

Taylor	Velázquez	Weiner
Thompson (CA)	Visclosky	Welch (VT)
Thompson (MS)	Walz (MN)	Wexler
Tierney	Wasserman	Wilson (OH)
Towns	Schultz	Woolsey
Udall (CO)	Waters	Wu
Udall (NM)	Watson	Wynn
Van Hollen	Watt	Yarmuth

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Aderholt	Gerlach	Neugebauer
Akin	Gilchrest	Pearce
Alexander	Gillmor	Pence
Bachmann	Gingrey	Peterson (PA)
Bachus	Gohmert	Petri
Barrett (SC)	Goode	Pickering
Bartlett (MD)	Goodlatte	Pitts
Biggert	Granger	Platts
Bilbray	Graves	Poe
Bilirakis	Hall (TX)	Porter
Bishop (UT)	Hastings (WA)	Price (GA)
Blackburn	Hayes	Putnam
Blunt	Heller	Ramstad
Boehner	Hensarling	Regula
Bono	Herger	Rehberg
Boozman	Hobson	Reichert
Boustany	Hoekstra	Renzi
Brady (TX)	Hulshof	Reynolds
Buchanan	Inglis (SC)	Rogers (AL)
Burgess	Issa	Rogers (KY)
Burton (IN)	Jindal	Rogers (MI)
Buyer	Johnson (IL)	Rohrabacher
Calvert	Johnson, Sam	Ros-Lehtinen
Camp (MI)	Jones (NC)	Roskam
Campbell (CA)	Jordan	Royce
Cannon	Keller	Ryan (WI)
Cantor	King (IA)	Sali
Capito	King (NY)	Saxton
Castle	Kingston	Schmidt
Chabot	Kirk	Sensenbrenner
Coble	Kline (MN)	Sessions
Cole (OK)	Knollenberg	Shadegg
Conaway	Kuhl (NY)	Shays
Crenshaw	Lamborn	Shimkus
Culberson	Latham	Shuster
Davis (KY)	LaTourette	Simpson
Davis, David	Lewis (CA)	Smith (NE)
Davis, Tom	Lewis (KY)	Smith (NJ)
Deal (GA)	Linder	Smith (TX)
Dent	LoBiondo	Souder
Diaz-Balart, L.	Lucas	Stearns
Diaz-Balart, M.	Lungren, Daniel	Terry
Drake	E.	Thornberry
Dreier	Mack	Tiahrt
Duncan	Manzullo	Tiberi
Ehlers	Marchant	Turner
Emerson	McCarthy (CA)	Upton
English (PA)	McCaul (TX)	Walberg
Fallin	McCotter	Walden (OR)
Feeney	McCreery	Walsh (NY)
Ferguson	McHenry	Wamp
Flake	McHugh	Weldo (FL)
Forbes	McKeon	Weller
Fortenberry	Mica	Westmoreland
Fossella	Miller (FL)	Whitfield
Foxx	Miller (MI)	Wicker
Franks (AZ)	Miller, Gary	Wilson (NM)
Frelinghuysen	Murphy, Tim	Wilson (SC)
Gallely	Musgrave	Wolf
Garrett (NJ)	Myrick	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—31

Baker	Doolittle	Moran (KS)
Barton (TX)	Everett	Napolitano
Bonner	Hastert	Nunes
Boucher	Hastings (FL)	Ortiz
Brown (SC)	Hunter	Paul
Brown-Waite,	Johnson (GA)	Radanovich
Ginny	LaHood	Sanchez, Loretta
Carter	McGovern	Sullivan
Cramer	McMorris	Tancredo
Cubin	Rodgers	Waxman
Davis, Jo Ann	Miller, George	Young (AK)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
 The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). One minute remains in this vote.

□ 1045

Mr. MARCHANT changed his vote from “aye” to “no.”

The resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2771, and that I may include tabular material on the same.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
 APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 502 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2771.

□ 1046

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2771) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, with Ms. BALDWIN in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) and the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. WAMP) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Madam Chair and members of the Committee, I am pleased to present the Subcommittee on Legislative Branch appropriations legislation for the fiscal year 2008.

The Legislative Branch bill is unique in that it appropriates funding for the entire Capitol Building and Grounds as well as nine legislative branch agencies and the 435 Members of this body and their offices. As a new member of the Appropriations Committee serving as a subcommittee Chair, I recognize the tremendous responsibility that comes along with being steward of this great institution, and I am honored by the confidence and trust that Speaker PELOSI, Chairman OBEY, and my colleagues have placed in me.

Historically, the Legislative Branch bill has enjoyed the bipartisan spirit that has come to define the Appropriations Committee and my experiences in working with the ranking member have been consistent with that spirit. Over the past several months, I have worked with Ranking Member WAMP, the gentleman from Tennessee, and other members of the committee from both parties to shape and determine the appropriations for the people’s

House. We held 14 oversight hearings prior to developing this bill, and I am very proud of our accomplishments.

I want to thank the members of the Legislative Branch Subcommittee for their help and input, Vice Chair LEE, Mr. UDALL, Mr. HONDA, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. WAMP, Mr. LAHOOD, and Mr. GOODE. The vast majority of our committee is new to the full committee, and we approached our task with zeal and with dedication.

I would particularly like to thank Ranking Member WAMP for his work on this bill. He has been a good partner, and I appreciate his cooperation and friendship. While we have not agreed on every issue, we worked in partnership to address our differences; and notwithstanding a few issues, they were resolved. I would also like to thank Chairman OBEY for his guidance during this process and Ranking Member LEWIS for his efforts as well.

Madam Chair, the bill provides \$3.1 billion for the legislative branch, not including Senate items. That’s an increase of \$122 million, or just 4 percent, over the actual spending level in fiscal year 2007. This reflects a \$276 million reduction in the total amended budget request, and I think that’s an important point that Members should note. We are bringing this bill in under the original request.

We used three guiding principles to develop this bill: fiscal responsibility, security and life safety, and accountability.

In terms of fiscal responsibility, we’ve emphasized that we need to keep this bill tight with a view towards the long term. We’ve funded the must-haves over the nice-to-haves and have focused on critical investments. We’ve held the actual spending increase in this bill to only 4 percent, \$122 million, compared to the 13 percent, or \$398 million, which was the increase that was requested.

In terms of security and life safety, we’ve made sure this bill makes the Capitol complex as secure and safe as possible. To this end, the bill includes \$50 million worth of critical security and life safety projects, including, at the suggestion and urging of my good friend from Tennessee, interoperable radios for the Capitol Police. It also provides substantial increases to agencies with a direct role in the health/safety of the complex. The Capitol Police receive an 8 percent increase, while the Office of Compliance, which ensures that we protect our visitors and our employees in a safe environment, receives a 23 percent increase.

Finally, in terms of accountability, we’ve crafted this bill to provide Congress with the resources it needs to perform its constitutional oversight role and hold agencies accountable. We’ve fully funded House committees and included resources to bulk up GAO to better support our congressional oversight efforts. We’ve also beefed up