discretionary.....	(3,408,618)	(3,635,092)	(3,481,618)	(+73,000)	(-153,474)
Mandatory 1/.....	(174)	---	---	(-174)	---

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MINORITY VIEWS OF NITA LOWEY AND DEBBIE  
WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

For the first time in many years, the subcommittee received a fair allocation of \$3.48 billion, \$72 million more than the fiscal year 2016 enacted level. However this bill continues to neglect areas that would rebuild Congressional capacity and continues to fund areas that promote politics over policy. Congress must invest in itself to ultimately improve its service to the Country. This bill is instrumental in what should be a bipartisan goal of rebuilding Congress.

A small change in full committee improves the bill in small measure. Representative Farr's amendment to increase the Members Representational Allowance (MRA) by \$8.3 million, or 1.5%, was adopted by voice vote after a group of bipartisan Members gave examples of how additional resources for staff are needed. According to the 2010 Census, the average congressional district is a little over 710,000 people, which is 63,815 more than the average sized based on Census 2000. As districts grow, their representatives in Congress must keep pace to properly serve their constituents. The MRA allows Members to provide constituents with vital services in their districts and to adequately analyze policy decisions while ensuring the Legislative Branch of government remains an equal branch of government. After three years of flat MRA budgets, the Farr amendment is a small step toward strengthening the capacity of Members' ability to serve their constituents.

Representative McCollum offered an amendment, which failed 20–28, which would have saved taxpayer dollars by defunding the Select Investigative Panel of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. This Select Panel is engaging in reckless and political actions, through unilateral subpoenas, the public release of names despite privacy and security concerns, and denial of minority access to documents.

Unfortunately this is but one example of the House majority using official taxpayer dollars to engage in partisan politics. The Benghazi Committee has spent more than \$6.5 million in taxpayer funds to engage in partisan politics during the Presidential election. House Republicans have also used resources from the Legislative Branch Appropriations bill to defend the Defense of Marriage Act, to sue the President over the Affordable Care Act, and to hire an outside attorney to work on a case against the President regarding his Guantanamo Bay policy. The political parties have legitimate disagreements about these important policy areas, but both should draw the line at using taxpayer dollars to further political causes. It is no wonder public approval of Congress, along with Congress' policy-making capacity, are both at an all-time low. The McCollum amendment would have allowed the House Energy and

Commerce Committee to focus on passing legislation rather than engaging in McCarthyism, improving the public's view of Congress.

As Member and Committee budgets have been cut, Congress has had to rely on support agencies to fill the gaps in staff expertise. One of those agencies is the Congressional Research Service (CRS). The bill funds the agency at \$107.9 million, \$1 million above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level. At that level, CRS remains \$4.6 million below the fiscal year 2010 level. According to CRS, recent funding levels have led to a loss of 13 percent of its purchasing power since 2010. The \$1 million increase will not even cover mandatory pay for CRS' current staff.

CRS's budget request sought to rebuild the agency. They asked for two defense policy staff, five health policy staff, three education policy staff, two budget/appropriations staff, four technology policy staff, and two data management and analysis staff. None of those staff would be funded under the current bill, depriving Congress of a non-biased analysis of these critical policy areas.

In addition to inadequate funding priorities, this bill wades unnecessarily into the Nation's immigration debate by including report language that seeks to influence the Library of Congress to continue to use the term "Illegal Alien" in its subject headings. Ranking Member Wasserman Schultz had an amendment to remove the contentious language that failed on a close vote of 24–25.

Subject headings serve as the mechanism for how the Library catalogs or groups information—something the Library of Congress is well positioned to understand. They use headings that reflect current day uses of words and phrases so information is easily accessible by its users. There was a time when the Library used the subject heading "Insanity;" today it uses "Mental Illness." The Library once had the subject heading "Negro," then moved to "Afro American," and now uses "African American." In March 2016, the Library found that the term "Illegal Aliens" had become pejorative and decided to use the terms "Noncitizen" and "Unauthorized Immigration."

Four Republicans joined with the Democrats to strip this language from the report. While the amendment did not pass, it showed there is bipartisan support to reduce the political rhetoric surrounding immigration and to allow the Library of Congress to remain free of political influence.

While we appreciate increases to areas such as the Copyright Office and the Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund, we remain disappointed by the inclusion of the report language on "Illegal Aliens." As this bill continues, we stand ready to work with the majority to remove partisan obstacles and return the Legislative Branch Appropriations bill to a bipartisan endeavor with the goal of better serving our constituents and passing legislation for the good of the American people.

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