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Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 30, 2025

Mr. Valadao, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bill; which was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

1	Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa
2	tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled
3	That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4	money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
5	Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September
6	30, 2026, and for other purposes, namely:
7	TITLE I
8	LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
9	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10	PAYMENT TO WIDOWS AND HEIRS OF DECEASED
11	Members of Congress
12	For payment to Ashley Paige Turner, heir of Syl
13	vester Turner, late a Representative from the State of
14	Texas, \$174,000.
15	For payment to Ramona Grijalva, widow of Raul M
16	Grijalva, late a Representative from the State of Arizona
17	\$174,000.
18	For payment to Catherine M. Smith, widow of Gerald
19	E. Connolly, late a Representative from the Common
20	wealth of Virginia, \$174,000.
21	Salaries and Expenses
22	For salaries and expenses of the House of Represent
23	atives \$1 984 315 000 as follows:

1	HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES
2	For salaries and expenses, as authorized by law,
3	\$36,560,000, including: Office of the Speaker,
4	\$10,499,000, including \$35,000 for official expenses of
5	the Speaker; Office of the Majority Floor Leader,
6	\$3,730,000, including \$15,000 for official expenses of the
7	Majority Leader; Office of the Minority Floor Leader,
8	\$10,499,000, including \$17,500 for official expenses of
9	the Minority Leader; Office of the Majority Whip, includ-
10	ing the Chief Deputy Majority Whip, \$3,099,000, includ-
11	ing \$5,000 for official expenses of the Majority Whip; Of-
12	fice of the Minority Whip, including the Chief Deputy Mi-
13	nority Whip, \$2,809,000, including \$5,000 for official ex-
14	penses of the Minority Whip; Republican Conference,
15	\$2,962,000; Democratic Caucus, \$2,962,000: Provided,
16	That such amount for salaries and expenses shall remain
17	available from January 3, 2026 until January 2, 2027.
18	Members' Representational Allowances
19	INCLUDING MEMBERS' CLERK HIRE, OFFICIAL EXPENSES
20	OF MEMBERS, AND OFFICIAL MAIL
21	For Members' representational allowances, including
22	Members' clerk hire, official expenses, and official mail,
23	\$850,000,000.

1	ALLOWANCE FOR COMPENSATION OF INTERNS IN
2	Member Offices
3	For the allowance established under section 120 of
4	the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2019 (2
5	U.S.C. 5322a) for the compensation of interns who serve
6	in the offices of Members of the House of Representatives,
7	\$20,638,800, to remain available from January 3, 2026
8	until January 2, 2027: Provided, That notwithstanding
9	section 120(b) of such Act, an office of a Member of the
10	House of Representatives may use not more than \$46,800
11	of the allowance available under this heading during legis-
12	lative year 2026.
13	ALLOWANCE FOR COMPENSATION OF INTERNS IN HOUSE
14	Leadership Offices
15	For the allowance established under section 113 of
16	the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2020 (2
17	U.S.C. 5106) for the compensation of interns who serve
18	in House leadership offices, \$586,000, to remain available
19	from January 3, 2026 until January 2, 2027: Provided,
20	That of the amount provided under this heading,
21	\$322,300 shall be available for the compensation of in-
22	terns who serve in House leadership offices of the major-
23	ity, to be allocated among such offices by the Speaker of
24	the House of Representatives, and \$263,700 shall be avail-
25	able for the compensation of interns who serve in House

- 1 leadership offices of the minority, to be allocated among
- 2 such offices by the Minority Floor Leader.
- 3 Allowance for Compensation of Interns in House
- 4 STANDING, SPECIAL AND SELECT COMMITTEE OFFICES
- 5 For the allowance established under section
- 6 113(a)(1) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,
- 7 2022 (Public Law 117–103) for the compensation of in-
- 8 terns who serve in offices of standing, special, and select
- 9 committees (other than the Committee on Appropria-
- 10 tions), \$2,600,000, to remain available from January 3,
- 11 2026 until January 2, 2027: Provided, That of the amount
- 12 provided under this heading, \$1,300,000 shall be available
- 13 for the compensation of interns who serve in offices of the
- 14 majority, and \$1,300,000 shall be available for the com-
- 15 pensation of interns who serve in offices of the minority,
- 16 to be allocated among such offices by the Chair, in con-
- 17 sultation with the ranking minority member, of the Com-
- 18 mittee on House Administration.
- 19 Allowance for Compensation of Interns in House
- 20 Appropriations Committee Offices
- 21 For the allowance established under section
- 22 113(a)(2) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,
- 23 2022 (Public Law 117–103) for the compensation of in-
- 24 terns who serve in offices of the Committee on Appropria-
- 25 tions, \$463,000: Provided, That of the amount provided

- 1 under this heading, \$231,500 shall be available for the
- 2 compensation of interns who serve in offices of the major-
- 3 ity, and \$231,500 shall be available for the compensation
- 4 of interns who serve in offices of the minority, to be allo-
- 5 cated among such offices by the Chair, in consultation
- 6 with the ranking minority member, of the Committee on
- 7 Appropriations.
- 8 Committee Employees
- 9 STANDING COMMITTEES, SPECIAL AND SELECT
- 10 For salaries and expenses of standing committees,
- 11 special and select, authorized by House resolutions,
- 12 \$184,787,000: Provided, That such amount shall remain
- 13 available for such salaries and expenses until December
- 14 31, 2026, except that \$10,000,000 of such amount shall
- 15 remain available until expended for committee room up-
- 16 grading.
- 17 COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
- 18 For salaries and expenses of the Committee on Ap-
- 19 propriations, \$31,294,000, including studies and examina-
- 20 tions of executive agencies and temporary personal serv-
- 21 ices for such committee, to be expended in accordance with
- 22 section 202(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
- 23 1946 and to be available for reimbursement to agencies
- 24 for services performed: *Provided*, That such amount shall

- 1 remain available for such salaries and expenses until De-
- 2 cember 31, 2026.
- 3 Salaries, Officers and Employees
- 4 For compensation and expenses of officers and em-
- 5 ployees, as authorized by law, \$361,603,000, including:
- 6 for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Clerk, includ-
- 7 ing the positions of the Chaplain and the Historian, and
- 8 including not more than \$25,000 for official representa-
- 9 tion and reception expenses, of which not more than
- 10 \$20,000 is for the Family Room and not more than
- 11 \$2,000 is for the Office of the Chaplain, \$48,992,000, of
- 12 which \$10,791,000 shall remain available until expended;
- 13 for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at
- 14 Arms, including the position of Superintendent of Garages
- 15 and the Office of Emergency Management, and including
- 16 not more than \$3,000 for official representation and re-
- 17 ception expenses, \$40,606,000, of which \$18,013,000
- 18 shall remain available until expended; for salaries and ex-
- 19 penses of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
- 20 including not more than \$3,000 for official representation
- 21 and reception expenses, \$234,248,000, of which
- 22 \$39,772,000 shall remain available until expended; for sal-
- 23 aries and expenses of the Office of the Whistleblower
- 24 Ombuds, \$1,250,000; for salaries and expenses of the Of-
- 25 fice of the Inspector General, \$6,227,000; for salaries and

- 1 expenses of the Office of General Counsel, \$2,079,000; for
- 2 salaries and expenses of the Office of the Parliamentarian,
- 3 including the Parliamentarian, \$2,000 for preparing the
- 4 Digest of Rules, and not more than \$1,000 for official rep-
- 5 resentation and reception expenses, \$2,404,000; for sala-
- 6 ries and expenses of the Office of the Law Revision Coun-
- 7 sel of the House, \$4,998,000, of which \$1,000,000 shall
- 8 remain available until expended; for salaries and expenses
- 9 of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House,
- 10 \$18,740,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of
- 11 Interparliamentary Affairs, \$994,000; for other author-
- 12 ized employees, \$1,065,000.

13 Allowances and Expenses

- 14 For allowances and expenses as authorized by House
- 15 resolution or law, \$491,783,200, including: supplies, mate-
- 16 rials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims,
- 17 \$1,555,000; official mail for committees, leadership of-
- 18 fices, and administrative offices of the House, \$190,000;
- 19 Government contributions for health, retirement, Social
- 20 Security, contractor support for actuarial projections, and
- 21 other applicable employee benefits, \$444,155,200, to re-
- 22 main available until March 31, 2027, except that
- 23 \$37,000,000 of such amount shall remain available until
- 24 expended; salaries and expenses for Business Continuity
- 25 and Disaster Recovery, \$28,951,000, of which \$6,000,000

- 1 shall remain available until expended; transition activities
- 2 for new members and staff, \$10,000,000, to remain avail-
- 3 able until expended; Green and Gold Congressional Aide
- 4 Program, \$4,122,000, to remain available until expended;
- 5 Office of Congressional Conduct, \$1,810,000; and mis-
- 6 cellaneous items including purchase, exchange, mainte-
- 7 nance, repair and operation of House motor vehicles,
- 8 interparliamentary receptions, and gratuities to heirs of
- 9 deceased employees of the House, \$1,000,000.
- 10 House of Representatives Modernization
- 11 Initiatives Account
- For the House of Representatives Modernization Ini-
- 13 tiatives Account established under section 115 of the Leg-
- 14 islative Branch Appropriations Act, 2021 (2 U.S.C. 5513),
- 15 \$4,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*,
- 16 That disbursement from this account is subject to ap-
- 17 proval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House
- 18 of Representatives: Provided further, That funds provided
- 19 in this account shall only be used for initiatives approved
- 20 by the Committee on House Administration.

1	Administrative Provisions
2	REQUIRING AMOUNTS REMAINING IN MEMBERS'
3	REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES TO BE USED FOR
4	DEFICIT REDUCTION OR TO REDUCE THE FEDERAL DEBT
5	Sec. 110. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision
6	of law, any amounts appropriated under this Act for
7	"HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—SALARIES AND
8	EXPENSES—MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOW-
9	ANCES" shall be available only for fiscal year 2026. Any
10	amount remaining after all payments are made under such
11	allowances for fiscal year 2026 shall be deposited in the
12	Treasury and used for deficit reduction (or, if there is no
13	Federal budget deficit after all such payments have been
14	made, for reducing the Federal debt, in such manner as
15	the Secretary of the Treasury considers appropriate).
16	(b) The Committee on House Administration of the
17	House of Representatives shall have authority to prescribe
18	regulations to carry out this section.
19	(c) As used in this section, the term "Member of the
20	House of Representatives" means a Representative in, or
21	a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.
22	LIMITATION ON AMOUNT AVAILABLE TO LEASE VEHICLES
23	SEC. 111. None of the funds made available in this
24	Act may be used by the Chief Administrative Officer of
25	the House of Representatives to make any payments from

1	any Members' Representational Allowance for the leasing
2	of a vehicle, excluding mobile district offices, in an aggre-
3	gate amount that exceeds \$1,000 for the vehicle in any
4	month.
5	CYBERSECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSE OF
6	REPRESENTATIVES
7	SEC. 112. The head of any Federal entity that pro-
8	vides assistance to the House of Representatives in the
9	House's efforts to deter, prevent, mitigate, or remediate
10	cybersecurity risks to, and incidents involving, the infor-
11	mation systems of the House shall take all necessary steps
12	to ensure the constitutional integrity of the separate
13	branches of the government at all stages of providing the
14	assistance, including applying minimization procedures to
15	limit the spread or sharing of privileged House and Mem-
16	ber information.
17	LONG TERM LEASE REQUIREMENTS
18	Sec. 113. (a) Section 303(f) of the Energy Policy Act
19	of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13212(f)) is amended—
20	(1) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraph
21	(C);
22	(2) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking "branch,
23	except that it does include the House of Representa-
24	tives with respect to an acquisition described in
25	paragraph (2)(C)." and inserting "branch."; and

1 (3) in paragraph (1), by striking subparagraph 2 (C). 3 (b) The amendments made by this section apply to 4 fiscal year 2026 and each succeeding fiscal year. 5 USE OF CHILD CARE CENTER REVOLVING FUND 6 Sec. 114. (a) Use for Telecommunications Ex-PENSES.—Section 312(d)(3) of the Legislative Branch 8 Appropriations Act, 1992 (2 U.S.C. 2062(d)(3)) is amend-9 ed— 10 (1) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-11 paragraph (D); and 12 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-13 lowing new subparagraph: 14 "(C) The payment of telecommunications ex-15 penses for the Center, to include voicemail boxes, 16 land lines, and cell phones for Center employees, in 17 connection with the provision of child care services 18 and as needed for critical and emergent communica-19 tions.". (b) Use for Salaries of Assistant Directors.— 20 21 Section 312(d)(3)(A)of such Act (2)U.S.C. 2062(d)(3)(A)) is amended by inserting "and assistant directors" after "director".

1	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
2	this section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2026
3	and each succeeding fiscal year.
4	PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TECHNOLOGY
5	SEC. 115. (a) None of the funds appropriated by this
6	Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
7	a Member, committee, officer, or employee of the House
8	of Representatives may be obligated, awarded, or ex-
9	pended to procure or purchase covered information tech-
10	nology equipment in cases where the manufacturer, bid-
11	der, or offeror, or any subsidiary or parent entity of the
12	manufacturer, bidder, or offeror, of the equipment is an
13	entity or parent company of an entity listed on any of the
14	following:
15	(1) The Chinese Military Company List of the De-
16	partment of Defense.
17	(2) The Non-SDN Chinese Military Industrial Com-
18	plex Companies List of the Department of the Treasury
19	(3) The Denied Persons List, Entity List, or Military
20	End User List of the Department of Commerce, if the en-
21	tity is—
22	(A) an agency or instrumentality of the Peo-
23	ple's Republic of China;
24	(B) an entity headquartered in the People's Re-
25	public of China; or

1	(C) directly or indirectly owned or controlled by
2	an agency, instrumentality, or entity described in
3	subparagraph (A) or (B).
4	(4) The Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act Entity
5	List of the Department of Homeland Security.
6	(b) The prohibition under subsection (a) shall apply
7	to a case in which a Member, committee, officer, or em-
8	ployee of the House of Representatives has entered into
9	a contract with another entity for the procurement or pur-
10	chase of, or the expenditure of funds on, covered informa-
11	tion technology equipment.
12	(e) In this section, the term "covered information
13	technology equipment"—
14	(1) means a computer, printer, or interoperable
15	videoconferencing equipment for direct use by a Member,
16	committee, officer, or employee of the House of Represent-
17	atives in an office environment; and
18	(2) does not include services that use such equipment,
19	including cloud services.
20	JOINT ITEMS
21	For Joint Committees, as follows:
22	JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
23	For salaries and expenses of the Joint Economic
24	Committee, \$4,283,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary
25	of the Senate.

1	Joint Committee on Taxation
2	For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on
3	Taxation, \$14,900,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Ad-
4	ministrative Officer of the House of Representatives.
5	For other joint items, as follows:
6	Office of the Attending Physician
7	For medical supplies, equipment, and contingent ex-
8	penses of the emergency rooms, and for the Attending
9	Physician and their assistants, including:
10	(1) an allowance of \$3,500 per month to the
11	Attending Physician;
12	(2) an allowance of \$2,500 per month to the
13	Senior Medical Officer;
14	(3) an allowance of \$900 per month each to
15	three medical officers while on duty in the Office of
16	the Attending Physician;
17	(4) an allowance of \$900 per month to 2 assist-
18	ants and \$900 per month each not to exceed 11 as-
19	sistants on the basis heretofore provided for such as-
20	sistants; and
21	(5) \$3,388,000 for reimbursement to the De-
22	partment of the Navy for expenses incurred for staff
23	and equipment assigned to the Office of the Attend-
24	ing Physician, which shall be advanced and credited
25	to the applicable appropriation or appropriations

1 from which such salaries, allowances, and other ex-2 penses are payable and shall be available for all the 3 purposes thereof, \$4,856,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Rep-4 5 resentatives. 6 OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES 7 Salaries and Expenses 8 For salaries and expenses of the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services, \$1,901,000, to be disbursed 10 by the Secretary of the Senate. 11 CAPITOL POLICE 12 SALARIES 13 For salaries of employees of the Capitol Police, in-14 cluding overtime, hazardous duty pay, and Government 15 contributions for health, retirement, social security, professional liability insurance, and other applicable employee 16 benefits, \$687,355,000, of which overtime shall not exceed 18 \$74,976,000 unless approved by the Committees on Ap-19 propriations of the House and Senate, to be disbursed by the Chief of the Capitol Police or a duly authorized des-20 21 ignee: Provided, That of the amount appropriated, 22 \$15,000,000 shall be available solely for tuition reimburse-23 ment, recruitment and retention bonuses and other retention focused salary related items *Provided further*, That none of the amount appropriated under this heading may

- 1 be merged with and made available under the heading
- 2 "General Expenses" without the prior approval of the
- 3 Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate.
- 4 General Expenses
- 5 For necessary expenses of the Capitol Police, includ-
- 6 ing motor vehicles, communications and other equipment,
- 7 security equipment and installation, uniforms, weapons,
- 8 supplies, materials, training, medical services, forensic
- 9 services, Member protection-related activities and equip-
- 10 ment, stenographic services, personal and professional
- 11 services, the employee assistance program, the awards pro-
- 12 gram, postage, communication services, travel advances,
- 13 relocation of instructor and liaison personnel for the Fed-
- 14 eral Law Enforcement Training Centers, and not more
- 15 than \$5,000 to be expended on the certification of the
- 16 Chief of the Capitol Police in connection with official rep-
- 17 resentation and reception expenses, \$203,546,000, of
- 18 which \$10,000,000 shall remain available until September
- 19 30, 2030 for reimbursements for mutual aid and related
- 20 training: Provided, That, notwithstanding any other provi-
- 21 sion of law, the cost of basic training for the Capitol Police
- 22 at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers for fis-
- 23 cal year 2026 shall be paid by the Secretary of Homeland
- 24 Security from funds available to the Department of Home-
- 25 land Security: Provided further, That none of the amounts

- 1 made available under this heading may be used to pur-
- 2 chase a drone manufactured in the People's Republic of
- 3 China or by a business affiliated with the People's Repub-
- 4 lie of China except for national security purposes: Pro-
- 5 vided further, That none of the amounts appropriated
- 6 under this heading may be merged with and made avail-
- 7 able under the heading "Salaries" without the prior ap-
- 8 proval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House
- 9 and Senate.
- 10 Administrative Provision
- 11 AUTHORIZATIONS REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRAINING
- SEC. 116. (a) Section 4120 of title 5, United States
- 13 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
- 14 subsection:
- 15 "(c) An employee of the Capitol Police may receive
- 16 training under this section outside of the United States
- 17 only with the prior approval of the Capitol Police Board.
- 18 In this subsection, the term 'United States' means each
- 19 of the several States of the United States, the District
- 20 of Columbia, and the territories and possessions of the
- 21 United States.".
- (b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall
- 23 apply with respect to fiscal year 2026 and each succeeding
- 24 fiscal year.

1	APPOINTMENT AND TERMINATION AUTHORITY
2	Sec. 117. (a) Assistant Chief of Police.—Sec-
3	tion 907(b) of the Emergency Supplemental Act, 2002 (2
4	U.S.C. 1901 note) is amended by striking "the Assistant"
5	and inserting "an Assistant".
6	(b) Chief Administrative Officer.—Section
7	108(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act
8	2001 (2 U.S.C. 1903(a)) is amended—
9	(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "who shall re-
10	port to" and all that follows and inserting the fol-
11	lowing: "who shall report to the Chief of the Capitol
12	Police and who shall serve at the pleasure of the
13	Chief of the Capitol Police and the Capitol Police
14	Board."; and
15	(2) in paragraph (2), by striking "after con-
16	sultation with" and inserting "with the approval of".
17	(c) General Counsel.—Section 3(a) of the United
18	States Capitol Police Administrative Technical Correc-
19	tions Act of 2009 (2 U.S.C. 1911) is amended—
20	(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "who shall re-
21	port to" and all that follows and inserting the fol-
22	lowing: "who shall report to the Chief of the Capitol
23	Police and who shall serve at the pleasure of the
24	Chief of the Capitol Police and the Capitol Police
25	Board ": and

1	(2) in paragraph (2), by striking "after con-
2	sultation with" and inserting "with the approval of".
3	(d) Deputy Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs.—Sec-
4	tion 1018(e)(1) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations
5	Act, 2003 (2 U.S.C. 1907(e)(1)), is amended by adding
6	at the end the following:
7	"(D) Special rules for deputy chiefs
8	AND ASSISTANT CHIEFS OF THE CAPITOL PO-
9	LICE.—
10	"(i) Designation.—The Chief may
11	not designate an officer, member, or em-
12	ployee as a Deputy Chief or Assistant
13	Chief of the Capitol Police without the ap-
14	proval of the Capitol Police Board.
15	"(ii) Termination.—An officer,
16	member, or employee designated as a Dep-
17	uty Chief or Assistant Chief of the Capitol
18	Police shall serve at the pleasure of the
19	Chief of the Capitol Police and the Capitol
20	Police Board.".
21	(e) Effective Date.—This section and the amend-
22	ments made by this section shall apply with respect to any
23	individual serving as a Deputy Chief appointed by the
24	Chief of the Capitol Police, an Assistant Chief of the Cap-
25	ital Police the Chief Administrative Officer of the United

1	States Capitol Police, or the General Counsel to the Chief
2	of Police and the United States Capitol Police on or after
3	the date of the enactment of this Act.
4	OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE
5	RIGHTS
6	Salaries and Expenses
7	For salaries and expenses necessary for the operation
8	of the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights,
9	\$8,350,000, of which not more than \$1,000 may be ex-
10	pended on the certification of the Executive Director in
11	connection with official representation and reception ex-
12	penses.
13	CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
14	Salaries and Expenses
15	For salaries and expenses necessary for operation of
16	the Congressional Budget Office, including not more than
17	\$6,000 to be expended on the certification of the Director
18	of the Congressional Budget Office in connection with offi-
19	cial representation and reception expenses, \$72,000,000:
20	Provided, That the Director shall use not less than
21	\$500,000 of the amount made available under this head-
22	ing for (1) improving technical systems, processes, and
23	models for the purpose of improving the transparency of
24	estimates of budgetary effects to Members of Congress,
25	employees of Members of Congress, and the public, and

- 1 (2) to increase the availability of models, economic as-
- 2 sumptions, and data for Members of Congress, employees
- 3 of Members of Congress, and the public.

4 ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

- 5 Capital Construction and Operations
- 6 For salaries for the Architect of the Capitol, and
- 7 other personal services, at rates of pay provided by law;
- 8 for all necessary expenses for surveys and studies, con-
- 9 struction, operation, and general and administrative sup-
- 10 port in connection with facilities and activities under the
- 11 care of the Architect of the Capitol, including the Botanic
- 12 Garden, Senate and House office buildings, and other fa-
- 13 cilities under the jurisdiction of the Architect of the Cap-
- 14 itol; for furnishings and office equipment; for official re-
- 15 ception and representation expenses of not more than
- 16 \$5,000, to be expended as the Architect of the Capitol may
- 17 approve; for purchase or exchange, maintenance, and op-
- 18 eration of a passenger motor vehicle, \$166,303,000.

19 CAPITOL BUILDING

- For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
- 21 and operation of the Capitol, \$68,560,000, of which
- 22 \$32,899,000 shall remain available until September 30,
- 23 2030.

1	Capitol Grounds
2	For all necessary expenses for care and improvement
3	of grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House
4	office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant,
5	\$19,939,000, of which $$3,000,000$ shall remain available
6	until September 30, 2030.
7	House Office Buildings
8	For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care,
9	and operation of the House office buildings,
10	\$123,672,000, of which $$32,140,000$ shall remain avail-
11	able until September 30, 2030, and of which $$10,500,000$
12	shall remain available until expended for a payment to the
13	House Historic Buildings Revitalization Fund.
14	Capitol Power Plant
15	For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
16	and operation of the Capitol Power Plant; and all elec-
17	trical substations of the Capitol; lighting, heating, power
18	(including the purchase of electrical energy) and water
19	and sewer services for the Capitol, Senate and House of-
20	fice buildings, Library of Congress buildings, and the
21	grounds about the same, Botanic Garden, Senate garage,
22	and air conditioning refrigeration not supplied from plants
23	in any of such buildings; heating the Government Pub-
24	lishing Office and Washington City Post Office, and heat-
25	ing and chilled water for air conditioning for the Supreme

- 1 Court Building, the Union Station complex, the Thurgood
- 2 Marshall Federal Judiciary Building and the Folger
- 3 Shakespeare Library, expenses for which shall be ad-
- 4 vanced or reimbursed upon request of the Architect of the
- 5 Capitol and amounts so received shall be deposited into
- 6 the Treasury to the credit of this appropriation,
- 7 \$119,926,000, of which \$8,200,000 shall remain available
- 8 until September 30, 2030: Provided, That not more than
- 9 \$10,000,000 of the funds credited or to be reimbursed to
- 10 this appropriation as herein provided shall be available for
- 11 obligation during fiscal year 2026.
- 12 LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
- For all necessary expenses for the mechanical and
- 14 structural maintenance, care and operation of the Library
- 15 buildings and grounds, \$76,829,000, of which
- 16 \$37,200,000 shall remain available until September 30,
- 17 2030.
- 18 Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds and Security
- 19 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
- 20 and operation of buildings, grounds and security enhance-
- 21 ments of the United States Capitol Police, wherever lo-
- 22 cated, the Alternate Computing Facility, and Architect of
- 23 the Capitol security operations, \$74,910,000, of which
- 24 \$10,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,
- 25 2030: Provided, That none of the amounts made available

- 1 under this heading may be used to purchase a drone man-
- 2 ufactured in the People's Republic of China or by a busi-
- 3 ness affiliated with the People's Republic of China except
- 4 for national security purposes.
- 5 Botanic Garden
- 6 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
- 7 and operation of the Botanic Garden and the nurseries,
- 8 buildings, grounds, and collections; and purchase and ex-
- 9 change, maintenance, repair, and operation of a passenger
- 10 motor vehicle; all under the direction of the Joint Com-
- 11 mittee on the Library, \$21,392,000, of which \$5,000,000
- 12 shall remain available until September 30, 2030: Provided,
- 13 That, of the amount made available under this heading,
- 14 the Architect of the Capitol may obligate and expend such
- 15 sums as may be necessary for the maintenance, care and
- 16 operation of the National Garden established under sec-
- 17 tion 307E of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,
- 18 1989 (2 U.S.C. 2146), upon vouchers approved by the Ar-
- 19 chitect of the Capitol or a duly authorized designee.
- 20 Capitol Visitor Center
- 21 For all necessary expenses for the operation of the
- 22 Capitol Visitor Center, \$29,827,000.

1	Administrative Provision
2	NO BONUSES FOR CONTRACTORS BEHIND SCHEDULE OR
3	OVER BUDGET
4	SEC. 118. None of the funds made available in this
5	Act for the Architect of the Capitol may be used to make
6	incentive or award payments to contractors for work or
7	contracts or programs for which the contractor is behind
8	schedule or over budget, unless the Architect of the Cap-
9	itol, or agency-employed designee, determines that any
10	such deviations are due to unforeseeable events, govern-
11	ment-driven scope changes, or are not significant within
12	the overall scope of the project and/or program.
13	ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC OUTREACH AND SERVICES
14	FOR CAPITOL GROUNDS AND ARBORETUM
15	SEC. 119. (a) Cooperative Agreements.—The
16	Architect of the Capitol, subject to the approval of the
17	Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House
18	of Representatives, may enter into cooperative agreements
19	with entities under such terms as the Architect determines
20	advisable, in order to support the Capitol Grounds and
21	Arboretum in carrying out its duties, authorities and mis-
22	sion.
23	(b) PLANT MATERIAL EXCHANGES.—The Architect
24	of the Capitol may engage in plant material exchanges be-
25	tween the Capitol Grounds and Arboretum and other enti-

- 1 ties including Federal, State, or local government agen-
- 2 cies, botanic gardens, arboretums, educational institu-
- 3 tions, non-profit organizations, municipal parks, and gar-
- 4 dens.
- 5 (c) Effective Date.—This section shall apply with
- 6 respect to fiscal year 2026 and each succeeding fiscal year.

7 LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

- 8 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
- 9 For all necessary expenses of the Library of Congress
- 10 not otherwise provided for, including development and
- 11 maintenance of the Library's catalogs; custody and custo-
- 12 dial care of the Library buildings; information technology
- 13 services provided centrally; special clothing; cleaning,
- 14 laundering and repair of uniforms; preservation of motion
- 15 pictures in the custody of the Library; operation and
- 16 maintenance of the American Folklife Center in the Li-
- 17 brary; preparation and distribution of catalog records and
- 18 other publications of the Library; hire or purchase of one
- 19 passenger motor vehicle; and expenses of the Library of
- 20 Congress Trust Fund Board not properly chargeable to
- 21 the income of any trust fund held by the Board,
- 22 \$501,902,900, and, in addition, amounts credited to this
- 23 appropriation during fiscal year 2026 under the Act of
- 24 June 28, 1902 (chapter 1301; 32 Stat. 480; 2 U.S.C.
- 25 150), shall remain available until expended: Provided,

- 1 That the Library of Congress may not obligate or expend
- 2 any funds derived from collections under the Act of June
- 3 28, 1902, in excess of the amount authorized for obliga-
- 4 tion or expenditure in appropriations Acts: Provided fur-
- 5 ther, That of the total amount appropriated, not more
- 6 than \$18,000 may be expended, on the certification of the
- 7 Librarian of Congress, in connection with official rep-
- 8 resentation and reception expenses, including for the Over-
- 9 seas Field Offices: Provided further, That of the total
- 10 amount appropriated, no less than \$10,360,000 shall re-
- 11 main available until expended for the Teaching with Pri-
- 12 mary Sources program: Provided further, That of the total
- 13 amount appropriated, \$1,546,000 shall remain available
- 14 until expended for upgrade of the Legislative Branch Fi-
- 15 nancial Management System: Provided further, That of
- 16 the total amount appropriated, \$150,000 shall remain
- 17 available until expended for the Surplus Books Program
- 18 to promote the program and facilitate a greater number
- 19 of donations to eligible entities across the United States:
- 20 Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated,
- 21 \$4,379,000 shall remain available until expended for the
- 22 Veterans History Project to continue digitization efforts
- 23 of already collected materials, reach a greater number of
- 24 veterans to record their stories, and promote public access
- 25 to the Project.

1 COPYRIGHT OFFICE 2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES 3 For all necessary expenses of the Copyright Office, 4 \$101,476,000, of which not more than \$37,025,000, to 5 remain available until expended, shall be derived from collections credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 6 2026 under sections 708(d) and 1316 of title 17, United 7 8 States Code: *Provided*, That the Copyright Office may not obligate or expend any funds derived from collections 10 under such section in excess of the amount authorized for obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: Provided 11 further, That not more than \$7,824,000 shall be derived from collections during fiscal year 2026 under sections 111(d)(2), 119(b)(3), 803(e), and 1005 of such title: Pro-14 15 vided further, That the total amount available for obligation shall be reduced by the amount by which collections 16 17 are less than \$44,849,000: Provided further, That of the 18 funds provided under this heading, not less than 19 \$10,300,000 is for modernization initiatives, of which 20 \$8,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 21 2027: Provided further, That not more than \$100,000 of the amount appropriated is available for the maintenance 23 of an "International Copyright Institute" in the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress for the purpose of training nationals of developing countries in intellectual prop-

- 1 erty laws and policies: *Provided further*, That not more
- 2 than \$6,500 may be expended, on the certification of the
- 3 Librarian of Congress, in connection with official rep-
- 4 resentation and reception expenses for activities of the
- 5 International Copyright Institute and for copyright dele-
- 6 gations, visitors, and seminars: Provided further, That,
- 7 notwithstanding any provision of chapter 8 of title 17,
- 8 United States Code, any amounts made available under
- 9 this heading which are attributable to royalty fees and
- 10 payments received by the Copyright Office pursuant to
- 11 sections 111, 119, and chapter 10 of such title may be
- 12 used for the costs incurred in the administration of the
- 13 Copyright Royalty Judges program, with the exception of
- 14 the costs of salaries and benefits for the Copyright Royalty
- 15 Judges and staff under section 802(e).
- 16 Congressional Research Service
- 17 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
- 18 For all necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
- 19 of section 203 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
- 20 1946 (2 U.S.C. 166) and to revise and extend the Anno-
- 21 tated Constitution of the United States of America,
- 22 \$141,093,000: Provided, That no part of such amount
- 23 may be used to pay any salary or expense in connection
- 24 with any publication, or preparation of material therefor
- 25 (except the Digest of Public General Bills), to be issued

- 1 by the Library of Congress unless such publication has
- 2 obtained prior approval of either the Committee on House
- 3 Administration of the House of Representatives or the
- 4 Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate:
- 5 Provided further, That this prohibition does not apply to
- 6 publication of non-confidential Congressional Research
- 7 Service (CRS) products: Provided further, That a non-con-
- 8 fidential CRS product includes any written product con-
- 9 taining research or analysis that is currently available for
- 10 general congressional access on the CRS Congressional
- 11 Intranet, or that would be made available on the CRS
- 12 Congressional Intranet in the normal course of business
- 13 and does not include material prepared in response to
- 14 Congressional requests for confidential analysis or re-
- 15 search.
- 16 National Library Service for the Blind and
- 17 Print Disabled
- 18 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
- 19 For all necessary expenses to carry out the Act of
- 20 March 3, 1931 (chapter 400; 46 Stat. 1487; 2 U.S.C.
- 21 135a), \$68,001,000: *Provided*, That of the total amount
- 22 appropriated, \$650,000 shall be available to contract to
- 23 provide newspapers to blind and print disabled residents
- 24 at no cost to the individual.

1	Administrative Provision
2	REIMBURSABLE AND REVOLVING FUND ACTIVITIES
3	Sec. 120. (a) In General.—For fiscal year 2026,
4	the obligational authority of the Library of Congress for
5	the activities described in subsection (b) may not exceed
6	\$332,285,000.
7	(b) Activities.—The activities referred to in sub-
8	section (a) are reimbursable and revolving fund activities
9	that are funded from sources other than appropriations
10	to the Library in appropriations Acts for the legislative
11	branch.
12	GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE
13	Congressional Publishing
14	(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)
15	For authorized publishing of congressional informa-
16	tion and the distribution of congressional information in
17	any format; publishing of Government publications au-
18	thorized by law to be distributed to Members of Congress;
19	and publishing, and distribution of Government publica-
20	tions authorized by law to be distributed without charge
21	to the recipient, \$83,000,000: Provided, That this appro-
22	priation shall not be available for paper copies of the per-
23	manent edition of the Congressional Record for individual
24	Representatives, Resident Commissioners or Delegates au-
25	thorized under section 906 of title 44, United States Code:

- 1 Provided further, That this appropriation shall be available
- 2 for the payment of obligations incurred under the appro-
- 3 priations for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years:
- 4 Provided further, That notwithstanding the 2-year limita-
- 5 tion under section 718 of title 44, United States Code,
- 6 none of the funds appropriated or made available under
- 7 this Act or any other Act for printing and binding and
- 8 related services provided to Congress under chapter 7 of
- 9 title 44, United States Code, may be expended to print
- 10 a document, report, or publication after the 27-month pe-
- 11 riod beginning on the date that such document, report,
- 12 or publication is authorized by Congress to be printed, un-
- 13 less Congress reauthorizes such printing in accordance
- 14 with section 718 of title 44, United States Code: Provided
- 15 further, That unobligated or unexpended balances of ex-
- 16 pired discretionary funds made available under this head-
- 17 ing in this Act for this fiscal year may be transferred to,
- 18 and merged with, funds under the heading "Government
- 19 Publishing Office Business Operations Revolving
- 20 Fund" no later than the end of the fifth fiscal year after
- 21 the last fiscal year for which such funds are available for
- 22 the purposes for which appropriated, to be available for
- 23 carrying out the purposes of this heading, subject to the
- 24 approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the
- 25 House of Representatives and the Senate: Provided fur-

1	ther, That this appropriation shall be available for pub-
2	lishing congressionally mandated reports under the Access
3	to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act, Pub. L. 117-
4	263, div. G, title LXXII, subtitle D: Provided further,
5	That notwithstanding sections 901, 902, and 906 of title
6	44, United States Code, this appropriation may be used
7	to prepare indexes to the Congressional Record on only
8	a monthly and session basis.
9	Public Information Programs of the
10	Superintendent of Documents
11	SALARIES AND EXPENSES
12	(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)
13	For expenses of the public information programs of
14	the Office of Superintendent of Documents necessary to
15	provide for the cataloging and indexing of Government
16	publications in any format, and their distribution to the
17	public, Members of Congress, other Government agencies
18	and designated depository and international exchange li-
19	braries as authorized by law, \$42,852,000: Provided, That
20	amounts of not more than \$2,000,000 from current year
21	appropriations are authorized for producing and dissemi-
22	nating Congressional serial sets and other related publica-
23	tions for the preceding two fiscal years to depository and
24	other designated libraries: Provided further, That unobli-
25	gated or unexpended balances of expired discretionary

- 1 funds made available under this heading in this Act for
- 2 this fiscal year may be transferred to, and merged with,
- 3 funds under the heading "Government Publishing Of-
- 4 FICE BUSINESS OPERATIONS REVOLVING FUND" no later
- 5 than the end of the fifth fiscal year after the last fiscal
- 6 year for which such funds are available for the purposes
- 7 for which appropriated, to be available for carrying out
- 8 the purposes of this heading, subject to the approval of
- 9 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
- 10 resentatives and the Senate.
- 11 GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE BUSINESS
- 12 OPERATIONS REVOLVING FUND
- For payment to the Government Publishing Office
- 14 Business Operations Revolving Fund, \$9,525,000, to re-
- 15 main available until expended, for information technology
- 16 development and facilities repair: Provided, That the Gov-
- 17 ernment Publishing Office is hereby authorized to make
- 18 such expenditures, within the limits of funds available and
- 19 in accordance with law, and to make such contracts and
- 20 commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as
- 21 provided by section 9104 of title 31, United States Code,
- 22 as may be necessary in carrying out the programs and
- 23 purposes set forth in the budget for the current fiscal year
- 24 for the Government Publishing Office Business Operations
- 25 Revolving Fund: Provided further, That not more than

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

1 GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

2	Salaries and Expenses
3	For necessary expenses of the Government Account-
4	ability Office, including not more than \$12,500 to be ex-
5	pended on the certification of the Comptroller General of
6	the United States in connection with official representa-
7	tion and reception expenses; temporary or intermittent
8	services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States
9	Code, but at rates for individuals not more than the daily
10	equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level IV of
11	the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of such title
12	hire of one passenger motor vehicle; advance payments in
13	foreign countries in accordance with section 3324 of title
14	31, United States Code; benefits comparable to those pay-
15	able under sections 901(5), (6), and (8) of the Foreign
16	Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4081(5), (6), and (8))
17	and under regulations prescribed by the Comptroller Gen-
18	eral of the United States, rental of living quarters in for-
19	eign countries, \$415,370,000, of which \$5,000,000 shall
20	remain available until expended: Provided, That, in addi-
21	tion, \$35,424,000 of payments received under sections
22	782, 791, 3521, and 9105 of title 31, United States Code
23	shall be available without fiscal year limitation: Provided
24	further, That none of the amounts made available under
25	this heading may be used with respect to a project or ac-

- 1 tivity that has not been requested by Congress or is other-
- 2 wise not required by law unless the Comptroller General
- 3 provides prior notice to the Committees on Appropriations
- 4 of the House of Representatives and the Senate about
- 5 such project or activity that includes an explanation as
- 6 to why such project or activity should be carried out: Pro-
- 7 vided further, That this appropriation and appropriations
- 8 for administrative expenses of any other department or
- 9 agency which is a member of the National Intergovern-
- 10 mental Audit Forum or a Regional Intergovernmental
- 11 Audit Forum shall be available to finance an appropriate
- 12 share of either Forum's costs as determined by the respec-
- 13 tive Forum, including necessary travel expenses of non-
- 14 Federal participants: Provided further, That payments
- 15 hereunder to the Forum may be credited as reimburse-
- 16 ments to any appropriation from which costs involved are
- 17 initially financed.
- 18 Administrative Provision
- 19 FUNDING AVAILABILITY RELATING TO CIVIL ACTIONS
- Sec. 121. None of the funds appropriated or other-
- 21 wise made available by this Act for the Government Ac-
- 22 countability Office may be used with respect to a civil ac-
- 23 tion brought under section 1016 of the Congressional
- 24 Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C.
- 25 687) unless Congress has adopted a concurrent resolution

1	authorizing the Comptroller General to bring such civil ac-					
2	tion.					
3	CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL					
4	LEADERSHIP FUND					
5	For a payment to the Congressional Office for Inter-					
6	national Leadership Fund for financing activities of the					
7	Congressional Office for International Leadership under					
8	section 313 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,					
9	2001 (2 U.S.C. 1151), \$6,300,000.					
10	JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC					
11	SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT					
12	For payment to the John C. Stennis Center for Pub-					
13	lic Service Development Trust Fund established under					
14	section 116 of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Serv-					
15	ice Training and Development Act (2 U.S.C. 1105),					
16	\$430,000.					
17	TITLE II					
18	GENERAL PROVISIONS					
19	MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES					
20	Sec. 201. No part of the funds appropriated in this					
21	Act shall be used for the maintenance or care of private					
22	vehicles, except for emergency assistance and cleaning as					
23	may be provided under regulations relating to parking fa-					
24	cilities for the House of Representatives issued by the					

- 1 Committee on House Administration and for the Senate
- 2 issued by the Committee on Rules and Administration.
- 3 FISCAL YEAR LIMITATION
- 4 Sec. 202. No part of the funds appropriated in this
- 5 Act shall remain available for obligation beyond fiscal year
- 6 2026 unless expressly so provided in this Act.
- 7 RATES OF COMPENSATION AND DESIGNATION
- 8 Sec. 203. Whenever in this Act any office or position
- 9 not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of
- 10 1929 (46 Stat. 32 et seq.) is appropriated for or the rate
- 11 of compensation or designation of any office or position
- 12 appropriated for is different from that specifically estab-
- 13 lished by such Act, the rate of compensation and the des-
- 14 ignation in this Act shall be the permanent law with re-
- 15 spect thereto: Provided, That the provisions in this Act
- 16 for the various items of official expenses of Members, offi-
- 17 cers, and committees of the Senate and House of Rep-
- 18 resentatives, and clerk hire for Senators and Members of
- 19 the House of Representatives shall be the permanent law
- 20 with respect thereto.
- 21 Consulting Services
- Sec. 204. The expenditure of any appropriation
- 23 under this Act for any consulting service through procure-
- 24 ment contract, under section 3109 of title 5, United States
- 25 Code, shall be limited to those contracts where such ex-

- 1 penditures are a matter of public record and available for
- 2 public inspection, except where otherwise provided under
- 3 existing law, or under existing Executive order issued
- 4 under existing law.
- 5 COSTS OF LEGISLATIVE BRANCH FINANCIAL MANAGERS
- 6 COUNCIL
- 7 Sec. 205. Amounts available for administrative ex-
- 8 penses of any legislative branch entity which participates
- 9 in the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council
- 10 (LBFMC) established by charter on March 26, 1996, shall
- 11 be available to finance an appropriate share of LBFMC
- 12 costs as determined by the LBFMC, except that the total
- 13 LBFMC costs to be shared among all participating legisla-
- 14 tive branch entities (in such allocations among the entities
- 15 as the entities may determine) may not exceed \$2,000.
- 16 LIMITATION ON TRANSFERS
- 17 Sec. 206. None of the funds made available in this
- 18 Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-
- 19 strumentality of the United States Government, except
- 20 pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority pro-
- 21 vided in, this Act or any other appropriation Act.
- 22 GUIDED TOURS OF THE CAPITOL
- SEC. 207. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b),
- 24 none of the funds made available to the Architect of the
- 25 Capitol in this Act may be used to eliminate or restrict

- 1 guided tours of the United States Capitol which are led
- 2 by employees and interns of offices of Members of Con-
- 3 gress and other offices of the House of Representatives
- 4 and Senate, unless through regulations as authorized by
- 5 section 402(b)(8) of the Capitol Visitor Center Act of
- 6 2008 (2 U.S.C. 2242(b)(8)).
- 7 (b) At the direction of the Capitol Police Board, or
- 8 at the direction of the Architect of the Capitol with the
- 9 approval of the Capitol Police Board, guided tours of the
- 10 United States Capitol which are led by employees and in-
- 11 terns described in subsection (a) may be suspended tempo-
- 12 rarily or otherwise subject to restriction for security or re-
- 13 lated reasons to the same extent as guided tours of the
- 14 United States Capitol which are led by the Architect of
- 15 the Capitol.
- 16 PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN OPERATIONAL EXPENSES
- 17 Sec. 208. (a) None of the funds made available in
- 18 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer
- 19 network unless such network blocks the viewing,
- 20 downloading, and exchanging of pornography.
- 21 (b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of
- 22 funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law
- 23 enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out crimi-
- 24 nal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities
- 25 or other official government activities.

1	PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS
2	EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT
3	Sec. 209. (a) Prohibition on Use or Procure-
4	MENT.—
5	(1) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise
6	made available under this Act may be used by the
7	head of an agency, office, or other entity to—
8	(A) procure or obtain or extend or renew
9	a contract to procure or obtain any equipment,
10	system, or service that uses covered tele-
11	communications equipment or services as a sub-
12	stantial or essential component of any system,
13	or as critical technology as part of any system;
14	or
15	(B) enter into a contract (or extend or
16	renew a contract) with an entity that uses any
17	equipment, system, or service that uses covered
18	telecommunications equipment or services as a
19	substantial or essential component of any sys-
20	tem, or as critical technology as part of any
21	system.
22	(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) shall be construed
23	to—
24	(A) prohibit the head of an agency, office,
25	or other entity from procuring with an entity to

provide a service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or

> (B) cover telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(b) Prohibition of Loan and Grant Funds.—

- (1) The head of an agency, office, or other entity may not obligate or expend loan or grant funds appropriated or otherwise made available under this Act to procure or obtain, extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain, or enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain the equipment, services, or systems described in subsection (a).
- (2) In implementing the prohibition in paragraph (1), heads of agencies, offices, and entities administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions, and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected agencies, offices, and entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to pro-

- cure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.
- 4 (3) Nothing in this subsection shall be con-5 strued to—
 - (A) prohibit the head of an agency, office, or entity from procuring with an entity to provide a service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or
 - (B) cover telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.
- 16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—The prohibition under sub17 section (a)(1)(A) shall apply with respect to fiscal year
 18 2026 and each succeeding fiscal year, and the prohibitions
 19 under subsections (a)(1)(B) and (b)(1) shall apply with
 20 respect to fiscal year 2027 and each succeeding fiscal year.
- 21 (d) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The head of an agency, 22 office, or other entity may, on a one-time basis, waive the 23 requirements under subsection (a) with respect to an 24 agency, office, or entity that requests such a waiver. The 25 waiver may be provided, for a period of not more than

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1	two years after the effective dates described in subsection					
2	(c), if the agency, office, or entity seeking the waiver—					
3	(1) provides a compelling justification for the					
4	additional time to implement the requirements under					
5	such subsection, as determined by the head of the					
6	agency, office, or entity; and					
7	(2) submits to the head of the agency, office, or					
8	entity, who shall not later than 30 days thereafter					
9	submit to the appropriate congressional committees,					
10	a full and complete laydown of the presences of cov-					
11	ered telecommunications or video surveillance equip-					
12	ment or services in the agency's, office's, or entity's					
13	supply chain and a phase-out plan to eliminate such					
14	covered telecommunications or video surveillance					
15	equipment or services from the agency's, office's, or					
16	entity's systems.					
17	(e) Definitions.—In this section, the following defi-					
18	nitions apply:					
19	(1) The term "appropriate congressional com-					
20	mittees" means the Committees on Appropriations					
21	of the House of Representatives and Senate.					
22	(2) The term "covered telecommunications					
23	equipment or services" means any of the following:					
24	(A) Telecommunications equipment pro-					
25	duced by Huawei Technologies Company or					

ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

- (B) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
- (C) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
- (D) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a foreign adversary country.

1	(3) The term "foreign adversary country"						
2	means a country specified in section 4872(d) of title						
3	10, United States Code.						
4	LIMITATION ON TREATMENT AS FIDUCIARY						
5	RELATIONSHIP						
6	Sec. 210. (a) Section 13144 of title 5, United States						
7	Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new						
8	subsection:						
9	"(c) Limitation On Treatment As Fiduciary						
10	Relationship.—For purposes of this section, the rela-						
11	tionship between a Member who is providing care directly						
12	to a patient in the form of medical services or dental serv-						
13	ices and the patient to whom such care is provided shall						
14	not be considered a fiduciary relationship.".						
15	(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall						
16	apply with respect to compensation received in fiscal year						
17	2026 or any succeeding fiscal year.						
18	LIMITATION ON CERTAIN TRAINING						
19	SEC. 211. None of the funds made available by this						
20	Act may be used for any office, program, or activity for						
21	the purposes of diversity, equity, and inclusion training						
22	or implementation that promotes or perpetuates divisive						
23	concepts related to race or sex, such as the concepts that						
24	one race or sex is inherently superior to another, or that						

1	an individual's moral character or worth is determined by				
2	their race or sex.				
3	LIMITATION ON FUNDS				
4	Sec. 212. (a) In General.—Notwithstanding sec-				
5	tion 7 of title 1, United States Code, section 1738C				
6	title 28, United States Code, or any other provision of lav				
7	none of the funds provided by this Act, or previous appro				
8	priations Acts, shall be used in whole or in part to tak				
9	any discriminatory action against a person, wholly or par				
10	tially, on the basis that such person speaks, or acts, in				
11	accordance with a sincerely held religious belief, or moral				
12	conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as				
13	a union of one man and one woman.				
14	(b) DISCRIMINATORY ACTION DEFINED.—As used in				
15	subsection (a), a discriminatory action means any action				
16	taken by the Federal Government to—				
17	(1) alter in any way the Federal tax treatment				
18	of, or cause any tax, penalty, or payment to be as-				
19	sessed against, or deny, delay, or revoke an exemp-				
20	tion from taxation under section 501(a) of the Inter-				
21	nal Revenue Code of 1986 of, any person referred to				
22	in subsection (a);				
23	(2) disallow a deduction for Federal tax pur-				
24	poses of any charitable contribution made to or by				
25	such person.				

- 1 (3) withhold, reduce the amount or funding for,
 2 exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or
 3 deny, any Federal grant, contract, subcontract, co4 operative agreement, guarantee, loan, scholarship, li5 cense, certification, accreditation, employment, or
 6 other similar position or status from or to such per7 son;
 - (4) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, any entitlement or benefit under a Federal benefit program, including admission to, equal treatment in, or eligibility for a degree from an educational program, from or to such person; or
 - (5) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or deny access or an entitlement to Federal property, facilities, educational institutions, speech fora (including traditional, limited, and nonpublic fora), or charitable fundraising campaigns from or to such person.
- 20 (c) Accreditation; Licensure; Certification.—
 21 The Federal Government shall consider accredited, li22 censed, or certified for purposes of Federal law any person
 23 that would be accredited, licensed, or certified, respec24 tively, for such purposes but for a determination against
 25 such person wholly or partially on the basis that the per-

son speaks, or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held 2 religious belief or moral conviction described in subsection 3 (a). 4 LIMITATION ON FUNDS 5 Sec. 213. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no adjustment shall be made under section 601(a) 6 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 8 4501) (relating to cost of living adjustments for Members of Congress) during fiscal year 2026. 10 PROHIBITING ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES LINKED TO 11 CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY 12 SEC. 214. None of the funds made available by this 13 Act may be used to lease, procure, or otherwise acquire 14 a vehicle if the manufacturer, bidder, or offeror of such 15 vehicle is directly or indirectly an entity that is— 16 (1) owned by, controlled by, or organized under 17 the laws of the People's Republic of China, including 18 BYD Auto Co., Ltd., Zhejiang Geely Holding Group 19 Co., Ltd., or any subsidiary or affiliate thereof; or 20 (2) included on the list maintained by the Sec-21 retary of Defense pursuant to section 1260H of the 22 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 23 2021 (10 U.S.C. 113 note), including Contemporary 24 Amperex Technology Co., Limited (CATL), or any 25 subsidiary or affiliate thereof.

- 1 Sec. 215. Notwithstanding any other provision of
- 2 law, an entity may use amounts appropriated or otherwise
- 3 made available under this Act to pay the compensation
- 4 of an officer or employee without regard to the officer's
- 5 or employee's immigration status if the officer or employee
- 6 has been issued an employment authorization document
- 7 under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Pro-
- 8 gram of the Secretary of Homeland Security, as set forth
- 9 in the Department of Homeland Security's August 24,
- 10 2022 final rule entitled "Deferred Action for Childhood
- 11 Arrivals".
- 12 SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT
- 13 SEC. 216. \$0.
- 14 This Act may be cited as the "Legislative Branch Ap-
- 15 propriations Act, 2026".

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