

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2025

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together with

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, 2025, and for other purposes.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BILL

The Committee recommendation for fiscal year 2025 for the activities under the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Legislative Branch totals \$5,545,938,000.

These appropriations support the operations of the House of Representatives, the care, and preservation of the historic buildings in which Congress works, and agencies that provide research and analysis to assist the legislative process. They support institutions such as the Library of Congress, one of the leading repositories of knowledge and culture in the world, the Government Accountability Office which provides fact-based information to Congress and investigates Federal spending and performance, and the Government Publishing Office, which publishes official government publications to Congress, Federal agencies, Federal depository libraries, and the public.

In keeping with longstanding practice under which each chamber of Congress determines its housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the bill does not include funds for the Senate or Senate office buildings. Similarly, the Senate will consider a Legislative Branch appropriations bill that addresses Senate but not House funding.

The bill provides the Legislative Branch the ability to develop legislation to meet national needs, maintain and build analytical capacity to support oversight of government operations, address high-priority technology and security needs, and assist constituents in their dealings with government while also showing responsible fiscal restraint.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH-WIDE MATTERS

RESULTS, OVERSIGHT, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Committee on Appropriations of the House (hereinafter “the Committee”) recognizes that effective programs, projects, and activities must set transparent goals and measure progress toward those goals in tangible ways. Data-driven results should be the yardstick for measuring success.

The recommendation continues to prioritize the proper management of taxpayer dollars, including strong internal controls, reduced inefficiency, ineffectiveness, and waste, fraud, or abuse, and a focus on results, and customer service for all agencies under the jurisdiction of this Act. The Committee continues its focus on reducing unnecessary expenditures and expects the agencies funded by this Act to identify cost savings and efficiencies where possible.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND CUSTOMER SERVICE

The Committee believes that development of organizational priority goals and outcomes, such as performance outcome measures, output measures, and efficiency measures, is important for all agencies funded under this bill. The Committee also notes the importance of implementing proper customer service standards for

agencies that provide direct services to the public. Development of these service standards should include identifying and surveying target customers and measuring internal performance against those standards.

In addition, the Committee understands that, as the largest advertiser in the United States, the Federal Government should work to ensure fair access to its advertising contracts for small, disadvantaged businesses and businesses owned by minorities and women. The Committee directs each agency under the jurisdiction of this Act to include the following information in its fiscal year 2026 budget justification: expenditures for fiscal year 2024 and expected expenditures for fiscal year 2025, respectively, for (1) all contracts for advertising services; and (2) contracts for the advertising services of (a) socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns (as defined in section 8(a)(4) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(4)), and (b) women- and minority-owned businesses disaggregated by race and gender.

REPROGRAMMING, NOTIFICATION, CONSULTATION, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Committee expects all agencies to notify the Committee of any significant departures from budget plans presented to the Committee in any of the agency's budget justifications. The Committee recommendation grants limited reprogramming authorities to ensure that funds are devoted to the highest priorities, particularly due to changes in circumstances. Agencies funded through this bill are required to notify the Committee prior to any reprogramming of funds in excess of the lesser of 10 percent or \$750,000 between programs, projects or activities, or in excess of \$750,000 between object classifications (except for shifts within the pay categories, object class 11, 12, and 13 or as further specified in each agency's respective section). This includes cumulative reprogrammings that together total at least \$750,000 from or to a particular program, activity, or object classification as well as reprogramming full time equivalents (FTE) or funds to create new organizational entities within the agency or to restructure entities that already exist.

In addition, the Committee must be notified of reprogramming actions that involve less than the above-mentioned amounts if such actions would have the effect of changing an agency's funding requirements in future years or if programs or projects specifically cited in the Committees' reports are affected.

Prior to initial obligation or reallocation of funds, all congressional reprogramming notifications shall, to the maximum extent practicable, contain detailed information about the sources of the funds and why such funds are no longer intended to be used as previously justified.

The Committee emphasizes that all reports are required to be completed in the timeframe noted in each respective directive. Moreover, the Committee expects that the conditions associated with funding appropriated by this Act shall be accomplished in the manner as directed in the report, consistent with congressional intent.

STAFFING DATA IN BUDGET DOCUMENTS

The Committee continues to direct the Legislative Branch agencies to include in their budget justifications data on FTE levels that would be supported by the associated request or enacted funding levels. The Committee also continues to expect the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council to coordinate plans for aligning FTE levels with the Legislative Branch agencies for consistency in reporting.

ZERO BASE BUDGETING

While the Committee continues to direct all agencies of the Legislative Branch to develop budget requests from a zero-base, the Committee is concerned that the zero-based budget documents lack sufficient detail for making funding decisions. The Committee believes that there is room for improvement and directs House agencies to work with the Committee to ensure budget documents contain the necessary information for meaningful savings.

CONGRESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LEGISLATIVE BRANCH CYBER AND PHYSICAL DATA SECURITY

The Committee reiterates that Legislative Branch agencies should consider proactive steps to protect critical Information Technology (IT) infrastructure to secure and protect their data or collections and to plan for disaster recovery. Consistent with the directive in the joint explanatory statement accompanying the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2023, agencies are encouraged to prioritize compliance to ensure continuity of operations for the Legislative Branch.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE FOR CONGRESS

The Committee notes the interest among some Members in re-instituting the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA), which was de-funded in 1995. The Committee is pleased with both the Congressional Research Service (CRS) and the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) efforts to provide research and policy analysis on current and emerging legislative issues related to science and technology (S&T) and Federal uses and oversight of S&T. The Committee encourages the Director of CRS and the Comptroller General to continue their efforts to meet congressional needs and directs a report within 180 days of enactment of this Act regarding efforts made in relation to bridging the gaps identified in the 2019 NAPA report.

TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$1,850,998,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	1,932,655,000
Committee recommendation	1,932,655,000
Change from enacted level	+81,657,000
Change from request	0

The committee recommends \$1,932,655,000 for the operations of the House of Representatives. The Committee recommendation

funds the operations of the House of Representatives in a fiscally responsible manner, providing an increase of \$81,657,000 above fiscal year 2024. This funding allows Members to effectively serve their constituents and supports the House in carrying out its legislative responsibilities and fulfilling its important role in providing oversight of the Executive Branch.

HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$36,560,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	36,560,000
Committee recommendation	36,560,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$36,560,000 for salaries and expenses of staff in House Leadership offices, the same as the fiscal year 2024 enacted total.

The allocation by office follows:

Office of the Speaker	\$10,499,000
Office of the Majority Floor Leader	3,730,000
Office of the Majority Whip	3,099,000
Republican Conference	2,962,000
Office of the Minority Floor Leader	10,499,000
Office of the Minority Whip	2,809,000
Democratic Caucus	2,962,000

MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$810,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	843,605,000
Committee recommendation	843,605,000
Change from enacted level	+33,605,000
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$843,605,000 for the Members' Representational Allowance (MRA) to support the conduct of official and representational duties to the district from which Members of Congress are elected. The funding provided reflects an increase of MRA spending closer to the authorized amounts compared to recent historical trends.

ALLOWANCE FOR COMPENSATION OF INTERNS IN MEMBER OFFICES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$20,638,800
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	20,638,800
Committee recommendation	20,638,800
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$20,638,800 for the compensation of interns who serve in the offices of House Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner. This recommendation maintains the intern allowance cap of \$46,800 per Member office.

ALLOWANCE FOR COMPENSATION OF INTERNS IN HOUSE LEADERSHIP
OFFICES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$586,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	586,000
Committee recommendation	586,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$586,000 for the compensation of interns who serve in the offices of House Leadership. This recommendation includes \$322,300 for the compensation of interns who serve in House Leadership offices of the majority, to be allocated among such offices by the Speaker of the House, and \$263,700 for the compensation of interns who serve in House Leadership offices of the minority, to be allocated among such offices by the Minority Floor Leader.

ALLOWANCE FOR COMPENSATION OF INTERNS IN HOUSE STANDING,
SPECIAL AND SELECT COMMITTEE OFFICES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$2,600,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	2,600,000
Committee recommendation	2,600,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$2,600,000 for the compensation of interns who serve in the offices of House Standing, Special and Select Committees. This recommendation includes \$1,300,000 for the compensation of interns who serve in Committee offices of the majority, and \$1,300,000 for the compensation of interns who serve in Committee offices of the minority, to be allocated among such offices by the Chair, in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, of the Committee on House Administration.

ALLOWANCE FOR COMPENSATION OF INTERNS IN HOUSE
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OFFICES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$463,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	463,000
Committee recommendation	463,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$463,000 for the compensation of interns who serve in the offices of the House Appropriations Committee. This recommendation includes \$231,500 for the compensation of interns who serve in Committee offices of the majority, and \$231,500 for the compensation of interns who serve in Committee offices of the minority, to be allocated by the Chair, in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, of the Committee on Appropriations.

COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$211,881,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	212,156,000
Committee recommendation	212,156,000
Change from enacted level	+275,000
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$212,156,000 in total for Committee Employees. This account includes funding for salaries and expenses of Committees including equipment, telecommunications, printing, contract services, and supplies. Included in the total is \$174,787,000 for standing and select Committees and \$31,294,000 for the Committee on Appropriations. Funding is available until December 31, 2026.

This account also makes available \$6,075,000 for committee room renovations.

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$324,879,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	325,961,000
Committee recommendation	325,961,000
Change from enacted level	+1,082,000
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$325,961,000, which is \$1,082,000 more than the enacted level for the salaries and expenses of House officers and employees, including the offices of the Clerk of the House, Sergeant at Arms, Chief Administrative Officer, Parliamentarian, and Legislative Counsel, among others.

The following is a summary of the funding allocation provided to each component of the account:

Office of the Clerk	\$44,984,000
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The Committee recommends \$44,984,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Clerk, an increase of \$3,529,000 from the fiscal year 2024 enacted total.

Congressionally Mandated Reports.—The Committee recognizes the value of making statute-required reports more readily available and discoverable. The Committee requests that the Office of the Clerk, in consultation with the Library of Congress, the Government Publishing Office, and the Congressional Data Task Force, author a report describing the challenges and opportunities associated with making these reports more readily available and discoverable. The scope of the report shall include, but not be limited to (1) reports covered by Public Law 117–263 and listed in H. Doc. 118–4; (2) potential impacts, if enacted, of S. 2073, the Eliminate Useless Reports Act of 2023; and (3) if it is feasible that submitted reports to Congress be delivered to House committees electronically via the Clerk’s Committee portal in concert with the Government Publishing Office’s Congressionally Mandated Reports submission portal or GovInfo. The report shall be submitted to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Administration within 180 days of enactment of this Act.

Legislative Branch Data Map and Management Plan.—The Legislative branch is the creator and steward of invaluable information in the form of data that is utilized by Congress, federal agencies, and the public to ensure access to a historical record of legislative action. Each House Officer and the myriad of business units within them play an essential role in the life cycle of legislative and operational data. However, one comprehensive data map encompassing legislative documents, records of proceedings, administrative records, official communications, metadata, and operational information related to human resources, disbursements, employment,

and other administrative functions, wholistically examining the lifecycle of this data across the House, does not exist. As such, the Congressional Data Task Force is to take inventory of all current data maps that exist across the House Clerk, Chief Administrative Office, and Sergeant at Arms, and produce a report that (1) details the current status of data maps across the House, (2) identifies where data maps need to be developed and standardized, and (3) make recommendations for the House on how the data maps can be completed and compiled into a single, unified House data map that is maintained into the future. For purposes of this report, only data owned and managed by the House Officers is expected to be included in the data inventory and considered for the recommendations. Any and all data that remains in the ownership of individual Members and committees is considered beyond the scope of this report. Additionally, any data that is owned by the House and then transferred to the Senate or a Legislative Branch agency should be included in the data map but illustrate where those ownership transfers occur. The final report is to be submitted to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Administration no later than 120 days after enactment of this Act.

Office of the Sergeant at Arms \$34,141,000

The Committee recommends \$34,141,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms (SAA). This amount is a decrease of \$4,652,000 from the fiscal year 2024 enacted total as a result of the nonrecurrence of certain lifecycle replacements in fiscal year 2024.

Incident Management Tools.—The Committee is aware that the House Sergeant at Arms is investigating emergency communications technology in an effort to enhance the safety and security of Members, their families and staff both on the Hill and in their districts. The SAA is directed to brief the Committee on those efforts within 90 days after issuance of this report.

Cyber Security for Members of Congress.—The Committee commends the Sergeant at Arms for working with the Chief Administrative Officer to expand the Residential Security Program to include certain cybersecurity and privacy resources for Members of Congress to deter, prevent, mitigate, and remediate threats to their home networks and the potential resulting impact of those threats on official House business and encourages the continuation of the cybersecurity opportunity of the program.

Congressional Fellowships.—The Committee believes there should be more formalized guidance provided to congressional offices regarding congressional fellowships. The Committee looks forward to the comprehensive set of best practices governing the onboarding, training, and oversight of fellows serving in congressional offices as directed in House Report 118–120.

District Office Security.—The Committee is in receipt of the District Office Security report as directed in House Report 118–120 and looks forward to working with the Sergeant at Arms to ensure the protection of congressional district office staff and the constituents served.

Gunshot Detection Systems.—The Committee commends the SAA and the United States Capitol Police (USCP) for reviewing the operational need and feasibility of the use of gunshot detection

technology on the grounds of the Capitol complex. The Committee supports the partnership with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and the United States Secret Service (USSS) to determine the most operationally and financially beneficial platform. The Committee looks forward to final evaluation and discussion of integration options to determine the best path forward. The SAA is directed to brief the Committee on the progress within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

Firearm Detection Software.—The Committee encourages the SAA to work with the USCP to investigate whether a patented firearm detection software would complement the existing security infrastructure throughout the United States Capitol complex as well as district offices as a part of a broader security enhancement option. The software must be developed in the United States, without the use of any third party or open-source data. The Committee looks forward to a recommendation upon completion of the review 90 days after enactment of this Act.

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer \$213,072,000

The Committee recommends \$213,072,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), the same as the fiscal year 2024 enacted total.

Office of Talent and Development.—In fiscal year 2024, the Committee supported the CAO in its undertaking to reorganize and streamline internal functions of the House to include (1) creating the Office of Talent and Development; (2) expanding the capacity and ability to promote best practices, tips, and tools available on the House Human Resources Hub; and (3) finding additional efficiencies by eliminating overlap and duplication of programs and service offerings into one central organization. The Committee directs the CAO to issue a report within 90 days of the issuance of this report on the progress and impacts of these efforts.

Access to Childcare.—The House Child Care Center completed its expansion in 2020, but pandemic restrictions required the extra space to be utilized for the reduction in capacity per square feet, allowing the Center to maintain its enrollment size, but not alleviate the three-year waiting list for entry. The CAO is encouraged to continue to expedite the hiring of the faculty necessary to fully utilize the House Child Care Center expansion to reduce the waitlist and maximize this benefit.

Artificial Intelligence Working Group.—The Committee acknowledges the efforts of the CAO’s artificial intelligence (AI) working group to investigate how emerging AI tools could improve the efficiency of House operations. The Committee reminds the CAO of the directive in House Report 118–120, to provide monthly progress briefings to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Administration on its work and looks forward to the report examining the near- and mid-term opportunities for generative AI tools, as well as strategies to mitigate new risks.

Allergy Safety in House Dining Facilities.—The Committee underscores the importance of providing an accessible workplace for those with food allergies and awaits the report directed in House Report 118–120 from the CAO on steps taken by food service providers operating within the House of Representatives to accommodate those with food allergies.

International Travel with House Devices.—The Committee recognizes the inherent security risks of taking House devices abroad and notes the House Security Office recommendation that Members and staff use dedicated travel devices when traveling internationally. The Committee looks forward to reviewing the report ordered in House Report 118–120, to identify what additional actions offices can take to keep devices and the House network secure when traveling.

Flag Procurement.—The Committee acknowledges the Chief Administrative Officer’s commitment to support Americans with disabilities in the spirit and intent of the Javits-Wagner-O’Day Act by offering a wide complement of AbilityOne products in the House Supply Store. The Committee encourages the CAO to continue to explore additional marketing opportunities for AbilityOne products and directs the CAO to investigate any potential cost savings opportunities through the procurement of flags through AbilityOne for the Capitol Flag Program and report its findings to the Committee within 120 days of the issuance of this report.

Casework Assistance for Member Offices.—The Committee commends the ongoing efforts by the Chief Administrative Officer to assist Member offices with casework through programs such as the CAO Coach Program for caseworkers, district office conferences, the Agency Connection Center, and the project to anonymize and aggregate constituent casework data. The CAO is directed to further examine what additional assistance could be provided to Member offices to more effectively assist constituents with casework and provide a report detailing what additional efforts could be provided and the resources necessary to support such efforts within 60 days of enactment of this Act to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Administration.

Capitol Switchboard Modernization.—The Committee recognizes the vital role the Capitol Telephone Exchange plays in ensuring constituents have the ability to contact their Representative or Senator. The Committee is interested to understand what opportunities may be available to modernize the current system and directs the CAO to track how the typical constituent is routed to a House office, when the peak call times occur, how often the automated system is utilized, and any other pertinent information that could be used to determine how to maximize the efficiency of the system. The CAO shall report to the Committee on its findings 90 days after enactment of this Act.

Office of the Whistleblower Ombuds	\$1,250,000
Office of the Inspector General	5,772,000
Office of General Counsel	2,048,000
Office of the Parliamentarian	2,287,000
Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House	5,048,000
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House	15,300,000

Legislative Counsel Member Portal.—The House Office of Legislative Counsel (HOLC) provides legislative drafting services on a non-partisan, impartial, and confidential basis. The Committee acknowledges the essential role and services provided by HOLC in support of the House’s legislative and constitutional responsibilities and recognizes the significant and growing workload by Members and committees in fully meeting legislative drafting needs. The Committee directs HOLC to work with the Chief Administrative

Officer and any other relevant House offices to conduct a feasibility study on the creation of a secure portal, that maintains attorney-client privileges, which would allow House offices the ability to monitor the status of requested bill text and the attorney assigned to each draft. The Committee directs HOLC to report on the feasibility and the resources necessary to create and maintain such a portal within 120 days of the issuance of this report.

Office of Interparliamentary Affairs	\$994,000
Other authorized employees	\$1,065,000

ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$433,390,200
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	480,085,200
Committee recommendation	480,085,200
Change from enacted level	+46,695,000
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends a total of \$480,085,200 for allowances and expenses.

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

Supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims	\$1,555,000
Official mail (Committees, administrative, and leadership offices)	190,000
Government Contributions	428,960,200
Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery	27,428,000
Transition Activities	15,786,000
Green and Gold Congressional Aide Program	3,356,000

Green and Gold Congressional Aide Program.—The Green and Gold program was established to create long-term employment opportunities for veterans and families of our fallen within the House of Representatives. The Committee recommendation provides the fiscal year 2025 requested amount of \$3,356,000. Despite the record high average salary ensuring these employment opportunities are competitive, the program has experienced a steep decline in applications. The Committee encourages the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Committee on House Administration to broaden the pool of potential applicants through programmatic changes, such as allowing active-duty spouses to be incorporated into the program and allowing Members to request extensions for participants.

Office of Congressional Ethics	\$1,810,000
Miscellaneous items	1,000,000

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MODERNIZATION INITIATIVES ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$10,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	10,000,000
Committee recommendation	10,000,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	0

The Modernization Initiatives Account continues to be funded at the level of \$10,000,000 to help implement the recommendations of the Modernization Subcommittee, which was created within the Committee on House Administration to continue the work of the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. The Com-

mittee believes that investing in these recommendations will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the House of Representatives so that it can better serve the American people.

Some of the recommendations implemented utilizing this funding include e-Discovery software for House Committee digital investigations, an anonymized constituent data pilot, real time payroll information, a committee portal to streamline committee work, and a study on collaborative legislative drafting tools. The Committee looks forward to receiving and evaluating recommendations currently under review by the Modernization Subcommittee such as: better Congress.gov accounting for Member contributions, co-sponsorship gathering tools, visual display enhancements for hearings and events, the constituent tour management tool, and additional collaborative staff space in the House Office Buildings.

The Committee supports efforts by the Committee on House Administration to expand Member professional development opportunities and provide additional resources for new members as they navigate the first year of legislative responsibilities.

Congressional Staff Directory.—Modern data software provides opportunities for the legislative branch to significantly improve access to identity data while preserving important security rules concerning this sensitive information. Following the report requested in House Report 117–389 and in support of the recommendation by the Subcommittee on Modernization to establish a shared staff directory to enhance the exchange of information and improve collaboration, the Committee authorized funds to develop a prototype as a proof of concept for a Congressional Staff Directory. The Committee continues to encourage other Legislative Branch entity participation and directs the CAO to keep the Committee apprised of this effort.

Capitol Flag Program.—The Capitol Flag Program allows Members of Congress to request a flag to be flown over the U.S. Capitol on behalf of their constituents. Each flag is issued a keepsake Certificate of Authenticity with the option to personalize it. The number of requests and the popularity of the Capitol Flag Program grows steadily each year, necessitating the continuous modernization of how orders are fulfilled. In fiscal year 2024, the Committee provided funding to the CAO to develop a flag tracking system to provide constituents the ability to track flags from order to receipt. The Committee commends the CAO for the launch of a flag tracking pilot program and encourages the expansion of the pilot to more House offices.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Section 110 continues to provide for unspent amounts remaining in the Members' Representational Allowances account to be used for deficit or debt reduction.

Section 111 continues a limitation on the amount available to lease vehicles.

Section 112 continues to allow cybersecurity assistance for the House of Representatives.

Section 113 modifies long term lease requirements for the House of Representatives.

Section 114 provides for telecommunications expenses of the House Child Care Center to ensure the Center can receive and transmit critical and emergency communications.

JOINT ITEMS

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$4,283,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	4,283,000
Committee recommendation	4,283,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$4,283,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Joint Economic Committee (JEC), the same as the fiscal year 2024 enacted total.

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 2024	\$13,554,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	14,850,000
Committee recommendation	14,450,000
Change from enacted level	+896,000
Change from request	-400,000

The Committee recommends \$14,450,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT), providing an increase of \$896,000 above fiscal year 2024.

The JCT 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 of Representatives 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 U.S. 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 JCT to provide revenue estimates for all tax legislation considered by either the House or the Senate.

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$4,764,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	4,416,000
Committee recommendation	4,416,000
Change from enacted level	-348,000
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$4,416,000 for the Office of the Attending Physician (OAP). This amount is a decrease of \$348,000 from the fiscal year 2024 enacted total.

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$1,766,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	6,121,000
Committee recommendation	1,814,000
Change from enacted level	+48,000
Change from request	-4,307,000

The Committee recommends \$1,814,000 for the operation of the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services (OCAS), providing an increase of \$48,000 above fiscal year 2024.

The OCAS 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.

UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

SALARIES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$588,627,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	636,546,000
Committee recommendation	619,257,000
Change from enacted level	+30,630,000
Change from request	-17,289,000

The Committee recommends \$619,257,000 for the personnel salaries, benefits, student loan repayment, and overtime requirements, to include the cost of overtime necessary for providing training of the U.S. Capitol Police (USCP). The recommendation provides full funding for 2,126 sworn officers, as requested, in fiscal year 2025.

Concept of Operations Plan.—In the joint explanatory statement accompanying the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2023, the Committee directed the Department to provide a guide for future operations based on an in-depth, Department-wide assessment. As part of the Department's evaluation of the report, three foundational program areas were identified as the first step toward implementation of the recommendations provided in the report: Establish a Workforce Management/Staffing Office to optimize utilization of human resources; Conduct an organization-wide training gap assessment; and Conduct a comprehensive Technology Analysis and Future Needs Assessment. The Committee provides \$1,657,000 for the personnel required to build an implementation infrastructure to support future recommendation realization.

Civilian Staffing.—While the Committee supports the Department's authorized number of civilians, the Committee's recommendation includes a reduction to the request as the Department's projections for fiscal year 2024 civilian hiring are below the authorized and appropriated levels. The Committee believes it will be difficult to hire the requested civilians for fiscal year 2025.

Motorized Devices.—As noted in House Report 117-389, the Committee expects the Capitol Police to continue its outreach efforts to dockless scooter and bicycle companies and the District of Columbia, and to work to better educate users, including congressional

staff, District residents and visitors, on the appropriate operation of dockless scooters and bicycles on Capitol Grounds.

Risk-Based Protections for Members of Congress.—The Committee continues to expect the U.S. Capitol Police Chief to continue working closely with the House and Senate Sergeants at Arms and local law enforcement partners on the USCP strategy for Members’ protection within the NCR while outside the Capitol Grounds, and to educate Member offices on this topic. The Committee instructs the U.S. Capitol Police Chief to coordinate with the House and Senate Sergeants at Arms to direct patrols to buildings or locations where the Members tend to congregate in order to fulfill its mission under 2 U.S.C. 1966.

Use of Grounds.—As instructed in House Report 117–389, the USCP should continue to forebear enforcement of 2 U.S.C. 1963 and the Traffic Regulations for the United States Capitol Grounds when encountering snow sledders on the grounds.

USCP Office of Inspector General.—The Committee includes no less than \$850,000 and supports no fewer than 15 FTE within the USCP Office of Inspector General (OIG). The Committee appreciates the diligent work that the OIG has done with the increased workload due to Committee and Board project requests. As the Department’s budget increases, the complexities of the financial statement audit have necessitated its outsourcing so that the OIG may continue to fulfill its statutory responsibilities for auditing Department programs and operations to ensure efficacy and investigation of complaints for potential fraud, waste, or abuse.

GENERAL EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$202,846,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	263,844,000
Committee recommendation	213,158,000
Change from enacted level	+10,312,000
Change from request	– 50,686,000

The Committee recommends \$213,158,000 for general expenses to support the responsibilities for law enforcement, Capitol complex physical and technological security, dignitary protection, intelligence analysis, event management, hazardous material/devices, IT, and other specialized responses, as well as logistical and administrative support. Of the total, \$5,848,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2029, to support Congressional Continuity of Operations (C–COOP) initiatives.

General Expenses for Fiscal Year 2025.—The Committee supports resourcing the Department to meet its essential needs and that the Department can fulfill its mission with a minimal increase of funding for general expenses. The Capitol Police’s budget has seen a significant increase in recent years, which has been widely supported, but the Committee acknowledges that full execution of funding has been a challenge. The recommendation should not be taken as a lack of support for the Capitol Police or its mission, but rather in line with a requirement for prudent fiscal decisions.

Concept of Operations Plan.—In the joint explanatory statement accompanying the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2023, the Committee directed the Department to provide a guide for future operations based on an in-depth, Department-wide assessment. As part of the Department’s evaluation of the report, three

foundational program areas were identified as the first step toward implementation of the recommendations provided in the report: Establish a Workforce Management/Staffing Office to optimize utilization of human resources; Conduct an organization-wide training gap assessment; and Conduct a comprehensive Technology Analysis and Future Needs Assessment. The Committee provides \$745,000 to build an implementation infrastructure to support future recommendation realization.

Congressional Continuity of Operations Plan.—The Department’s fiscal year 2025 budget included a \$49,400,000 funding request to support the C-COOP. The Committee believes this is a priority as part of the Department’s core mission and therefore supports the Department having an independent, in-house response and deployment capability to allow it to respond to changing environments, and, ultimately, to protect Members of Congress and recommends \$5,848,000 to build IT capabilities to establish connectivity and radio communication capabilities, research development and training, as well as physical security requirements including deployable screening equipment, mobile vehicle barriers, mobile kiosks, and deployable barriers.

USCP Office of the Inspector General Report Disclosure.—In response to previous House Reports 117–80 and 117–389, the Committee is encouraged that the Office of the Inspector General has begun making its reports publicly available whenever practicable and has started publishing reports on its website. The Committee is supportive of the process initiated by the Office of the Inspector General to gain approval for the public posting of its reports and directs the Capitol Police Board to further these efforts to expedite the process.

Wellness Programs for Law Enforcement.—The Committee appreciates the efforts undertaken by the USCP to develop and implement a holistic wellness and resiliency program for its workforce, including the Howard C. ‘Howie’ Liebengood Center for Wellness. The Committee looks forward to receiving the report directed in House Report 118–120 to gain insights into the wellness program and its accessibility to the USCP workforce.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Section 115 requires authorization for international travel for training purposes.

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE RIGHTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$8,150,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	8,591,887
Committee recommendation	8,150,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	– 441,887

The Committee recommends \$8,150,000 for salaries and expenses of the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights (OCWR). The Committee supports the authorized 36 FTE positions and the resources needed to continue OCWR’s mandate to administer the Congressional Accountability Reform Act. Of the total, \$500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2026.

Consistent with Section 3(b) of H. Res. 5, One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, no funds are provided to facilitate House Resolution 1096, One Hundred Seventeenth Congress.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$70,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	70,729,101
Committee recommendation	73,259,000
Change from enacted level	+3,259,000
Change from request	+2,529,899

The Committee recommends \$73,259,000 for salaries and expenses of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). The CBO is responsible for producing independent analyses of budgetary and economic issues to support the congressional budget process. Each year, the agency produces dozens of reports, including its outlook on the budget and economy, and hundreds of cost estimates for proposed legislation.

Analysis of Legislation.—The Committee looks forward to the report directed in House Report 118–120 from the Congressional Budget Office, in coordination with the Joint Committee on Taxation, on the impacts of adding debt-service costs to CBO’s estimates.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

(EXCLUDING SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS)

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$808,562,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	805,975,000
Committee recommendation	754,238,000
Change from enacted level	+54,324,000
Change from request	–51,737,000

The Committee recommends \$754,238,000 for the activities of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC). The recommendation is \$51,737,000 less than the request. (These totals do not include appropriations for Senate Office Buildings requested at \$209,996,000 which are traditionally left for consideration of the Senate.) The Architect 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 United States Botanic Garden, the Capitol Power Plant, and other facilities, as well as the upkeep and improvement of the grounds surrounding the Capitol complex.

AOC Office of Inspector General.—The agreement includes no less than \$6,110,000 to support no fewer than 25 FTE within the AOC OIG.

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

Capital Construction and Operations	\$165,000,000
Capitol Building	41,002,000
Capitol Grounds	33,922,000
House Office Buildings	153,500,000
Capitol Power Plant	127,414,000
Library Buildings and Grounds	86,043,000
Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds and Security	97,016,000
Botanic Garden	21,214,000
Capitol Visitor Center	29,127,000

The Committee recommendation funds the operating expenses, less the Senate office building request, throughout these accounts.

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$152,507,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	190,316,000
Committee recommendation	165,000,000
Change from enacted level	+12,493,000
Change from request	-25,316,000

The Committee recommends \$165,000,000 for campus-wide architectural and engineering design; project, property, and construction management; financial management; procurement; personnel services; equipment; communications; and other central support activities of the AOC. Of the total, \$1,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2029.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$164,000,000
Projects:	
Capital Planning and Programming	1,000,000

Budget Justifications.—The Committee thanks the AOC for including in the congressional budget justifications the description of the activities of the AOC Construction Division, as requested. The Committee requests that this information identifying the number and scope of projects, and the number of staff funded through Construction Division activities, and the funding provided to the Division from AOC jurisdiction accounts continue to be included in the budget justification material. The Committee directs that the justifications include, in each jurisdiction’s section, the appropriations bill language requested, along with any changes to be identified with brackets and italicization.

Nursing Mothers Locations.—The Committee commends the AOC for its role in maintaining private areas for nursing mothers throughout the Capitol complex. The Committee encourages the Office of Attending Physician to make these services known to the congressional community.

CAPITOL BUILDING

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$95,688,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	53,193,000
Committee recommendation	41,002,000
Change from enacted level	-54,686,000
Change from request	-12,191,000

The Committee recommends \$41,002,000 for the operation, maintenance, and care of the U.S. Capitol and Capitol Visitor Center (CVC). Of the total, \$6,599,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2029.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$34,403,000
Projects:	
Minor Construction	6,000,000
Conservation of Fine and Architectural Art	599,000

Wireless Connectivity.—The Committee recognizes the necessity for wireless connectivity throughout the Capitol complex. The Committee continues to urge the Architect to assess the feasibility of upgrading the wireless local area network to ensure the highest level of connectivity in all areas of the Capitol complex.

Recognition of Women in Congress.—The Committee continues to support the work of the Architect of the Capitol, the House Curator, and the Capital Historical Society to increase images of women in public spaces in Congress.

CAPITOL GROUNDS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$16,600,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	34,867,000
Committee Recommendation	33,922,000
Change from enacted level	+17,322,000
Change from request	–945,000

The Committee recommends \$33,922,000 for the care of the grounds surrounding the Capitol. Of the total, \$18,300,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2029.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$15,622,000
Project:	
Minor Construction	3,000,000
Taft Memorial Restoration, CGA	15,300,000

Road Conditions Surrounding the House Office Buildings.—To mitigate traffic and pedestrian safety concerns, the Committee continues to encourage the AOC to work with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to evaluate and improve road conditions to the roads immediately surrounding the House Office Buildings.

Bike Lanes.—As stated in House Report 117–389, the Committee continues to support the AOC’s efforts to develop a safe and accessible street system to better connect all road users to the U.S. Capitol, Union Station, and the National Mall.

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$166,426,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	157,067,000
Committee recommendation	153,500,000
Change from enacted level	–12,926,000
Change from request	–3,567,000

The Committee recommends \$148,000,000 for the operation, maintenance, and care of the Rayburn, Cannon, Longworth, Ford, and O’Neill House Office Buildings, and the House underground garages. Of the total provided, \$64,050,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2029, and \$5,000,000 for the continuation of the Cannon House Office Building renovation project, shall remain available until expended.

In addition, \$5,500,000 shall remain available for the House Historic Building Revitalization Trust Fund for House Office Building major renovation projects until expended.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$78,950,000
Projects:	
Minor Construction	10,250,000
CAO Project Support	13,200,000
Air Handling Unit Replacement, Rayburn	3,900,000
Mechanical System Replacement, Rayburn	20,300,000
Electrical Distribution Switchgear Upgrade, Longworth	10,900,000
HOB Security Improvements	5,500,000
Cannon Building Restoration	5,000,000
House Historic Building Revitalization Trust Fund	5,500,000

Cannon House Office Building Renewal.—The Committee has fully supported the funding necessary to address the urgent need to complete the Cannon Building renewal, which continues to replace outdated building systems, conserve historic aspects of the building, and optimize the functionality of Member suites, among other improvements. Now in its final year of funding, the Committee expects the AOC to use lessons learned from this renewal project as it moves forward in planning for other building restoration and renewal projects.

The AOC is reminded of the administrative provision in the bill prohibiting funding for incentive or award payments to contractors for projects that are behind schedule or over budget.

Integrated Pest Management.—The Committee recognizes the importance of proactive pest management and mitigation to ensure a safe, healthy, and productive workplace. The Committee is in receipt of the Architect of the Capitol’s Integrated Pest Management Program report and has included the funding necessary to enhance pest control measures for the House Office Buildings to support the AOC’s efforts in proactive pest management and mitigation.

Working and Service Dog Necessities.—In House Report 117–389, the Committee directed the AOC to provide a report on what facilities currently exist around the Capitol Complex for K–9s and service dogs and to provide recommendations to address any shortcomings. Based on the recommendations provided in the report, the AOC is encouraged to complete planned studies and previously funded projects to increase the space available for K–9s and coordinate with the House Office Building Commission to identify proposed locations for service relief areas that are accessible, meet ADA standards, and Architectural Review Board standards to preserve the historic fabric of the Capitol complex. In addition, to encourage responsible pet ownership and to maintain a clean and hygienic environment, the AOC is directed to report to the Committee within 60 days of enactment of this Act, the requirements, suggested locations, and funding necessary to provide and maintain pet waste disposal stations on the House Office Building grounds.

House Office Building Pedestrian and Traffic Safety.—The Committee recognizes the importance transportation studies have on the safety of our roadways and pedestrian traffic. To advance a more efficient and safer traffic pattern on the roadways surrounding the House Office Buildings, the Committee directs the

AOC to use findings from the 2022 AOC Transportation and Mobility Study and coordinate with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to make near-term traffic light signalization improvements within the House perimeter. In addition, the AOC shall share the findings of the report with the United States Capitol Police to assist the Department in determining which barricades would be most advantageous to open at what times. The AOC is further directed to provide a briefing on progress made by these efforts within 120 days of enactment of this Act.

House Office Building Audit.—The Committee is concerned about the increased regularity of elevator outages and general restroom infrastructure malfunctions in the House Office Buildings. The Committee requests the AOC provide the AOC-wide Elevator Modernization Study that was recently completed for Committee review as well as a summary of the recent facility condition assessments for all restrooms in the House Office Buildings, no later than 30 days after the enactment of this Act.

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$148,650,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	130,505,000
Committee recommendation	127,414,000
Change from enacted level	- 21,236,000
Change from request	- 3,091,000

The Committee recommends \$127,414,000 in direct appropriations for the operations of the Capitol Power Plant, which is the centralized provider of utility services for the Capitol campus. Of the total, \$21,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2029. In addition, \$10,000,000 in offsetting collections is available from reimbursements for steam and chilled water.

Energy Resiliency and Efficiency.—The Committee recognizes the AOC’s Capitol Power Plant cogeneration project and the energy savings performance contracts at the Capitol, House, Senate, and Library of Congress have resulted in roughly \$200,000,000 in cost avoidance and serve as an important effort in grid resiliency and domestic renewable energy production. The AOC is encouraged to continue to address facility needs in an energy efficient and fiscally responsible manner and seek ways to increase Capitol campus resiliency and efficiency.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$106,414,000
Projects:	
Minor Construction	5,000,000
Electric Feeder and Communication Duct Banks	16,000,000

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$94,978,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	73,202,000
Committee recommendation	86,043,000
Change from enacted level	- 8,935,000
Change from request	+12,841,000

The Committee recommends \$86,043,000 for the care and maintenance of the Thomas Jefferson Building, James Madison Memorial Building, John Adams Building, Packard Campus, Ft. Meade

Collection Storage Facility, National Library Services Facility, and the St. Cecilia Special Services Facilities Center. Of the total, \$45,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2029.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$40,543,000
Projects:	
Minor Construction	4,000,000
Fire Alarm System Repairs, Jefferson	14,100,000
Fire Sprinkler System Replacement, Jefferson	27,400,000

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND SECURITY

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$85,207,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	113,352,000
Committee recommendation	97,016,000
Change from enacted level	+11,809,000
Change from request	- 16,336,000

The Committee recommends \$97,016,000 for the maintenance, care and operation of buildings, grounds and security enhancements of the United States Capitol Police and AOC security operations. Of the total, \$28,200,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2029.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$68,816,000
Projects:	
Minor Construction	10,000,000
Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System Replacement, Offsite Facility	11,900,000
Air Conditioning Unit Replacement, Offsite Facility	5,300,000
Lease Space Buildout for USCP	1,000,000

BOTANIC GARDEN

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$20,506,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	22,859,000
Committee recommendation	21,214,000
Change from enacted level	+708,000
Change from request	- 1,645,000

The Committee recommends \$21,214,000 for the improvement, operation, care, and maintenance of the United States Botanic Garden (USBG) Conservatory; the National Garden; the Administration Building; the Bartholdi Park and Fountain; heritage and other plant collections; and the USBG Production Facility at DC Village. Of the total, \$5,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2029.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$16,214,000
Projects:	
Minor Construction	5,000,000

Collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).—The Committee continues to recognize the value of the USBG supporting the evolution of urban agriculture. The Committee encourages USBG to continue to collaborate with USDA to

support the USBG's efforts to host and serve as an educational and training location for local and national audiences.

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$28,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	30,614,000
Committee recommendation	29,127,000
Change from enacted level	+1,127,000
Change from request	-1,487,000

The Committee recommends \$29,127,000 for the operations of the Capitol Visitor Center (CVC). The CVC was established to provide a secure public environment to welcome and manage the large number of visitors and to protect the Capitol, its occupants, and guests in an atmosphere of open access.

Dome Tour Transparency.—The Committee understands the special privilege afforded only to Members of Congress to schedule tours of the U.S. Capitol Dome. Due to the uniqueness of this opportunity and the volume of requests, it has become increasingly challenging for Member offices to reserve a Dome tour. Accordingly, the Committee directs the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center in coordination with other relevant entities to provide a report on policies and procedures associated with Dome tours and to develop recommendations for how the reservation process can become more efficient, to include recommendations for an online booking platform. The report should include short and long-term recommendations for actions that can be implemented to improve equitable access to Member offices to reserve Dome tours and be provided no later than 60 days after enactment of this Act.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

Section 116 prohibits payment of bonuses to contractors behind schedule or over budget during fiscal year 2025.

Section 117 authorizes cooperative agreements for the purposes of the Capitol Grounds and Arboretum.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$852,158,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	873,239,000
Committee recommendation	883,439,000
Change from enacted level	+31,281,000
Change from request	+10,200,000

The Committee recommends \$883,439,000 for the activities of the Library of Congress (LOC). Established by Congress in 1800, the Library of Congress is the largest library in the world, with a collection of more than 170,000,000 print, audio, and video items in 470 languages. Among its major programs are acquisitions, preservation, administration of United States 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 print disabled. The LOC maintains a significant number of collections and provides a range of services to libraries in the United States and abroad.

LOC Office of Inspector General.—The agreement includes no less than \$4,500,000 to support no fewer than 14 FTE within the LOC OIG.

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

Salaries and Expenses	\$617,000,000
Copyright Office	59,747,000
Congressional Research Service	141,487,000
National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled	65,205,000

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$592,411,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	614,578,000
Committee recommendation	617,000,000
Change from enacted level	+24,589,000
Change from request	+2,422,000

The Committee recommends \$617,000,000 for Salaries and Expenses. The recommendation makes the following amounts available until expended: \$10,698,000 for the Teaching with Primary Sources Program, \$1,547,000 for the Legislative Branch Financial Management System, \$150,000 for the Surplus Books Program, and \$4,409,000 for the Veterans History Project.

Preservation of the Collection.—As a means to preserve the LOC’s literary and historical treasures, the Committee provides \$1,000,000 to continue the deacidification preservation program.

Archival Preservation of Central and Eastern European Collections.—The Committee recognizes the cultural contributions of the American diasporic groups from nations and communities of the former Soviet Union and its Republics and appreciates the value in preserving their histories and traditions. The Committee commends the important work the Library of Congress is doing to identify, collect, and archive stories, documents, and other historical materials from cultural and ethnic diasporas across Europe and requests the Library further strengthen its partnerships with museums, non-profits, and ethnic heritage centers across the country to collect additional stories, documents and visual materials and recordings from families and institutions dedicated to Eastern and Central European historical collections, and encourages the Library to disseminate them for public use.

Preservation of America’s Civil Rights Legacy Abroad.—The Committee continues to support the Library of Congress’s efforts to make available, as appropriate, their expertise for projects aimed at preserving America’s civil rights history abroad.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$57,537,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	57,543,000
Committee recommendation	59,747,000
Change from enacted level	+2,210,000
Change from request	+2,204,000

The Committee recommends \$59,747,000 in direct appropriations to the Copyright Office. An additional \$45,895,000 is made avail-

able from receipts for salaries and expenses for a total of \$105,642,000.

Copyright Modernization.—Few government bodies are more important to the growth of creativity and commercial artistic activity in our nation than the Copyright Office. The Committee continues to support the Copyright Office’s efforts to modernize its IT infrastructure to effectively serve its customers. The Librarian of Congress shall coordinate with the Director of the Copyright Office in implementing its information technology continuous development plan, and the Library shall expend funds on IT infrastructure for the Copyright Office in furtherance of that plan. The Committee encourages the Librarian of Congress to remain sensitive to the specialized requirements of the Copyright Office as the Office implements its IT continuous development in conjunction with the overall Library IT modernization effort.

Copyright Expertise.—The Committee continues to support the Office’s use of funds to offer expertise on copyright matters to the Executive Branch, including participation in international discussions. Consistent with historical practice, the Committee expects the Library to continue to defer to the copyright expertise of the Register of Copyrights and to ensure direct consultation between the Copyright Office and Congress.

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$136,080,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	142,860,000
Committee recommendation	141,487,000
Change from enacted level	+5,407,000
Change from request	–1,373,000

The Committee recommends \$141,487,000 for salaries and expenses of Congressional Research Service (CRS), which supports Members and Committees in legislative, oversight, and representational functions by providing nonpartisan and confidential research and policy analysis. The organization provides an important service for Members and staff, publishing hundreds of reports annually and providing briefings on pertinent policy issues considered by Congress. The expert nonpartisan analysts at CRS keep Congress informed, contributing to intelligent and responsible policymaking.

Expanding the Congressional Liaison Directory.—Congressional constituent service staff rely on the Congressional Research Service’s online directory of about 200 congressional liaison offices to determine appropriate contacts for casework. To further assist staff in expediting communications and correspondence with government agencies on behalf of constituents, CRS is directed to report to the Committee within 60 days of enactment of this Act, on the feasibility of expanding the legislative liaison list to include localized and regional agency contact information as well as including agency policies regarding Privacy Act release forms in its directory.

Congressional Research Service Detailees.—CRS analysts detailed to Congressional committees can offer a tremendous asset to both organizations, though it is noted that details are less common now than in the past, partially due to staffing challenges and the structure of CRS portfolios making an analyst’s absence pronounced and

management of congressional inquiries more difficult. Given the interest in CRS details to Congressional committees, the Committee requested a report from the Director of CRS in House Report 118–120 and looks forward to its findings.

Continuing Education for Congressional Staff.—In House Report 117–80, the Committee recommended the creation of a Legal Institute with introductory and advanced programs, geared towards senior Congressional staff who have not attended law school, which would educate participants on legal fundamentals that inform Congress’s lawmaking and oversight functions. The Committee commends CRS on the success of the Congressional Legal Education Forum and provides \$1,000,000 to continue to develop and expand the program.

NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$66,130,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	58,258,000
Committee recommendation	65,205,000
Change from enacted level	–925,000
Change from request	+6,947,000

The Committee recommends \$65,205,000 for salaries and expenses of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS).

The NLS is a free braille and talking book library service for people with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a disability that prevents them from reading or holding the printed page. Through a national network of regional and sub-regional libraries, NLS circulates books and magazines in braille and audio formats, which are delivered by postage-free mail or are instantly downloadable.

BARD Modernization.—The Committee continues to support the modernization of Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) Infrastructure, which distributes audio and electronic braille materials.

Braille eReader and Talking Book Machine Initiative.—The Committee continues to support the modernization of the Braille eReader and Talking Book Machine initiatives throughout NLS’s nation-wide network of libraries.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

Section 118 limits to \$318,789,000 the amount that may be obligated during fiscal year 2025 from various reimbursements and revolving funds available to the Library of Congress.

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

The Government Publishing Office (GPO) publishes and disseminates Federal Government publications to Congress, Federal agencies, Federal depository libraries, and the American public.

CONGRESSIONAL PUBLISHING

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$83,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	83,000,000
Committee recommendation	83,000,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$83,000,000 for Congressional Publishing. This account funds the costs of publishing congressional information products in both digital and print formats.

PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$37,388,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	41,664,000
Committee recommendation	41,664,000
Change from enacted level	+4,276,000
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$41,664,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents.

This appropriation primarily supports the cataloging and indexing of Federal Government publications (the results of which are now available online) and for operating the Federal Depository Library system and providing Federal documents to the network of 1,133 depository libraries nationwide.

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE BUSINESS OPERATIONS

REVOLVING FUND

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$11,611,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	11,425,000
Committee recommendation	11,425,000
Change from enacted level	-186,000
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$11,425,000 for the Government Publishing Office Business Operations Revolving Fund, which finances GPO's publishing operations.

This business-like fund is used to pay GPO's costs in performing or procuring from private-sector sources, congressional and agency publishing, information product procurement, and publication 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.

GPO Office of Inspector General.—The agreement includes no less than \$6,899,000 to support no fewer than 25 FTE within the GPO OIG.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$811,894,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	915,957,000
Committee recommendation	896,700,000
Change from enacted level	+84,806,000
Change from request	-19,257,000

Established by the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) works for Congress by responding to requests for studies of Federal Government programs and expenditures and may also initiate its own work. The Committee recommends \$896,700,000 in direct appropriations for GAO. In addition, \$33,424,000 is available in offsetting collections derived from reimbursements for conducting financial audits of government corporations and the rental of space in the GAO building. The Committee recommendation includes an increase to the direct appropriation in large part due to the significant decrease in offsetting collections for fiscal year 2025.

Agency Responsiveness to Congressional Inquiries on Behalf of Constituents.—The Committee requests the Government Accountability Office, within 270 days of enactment of this Act, to study the current status of responsiveness to House of Representative office inquiries on behalf of constituents seeking assistance at select Federal agencies. The study should make recommendations for minimum standards and agency personnel and technology needs to provide accurate and timely responses to Congressional inquiries, as appropriate.

Driving Implementation of Open GAO Recommendations.—GAO report recommendations have the potential to save billions of dollars and greatly improve government operations. The Committee believes that a way to increase recommendation implementation and hold agencies accountable for implementing them in a timely way is for GAO to establish a timeframe in which a recommendation should be able to be fully implemented. As such the Committee directs GAO to develop and implement a pilot to evaluate the efficacy of including implementation timeframes when it makes recommendations. Among other things, the pilot will examine whether including this information increases agencies' implementation rates and timeliness. GAO should brief the Committee on the results of this pilot and make recommendations of whether the pilot should be made permanent within two years of the start of the pilot. The Committee expects agencies to provide GAO the necessary information to develop implementation timeframes.

Community Funding Projects.—The Committee directs the GAO to again undertake an audit of Community Project Funding contained in fiscal year 2025 appropriations legislation. The audit shall include the same characteristics GAO adhered to in its fiscal year 2022 CPF directive after consulting with the Committees on Appropriations. In conducting its audit, GAO shall provide periodic briefings and reports based on available data to the Committees.

Outreach to Congressional Staff.—The Committee requests that legislative support agencies take steps to ensure that their products, services, and outreach are designed to adapt and meet the customer needs of an evolving Congress. As such, the Committee

requests that GAO expand its outreach to better inform Congress of the products and services the agency provides.

Duplicative Government Programs.—Each year, GAO identifies and reports on Federal agency programs with fragmented, overlapping, or duplicative goals or activities and ways to reduce costs or enhance revenue. The Committee continues to direct GAO to issue these reports and urges the Executive Branch to address duplicative programs.

GAO Office of Inspector General.—The agreement includes no less than \$2,451,000 to support no fewer than 14 FTE within the GAO OIG. The Committee believes that independence between legislative branch OIGs and their respective reporting agencies is important and reminds the GAO that the budget and FTE amounts in the report are expected to be provided as a floor for the OIG to conduct its oversight mission. Additionally, the Committee is aware of the OIG’s request to separate its budget from the agency and requests that the IG provide the Committee with a quarterly spend plan as the Committee considers this request.

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$6,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	7,200,000
Committee recommendation	6,600,000
Change from enacted level	+600,000
Change from request	–600,000

The Committee recommends \$6,600,000 for salaries and expenses of the Congressional Office for International Leadership.

Financial Audit.—The Committee acknowledges that while the Library of Congress’s Office of Inspector General traditionally conducts the annual financial statement audit for the Congressional Office for International Leadership (COIL), the agency is considering using an alternative contractor as a potential cost savings measure. COIL is directed to keep the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Administration apprised of any plans to replace, cease, or modify its existing relationship with its current auditor.

Ukraine.—The Committee continues to be deeply troubled by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and supports COIL’s engagement with Ukrainians outside of Ukraine to maintain democratic advancement throughout wartime.

Poland.—The Committee continues to support COIL’s efforts to explore increased exchange with Poland as a former Communist country.

Hungary.—The Committee continues to support COIL’s efforts to explore increased exchange with Hungary as a former Communist country.

JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING
AND DEVELOPMENT

Appropriation, fiscal year 2024	\$430,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2025	430,000
Committee recommendation	430,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$430,000 for salaries and expenses for the Stennis Center. The Center provides congressional staff training and development opportunities to promote and strengthen public service leadership in America.

TITLE II—GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Committee continues several provisions from prior years, including 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, and prohibition on certain operational expenses.

Includes a new provision prohibiting certain telecommunications equipment procurement, a new provision standardizing the salary rates for certain Legislative Branch officials to the salary rates equitable to other Legislative Branch officials, a new provision to exempt the practice of medicine from the fiduciary relationship restrictions for a Member of Congress, a new provision to prohibit funding for diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, a new provision to prohibit funding for discriminatory actions against certain religious beliefs, a provision blocking the cost-of-living adjustment for Members of Congress, and a spending reduction account.

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 1

Date: June 13, 2024

Measure: Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2025

Motion by: Mr. Espaillat

Description of Motion: Restores funding for the House Office of Diversity and Inclusion; strikes provision that removes the House of Representatives from the low emission leasing requirement; strikes provision that exempts the practice of medicine from the fiduciary relationship restrictions; strikes the provision that prohibits funding for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives; strikes provision that prohibits funding from discriminating against persons who hold the belief that marriage is a union of one man and one woman; restores plastic waste reduction provision.

Results: Not adopted 24 yeas to 32 nays

Members Voting Yea

Mr. Aguilar
 Mr. Bishop
 Mr. Cartwright
 Mr. Case
 Mr. Cuellar
 Ms. DeLauro
 Mr. Espaillat
 Ms. Frankel
 Mr. Harder
 Mr. Hoyer
 Ms. Kaptur
 Mr. Kilmer
 Ms. Lee of California
 Ms. McCollum
 Ms. Meng
 Mr. Morelle
 Ms. Pingree
 Mr. Pocan
 Mr. Quigley
 Mr. Ruppertsberger
 Mrs. Torres
 Ms. Underwood
 Ms. Wasserman Schultz
 Ms. Wexton

Members Voting Nay

Mr. Aderholt
 Mr. Amodei
 Mrs. Bice
 Mr. Calvert
 Mr. Carl
 Mr. Carter
 Mr. Ciscomani
 Mr. Cline
 Mr. Clyde
 Mr. Cole
 Mr. Diaz-Balart
 Mr. Edwards
 Mr. Ellzey
 Mr. Fleischmann
 Mr. Franklin
 Mr. Garcia
 Mr. Gonzales
 Mr. Guest
 Dr. Harris
 Mrs. Hinson
 Mr. Joyce
 Mr. LaTurner
 Ms. Letlow
 Mr. Moolenaar
 Mr. Newhouse
 Mr. Reschenthaler
 Mr. Rogers
 Mr. Rutherford
 Mr. Simpson
 Mr. Valadao
 Mr. Wornack
 Mr. Zinke

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 2

Date: June 13, 2024

Measure: Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2025

Motion by: Mr. Rogers

Description of Motion: To report the bill to the House, as amended.

Results: Adopted 33 yeas to 24 nays

Members Voting Yea

Mr. Aderholt
 Mr. Amodei
 Mrs. Bice
 Mr. Calvert
 Mr. Carl
 Mr. Carter
 Mr. Ciscomani
 Mr. Cline
 Mr. Cloud
 Mr. Clyde
 Mr. Cole
 Mr. Diaz-Balart
 Mr. Edwards
 Mr. Ellzey
 Mr. Fleischmann
 Mr. Franklin
 Mr. Garcia
 Mr. Gonzales
 Mr. Guest
 Dr. Harris
 Mrs. Hinson
 Mr. Joyce
 Mr. LaTurner
 Ms. Letlow
 Mr. Moolenaar
 Mr. Newhouse
 Mr. Reschenthaler
 Mr. Rogers
 Mr. Rutherford
 Mr. Simpson
 Mr. Valadao
 Mr. Womack
 Mr. Zinke

Members Voting Nay

Mr. Aguilar
 Mr. Bishop
 Mr. Cartwright
 Mr. Case
 Mr. Cuellar
 Ms. DeLauro
 Mr. Espaillat
 Ms. Frankel
 Mr. Harder
 Mr. Hoyer
 Ms. Kaptur
 Mr. Kilmer
 Ms. Lee of California
 Ms. McCollum
 Ms. Meng
 Mr. Morelle
 Ms. Pingree
 Mr. Pocan
 Mr. Quigley
 Mr. Ruppersberger
 Mrs. Torres
 Ms. Underwood
 Ms. Wasserman Schultz
 Ms. Wexton

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.

PROGRAM DUPLICATION

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(5) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following states that: 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.

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:

Within the Government Publishing Office, provisos in the appropriations for "Congressional Publishing" and "Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents, Salaries and Expenses" authorize transfer of unobligated or unexpended balances of expired discretionary funds appropriated under those headings for fiscal year 2025 to the "Government Publishing Office Business Operations Revolving Fund" account.

RESCISSIONS

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the bill contains no rescissions.

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 italics, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 1992

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**TITLE III—ALTERNATIVE FUELS—
GENERAL**

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SEC. 303. MINIMUM FEDERAL FLEET REQUIREMENT.

(a) **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.**—(1) The Federal Government shall acquire at least—

- (A) 5,000 light duty alternative fueled vehicles in fiscal year 1993;
- (B) 7,500 light duty alternative fueled vehicles in fiscal year 1994; and
- (C) 10,000 light duty alternative fueled vehicles in fiscal year 1995.

(2) The Secretary shall allocate the acquisitions necessary to meet the requirements under paragraph (1).

(b) **PERCENTAGE REQUIREMENTS.**—(1) Of the total number of vehicles acquired by a Federal fleet, at least—

- (A) 25 percent in fiscal year 1996;
- (B) 33 percent in fiscal year 1997;
- (C) 50 percent in fiscal year 1998; and
- (D) 75 percent in fiscal year 1999 and thereafter,

shall be alternative fueled vehicles.

(2) The Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator of General Services where appropriate, may permit a Federal fleet to acquire a smaller percentage than is required in paragraph (1), so long as the aggregate percentage acquired by all Federal fleets is at least equal to the required percentage.

(3) For purposes of this subsection, the term “Federal fleet” means 20 or more light duty motor vehicles, located in a metropolitan statistical area or consolidated metropolitan statistical area, as established by the Bureau of the Census, with a 1980 population of more than 250,000, that are centrally fueled or capable of being centrally fueled and are owned, operated, leased, or otherwise controlled by or assigned to any Federal executive department, military department, Government corporation, independent establishment, or executive agency, the United States Postal Service, the Congress, the courts of the United States, or the Executive Office of the President. Such term does not include—

- (A) motor vehicles held for lease or rental to the general public;
- (B) motor vehicles used for motor vehicle manufacturer product evaluations or tests;
- (C) law enforcement vehicles;
- (D) emergency vehicles;
- (E) motor vehicles acquired and used for military purposes that the Secretary of Defense has certified to the Secretary must be exempt for national security reasons; or
- (F) nonroad vehicles, including farm and construction vehicles.

(c) **ALLOCATION OF INCREMENTAL COSTS.**—The General Services Administration and any other Federal agency that procures motor vehicles for distribution to other Federal agencies shall allocate the incremental cost of alternative fueled vehicles over the cost of comparable gasoline vehicles across the entire fleet of motor vehicles distributed by such agency.

(d) **APPLICATION OF REQUIREMENTS.**—The provisions of section 400AA of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act relating to the Federal acquisition of alternative fueled vehicles shall apply to the acquisition of vehicles pursuant to this section.

(e) RESALE.—The Administrator of General Services shall take all feasible steps to ensure that all alternative fueled vehicles sold by the Federal Government shall remain alternative fueled vehicles at time of sale.

(f) VEHICLE EMISSION REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

(A) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term “Federal agency” does not include any office of the legislative [branch, except that it does include the House of Representatives with respect to an acquisition described in paragraph (2)(C).] *branch*.

(B) MEDIUM DUTY PASSENGER VEHICLE.—The term “medium duty passenger vehicle” has the meaning given that term section 523.2 of title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on the date of enactment of this paragraph.

[(C) MEMBER’S REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCE.—The term “Member’s Representational Allowance” means the allowance described in section 101(a) of the House of Representatives Administrative Reform Technical Corrections Act (2 U.S.C. 57b(a)).]

(2) PROHIBITION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), no Federal agency shall acquire a light duty motor vehicle or medium duty passenger vehicle that is not a low greenhouse gas emitting vehicle.

(B) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition in subparagraph (A) shall not apply to acquisition of a vehicle if the head of the agency certifies in writing, in a separate certification for each individual vehicle purchased, either—

(i) that no low greenhouse gas emitting vehicle is available to meet the functional needs of the agency and details in writing the functional needs that could not be met with a low greenhouse gas emitting vehicle; or

(ii) that the agency has taken specific alternative more cost-effective measures to reduce petroleum consumption that—

(I) have reduced a measured and verified quantity of greenhouse gas emissions equal to or greater than the quantity of greenhouse gas reductions that would have been achieved through acquisition of a low greenhouse gas emitting vehicle over the lifetime of the vehicle; or

(II) will reduce each year a measured and verified quantity of greenhouse gas emissions equal to or greater than the quantity of greenhouse gas reductions that would have been achieved each year through acquisition of a low greenhouse gas emitting vehicle.

[(C) SPECIAL RULE FOR VEHICLES PROVIDED BY FUNDS CONTAINED IN MEMBERS’ REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCE.—This paragraph shall apply to the acquisition of a light duty motor vehicle or medium duty passenger vehicle

using any portion of a Member's Representational Allowance, including an acquisition under a long-term lease.】
 (3) GUIDANCE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Each year, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue guidance identifying the makes and model numbers of vehicles that are low greenhouse gas emitting vehicles.

(B) CONSIDERATION.—In identifying vehicles under subparagraph (A), the Administrator shall take into account the most stringent standards for vehicle greenhouse gas emissions applicable to and enforceable against motor vehicle manufacturers for vehicles sold anywhere in the United States.

(C) REQUIREMENT.—The Administrator shall not identify any vehicle as a low greenhouse gas emitting vehicle if the vehicle emits greenhouse gases at a higher rate than such standards allow for the manufacturer's fleet average grams per mile of carbon dioxide-equivalent emissions for that class of vehicle, taking into account any emissions allowances and adjustment factors such standards provide.

(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for carrying out this section, such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 1993 through 1998, to remain available until expended.

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SECTION 312 OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1992

SEC. 312. (a)(1) The Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives shall maintain and operate a child care center (to be known as the "House of Representatives Child Care Center") to furnish pre-school child care and (subject to the approval of regulations by the Committee on House Administration) child care for school age children other than during the course of the ordinary school day—

(A) for children of individuals whose pay is disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives and children of support personnel of the House of Representatives;

(B) if places are available after admission of all children who are eligible under subparagraph (A), for children of individuals whose pay is disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate and children of employees of agencies of the legislative branch; and

(C) if places are available after admission of all children who are eligible under subparagraph (A) or (B), for children of employees of other offices, departments, and agencies of the Federal Government.

(2) Children shall be admitted to the center on a nondiscriminatory basis and without regard to any office or position held by their parents.

(b)(1)(A) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint 15 individuals (of whom 7 shall be upon recommendation of the minority leader of the House of Representatives), to serve with-

out pay, as members of an advisory board for the center. The board shall—

(i) provide advice to the Chief Administrative Officer on matters of policy relating to the administration and operation of the center (including the selection of the director of the center);

(ii) be chosen from among Members of the House of Representatives, spouses of Members, parents of children enrolled in the center, and other individuals with expertise in child care or interest in the center; and

(iii) serve during the Congress in which they are appointed, except that a member of the board may continue to serve after the expiration of a term until a successor is appointed.

(B) The director of the center shall serve as an additional member of the board, ex officio and without the right to vote.

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

(3) The chairman of the board shall be elected by the members of the board.

(c) In carrying out subsection (a), the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized—

(1) to collect fees for child care services;

(2) to accept such gifts of money and property as may be approved by the Chairman and the ranking minority party member of the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives, acting jointly; and

(3) to employ a director and other employees for the center.

(d)(1) There is established in the Treasury of the United States a revolving fund for the House of Representatives to be known as the “House Child Care Center Revolving Fund” (hereafter in this section referred to as the “Fund”), consisting of the amounts received under subsection (c) and any other funds deposited by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives from amounts received by the House of Representatives with respect to the operation of the center. Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), the Fund shall be the exclusive source for all salaries and expenses for activities carried out under this section.

(2) With respect to employees of the center, the House of Representatives shall make Government contributions and payments for health insurance, retirement, employment taxes, and similar benefits and programs (including the subsidies provided on behalf of employees of the center as a result of reductions in the amount of tuition otherwise charged with respect to children of such employees under paragraph (4)) in the same manner as such contributions and payments are made for other employees of the House of Representatives.

(3) The House of Representatives shall make payments from amounts provided in appropriations acts for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer for the following activities carried out under this section:

(A) The payment of the salary of the director of the center, and, at the option of the Chief Administrative Officer during an emergency situation, the payment of the salary of other employees of the Center.

(B) The cost of training classes and conferences for individuals employed by the center in connection with the provision

of child care services, together with the cost of travel (including transportation and subsistence) incurred in connection with such classes and conferences.

(C) In order to ensure that the Center can receive and transmit critical and emergency communications in connection with the provision of child care services, the payment of telecom expenses for the Center, to include voicemail boxes, land lines, and official cellular devices of the Center issued to Center employees.

[(C)] *(D) During an emergency situation, the payment of such other expenses for activities carried out under this section as the Chief Administrative Officer determines appropriate.*

(4) In the case of a child of an employee of the center who is furnished care at the center, the Chief Administrative Officer shall reduce the amount of tuition otherwise charged with respect to such child during a month by the greater of—

(A) 50 percent; or

(B) such percentage as may be necessary to ensure that the total amount of tuition paid by the employee with respect to all children of the employee who are furnished care at the center during the month does not exceed \$1,000.

(e) The Fund shall be treated as a category of allowances and expenses for purposes of section 101(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1993 (2 U.S.C. 95b(a)).

(f) As used in this section—

(1) the term “Member of the House of Representatives” means a Representative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress;

(2) the term “agency of the legislative branch” means the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Botanic Garden, the General Accounting Office, the Government Printing Office, the Library of Congress, the Office of Technology Assessment, the Congressional Budget Office, and the Copyright Royalty Tribunal; and

(3) the term “support personnel” means, with respect to the House of Representatives, any employee of a credit union or of the Architect of the Capitol, whose principal duties are to support the functions of the House of Representatives.

(f) House Resolution 21, Ninety-ninth Congress, agreed to December 11, 1985, enacted into permanent law by section 103 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1987 (as incorporated by reference in section 101(j) of Public Law 99–500 and Public Law 99–591) (40 U.S.C. 184b–184f) is repealed.

TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE

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PART III—EMPLOYEES

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SUBPART C—EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE

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CHAPTER 41—TRAINING

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§ 4120. Training for employees of the Capitol Police

(a) The Chief of the Capitol Police may, by regulation, make applicable such provisions of this chapter as the Chief determines necessary to provide for training of employees of the Capitol Police. The regulations shall provide for training which, in the determination of the Chief, is consistent with the training provided by agencies under the preceding sections of this chapter.

(b) The Office of Personnel Management shall provide the Chief of the Capitol Police with such advice and assistance as the Chief may request in order to enable the Chief to carry out the purposes of this section.

(c) *An employee of the Capitol Police may receive training under this section outside of the United States only with the prior approval of the Capitol Police Board. In this subsection, the term “United States” means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the territories and possessions of the United States.*

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PART IV—ETHICS REQUIREMENTS

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CHAPTER 131—ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT

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SUBCHAPTER III—LIMITATIONS ON OUTSIDE EARNED INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT

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§ 13144. Limitations on outside employment

(a) **LIMITATIONS.**—A Member or an officer or employee who is a noncareer officer or employee and who occupies a position classified above GS–15 of the General Schedule or, in the case of positions not under the General Schedule, for which the rate of basic pay is equal to or greater than 120 percent of the minimum rate of basic pay payable for GS–15 of the General Schedule shall not—

- (1) receive compensation for affiliating with or being employed by a firm, partnership, association, corporation, or other entity which provides professional services involving a fiduciary relationship;
- (2) permit that Member’s, officer’s, or employee’s name to be used by any such firm, partnership, association, corporation, or other entity;
- (3) receive compensation for practicing a profession which involves a fiduciary relationship;

(4) serve for compensation as an officer or member of the board of any association, corporation, or other entity; or

(5) receive compensation for teaching, without the prior notification and approval of the appropriate entity referred to in section 13142 of this title.

(b) **TEACHING COMPENSATION OF JUSTICES AND JUDGES RETIRED FROM REGULAR ACTIVE SERVICE.**—For purposes of the limitation under section 13143(a) of this title, any compensation for teaching approved under subsection (a)(5) of this section shall not be treated as outside earned income—

(1) when received by a justice of the United States retired from regular active service under section 371(b) of title 28;

(2) when received by a judge of the United States retired from regular active service under section 371(b) of title 28, for teaching performed during any calendar year for which such judge has met the requirements of subsection (e) of section 371 of title 28, as certified in accordance with such subsection; or

(3) when received by a justice or judge of the United States retired from regular active service under section 372(a) of title 28.

(c) *LIMITATION ON TREATMENT AS FIDUCIARY RELATIONSHIP.*—*For purposes of this section, the relationship between a Member who is providing care directly to a patient in the form of medical services or dental services and the patient to whom such care is provided shall not be considered a fiduciary relationship.*

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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 several 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 a death gratuity for the beneficiary of Representative Donald M. Payne, Jr.

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

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

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

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

12. The bill includes language requiring that any Federal agencies that are assisting the House with cybersecurity risks ensure the constitutional integrity of the separate branches of government.

13. The bill includes language eliminating the requirement to lease long term low emission vehicles through the Members Representational Allowance.

14. The bill authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to provide payment of telecom expenses for the House Child Care Center to ensure the Center can receive and transmit critical and emergency communications in connection with the provision of child care services.

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

16. 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.

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

18. The bill requires an employee of the Capitol Police to receive training outside of the United States only with prior approval of the Capitol Police Board.

19. The bill allows the Architect of the Capitol to purchase or exchange, maintain, and operate one passenger motor vehicle.

20. 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.

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

22. The bill prohibits paying bonuses for contractors who are behind schedule or over budget.

23. The bill authorizes the Architect of the Capitol to enter into cooperative agreements to support the Capitol Grounds and Arboretum including plant material exchanges.

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

25. The bill provides specific funding for the American Folklife Center, the Teaching with Primary Sources program, the Legisla-

tive Branch Financial Management System, the Surplus Books Program, and the Veterans History Project.

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

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

28. 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.

29. 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 Committee, with an exception.

30. The bill provides funds to provide newspapers to the blind and print disabled.

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

32. 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.

33. 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.

34. 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.

35. 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.

36. The bill includes 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.

37. The bill provides no part of the funds appropriated in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond fiscal year 2025 unless expressly so provided in this Act.

38. The bill 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. The bill also provides that the provisions herein for the various items of official expenses of Members, officers, and the Committees, and clerk hire for Senators and Members shall be the permanent law with respect thereto.

39. The bill requires that certain information regarding consulting services shall be a matter of public record.

40. The bill authorizes Legislative Branch entities to share the costs of the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council.

41. The bill limits the transfer of funds in this Act.

42. The bill prohibits funds in this Act being used to eliminate or restrict staff-led guided tours.

43. The bill prohibits funds from being used to maintain or establish a computer network unless the network blocks pornography.

44. The bill prohibits funds from being used to acquire telecommunications equipment from a particular class of vendors.

45. The bill allows for an increase in the rate of pay for certain personnel of certain Legislative Branch offices otherwise restricted.

46. The bill includes a change to the limitations on outside earned income and employment as it relates to fiduciary relationships.

47. The bill prohibits funding for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives.

48. The bill prohibits funding for discriminatory actions against certain religious beliefs.

49. The bill allows for a spending reduction.

50. The bill includes language blocking the cost-of-living adjustment for Members of Congress.

APPROPRIATIONS NOT AUTHORIZED BY LAW

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(1)(B) 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:

The accompanying bill contains no appropriations not authorized by law.

BUDGETARY IMPACT OF THE FY 2025 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL PREPARED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 308(a) OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT OF 1974

COMPARISON WITH BUDGET RESOLUTION

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the following table compares the levels of new

budget authority provided in the bill with the appropriate allocation under section 302(b) of the Budget Act.

[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:				
All Except Senate	5,546		5,546	5,875
Senate items	1,579		0	0
Total	7,125		5,546	5,875
Mandatory			141	¹ 141

¹ Includes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

FIVE-YEAR OUTLAY PROJECTIONS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII and section 308(a)(1)(B) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the following table contains five-year projections associated with the budget authority provided in the accompanying bill as provided to the Committee by the Congressional Budget Office.

[IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS]

	Outlays
Projection of outlays associated with the recommendation:	
2025	¹ 4,654
2026	627
2027	113
2028	36
2029 and future years	14

¹ Excludes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII and section 308(a)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Congressional Budget Office has provided the following estimates of new budget authority and outlays provided by the accompanying bill for financial assistance to State and local governments.

[IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS]

	Budget Authority	Outlays
Financial assistance to State and local governments for 2025	0	¹ 0

¹ Excludes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(6) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following hearings were used to develop or consider the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2025:

Date	Title of Hearing	Witnesses
April 10, 2024	Budget Hearing—Fiscal Year 2025 Request for the Government Accountability Office, the Government Publishing Office, and the Congressional Budget Office.	The Honorable Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; The Honorable Hugh Nathaniel Halpern, Director, Government Publishing Office; Dr. Phillip L. Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office.
April 10, 2024	Budget Hearing—Fiscal Year 2025 Request for the United States Capitol Police.	Mr. J. Thomas Manger, Chief, United States Capitol Police.
April 16, 2024	Fiscal Year 2025 Request for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service, the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, and the Congressional Office for International Leadership.	Dr. Brian Pugh, Executive Director, John C. Stennis Center for Public Service; Mr. Martin J. Crane, Executive Director, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights; Ms. Jane Sargus, Executive Director, Congressional Office for International Leadership.
April 16, 2024	Fiscal Year 2025 Request for the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol.	Dr. Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress, Library of Congress; Mr. Joseph DiPietro, Acting Architect of the Capitol, Architect of the Capitol; Mr. Robert R. Newlen, Interim Director, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Ms. Shira Perlmutter, Register of Copyrights and Director, U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress.
April 17, 2024	Budget Hearing—Fiscal Year 2025 Request for the United States House of Representatives.	The Honorable Kevin F. McCumber, Acting Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives; The Honorable William P. McFarland, Sergeant at Arms, U.S. House of Representatives; The Honorable Catherine L. Szpindor, Chief Administrative Officer, U.S. House of Representatives; Mr. Matthew Berry, General Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives; Mr. Joseph C. Picolla, Inspector General, U.S. House of Representatives; Mr. Ralph V. Seep, Law Revision Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives; Mr. E. Wade Ballou Jr., Legislative Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives.
April 17, 2024	Fiscal Year 2025 Members' Day Hearing and Public Witness Testimony for the Record.	The Honorable Derek Kilmer, The Honorable Jasmine Crockett.

DISCLOSURE OF EARMARKS AND CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING ITEMS

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, neither the bill nor this report contains any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

SEC. 215. \$0.

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TITLE I - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH					
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES					
Payment to Widows and Heirs of Deceased Members of Congress	---	---	174	+174	+174
Salaries and Expenses					
House Leadership Offices					
Office of the Speaker.....	10,499	10,499	10,499	---	---
Office of the Majority Floor Leader.....	3,730	3,730	3,730	---	---
Office of the Minority Floor Leader.....	10,499	10,499	10,499	---	---
Office of the Majority Whip.....	3,099	3,099	3,099	---	---
Office of the Minority Whip.....	2,809	2,809	2,809	---	---
Republican Conference.....	2,962	2,962	2,962	---	---
Democratic Caucus.....	2,962	2,962	2,962	---	---
Total, House Leadership Offices.....	36,560	36,560	36,560	---	---

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Members' Representational Allowances					
Including Members' Clerk Hire, Official Expenses of Members, and Official Mail.....	810,000	843,605	843,605	+33,605	---
Allowance for Compensation of Interns					
House Member Offices.....	20,639	20,639	20,639	---	---
House Leadership Offices.....	586	586	586	---	---
House Standing, Special and Select Committee Offices..	2,600	2,600	2,600	---	---
House Appropriations Committee Office.....	463	463	463	---	---
Total, Allowance for Compensation of Interns....	24,288	24,288	24,288	---	---
Committee Employees					
Standing Committees, Special and Select.....	180,587	180,862	180,862	+275	---
Committee on Appropriations (including studies and investigations).....	31,294	31,294	31,294	---	---
Total, Committee Employees.....	211,881	212,156	212,156	+275	---

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Salaries, Officers and Employees					
Office of the Clerk.....	41,455	44,984	44,984	+3,529	---
Office of the Sergeant at Arms.....	38,793	34,141	34,141	-4,652	---
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.....	213,072	213,072	213,072	---	---
Office of the Whistleblower Ombuds.....	1,250	1,250	1,250	---	---
Office of the Inspector General.....	5,512	5,772	5,772	+260	---
Office of General Counsel.....	1,987	2,048	2,048	+61	---
Office of the Parliamentarian.....	2,240	2,287	2,287	+47	---
Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House.....	3,900	5,048	5,048	+1,148	---
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House.....	14,871	15,300	15,300	+629	---
Office of Interparliamentary Affairs.....	934	994	994	+60	---
Other authorized employees.....	1,065	1,065	1,065	---	---
Total, Salaries, Officers and Employees.....	324,879	325,961	325,961	+1,082	---

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Allowances and Expenses					
Supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims.....	1,555	1,555	1,555	---	---
Official mail for committees, leadership offices, and administrative offices of the House.....	190	190	190	---	---
Government contributions.....	392,368	428,960	428,960	+36,592	---
Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery.....	27,264	27,428	27,428	+164	---
Transition activities.....	5,895	15,786	15,786	+9,891	---
Green and Gold Congressional Aide Program.....	3,356	3,356	3,356	---	---
Office of Congressional Ethics.....	1,762	1,810	1,810	+48	---
Miscellaneous items.....	1,000	1,000	1,000	---	---
Total, Allowances and Expenses.....	433,390	480,085	480,085	+46,695	---
House Modernization Initiatives Account.....	10,000	10,000	10,000	---	---
Total, House of Representatives.....	1,850,998	1,932,655	1,932,829	+81,831	+174

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JOINT ITEMS					
Joint Economic Committee.....	4,283	4,283	4,283	---	---
Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.....	3,675	---	---	-3,675	---
Joint Committee on Taxation.....	13,554	14,850	14,450	+896	-400
Office of the Attending Physician					
Medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances.....	4,764	4,416	4,416	-348	---
Office of Congressional Accessibility Services					
Salaries and expenses 1/.....	1,766	1,838	1,814	+48	-24
Total, Joint Items.....	28,042	25,387	24,963	-3,079	-424
CAPITOL POLICE					
Salaries.....	588,627	636,546	619,257	+30,630	-17,289
General expenses.....	202,846	263,844	213,158	+10,312	-50,686
Total, Capitol Police.....	791,473	900,390	832,415	+40,942	-67,975
OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE RIGHTS					
Salaries and expenses.....	8,150	8,592	8,150	---	-442

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CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses.....	70,000	70,729	73,259	+3,259	+2,530
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL (AOC)					
Capital Construction and Operations.....	152,507	190,316	165,000	+12,493	-25,316
Capitol building.....	95,688	53,193	41,002	-54,686	-12,191
Capitol grounds.....	16,600	34,867	33,922	+17,322	-945
House office buildings.....	166,426	151,567	148,000	-18,426	-3,567
House Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund	---	5,500	5,500	+5,500	---
Subtotal, AOC House Buildings.....	166,426	157,067	153,500	-12,926	-3,567
Capitol Power Plant.....	158,650	140,505	137,414	-21,236	-3,091
Spending from offsetting collections.....	-10,000	-10,000	-10,000	---	---
Subtotal, Capitol Power Plant.....	148,650	130,505	127,414	-21,236	-3,091
Library buildings and grounds.....	94,978	73,202	86,043	-8,935	+12,841
Capitol police buildings, grounds and security.....	85,207	113,352	97,016	+11,809	-16,336
Botanic Garden.....	20,506	22,859	21,214	+708	-1,645
Capitol Visitor Center.....	28,000	30,614	29,127	+1,127	-1,487
Total, Architect of the Capitol.....	808,562	805,975	754,238	-54,324	-51,737

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS					
Salaries and expenses.....	592,411	614,578	617,000	+24,589	+2,422
Copyright Office, Salaries and expenses.....	103,128	104,745	105,642	+2,514	+897
Authority to spend receipts.....	-44,591	-47,202	-45,895	-1,304	+1,307
Prior year unobligated balances.....	-1,000	---	---	+1,000	---
Subtotal, Copyright Office.....	57,537	57,543	59,747	+2,210	+2,204
Congressional Research Service, Salaries and expenses: Salaries and expenses.....	136,080	142,860	141,487	+5,407	-1,373
National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled					
Salaries and expenses.....	66,130	58,258	65,205	-925	+6,947
Total, Library of Congress.....	852,158	873,239	883,439	+31,281	+10,200
GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE					
Congressional publishing.....	83,000	83,000	83,000	---	---
Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents, Salaries and expenses.....	37,388	41,664	41,664	+4,276	---
Government Publishing Office Business Operations Revolving Fund.....	11,611	11,425	11,425	-186	---
Total, Government Publishing Office.....	131,999	136,089	136,089	+4,090	---

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses.....	885,870	949,381	930,124	+44,254	-19,257
Offsetting collections.....	-73,976	-33,424	-33,424	+40,552	---
Total, Government Accountability Office.....	811,894	915,957	896,700	+84,806	-19,257
CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP FUND					
Payment to the Congressional Office for International Leadership (COIL) Fund.....	6,000	7,200	6,600	+600	-600
JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT					
Stennis Center for Public Service.....	430	430	430	---	---
Total, Title I, Legislative Branch.....	5,359,706	5,676,643	5,549,112	+189,406	-127,531

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TITLE II - GENERAL PROVISIONS					
Adjustments to Compensation (CBO estimate).....	-4,000	---	-4,000	---	-4,000
Authority to Make Purchases of Materials and Services During Emergencies (Sec. 131).....	---	26,000	---	---	-26,000
Total, Title II, General Provisions.....	-4,000	26,000	-4,000	---	-30,000

OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024 (P.L.
118-22)

Payment to Widows and Heirs of Deceased Members of Congress.....	174	---	---	-174	---
Total, Other Appropriations.....	174	---	---	-174	---

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	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request
Grand total.....	5,355,880	5,702,643	5,545,112	+189,232	-157,531
Appropriations.....	(5,439,856)	(5,746,067)	(5,588,536)	(+148,680)	(-157,531)
Offsetting collections.....	(-83,976)	(-43,424)	(-43,424)	(+40,552)	---

1/ Budget Amendment dated May 22, 2024

MINORITY VIEWS

We appreciate the efforts of Chairman Valadao and his staff to produce the Legislative Branch bill for Fiscal Year 2025. The bill includes requests submitted by the Democratic Committee however, this bill, like several others that the House Appropriations Committee recently reported, continues the Majority's obsession with including harmful and divisive policy riders that aim to divide our country and have no place in a Legislative Branch bill.

The bill includes \$5.5 billion in discretionary appropriations to fund the offices of the House of Representatives and joint legislative branch items, an increase of \$189 million (or 3.5%) over the FY24 enacted level.

The problem with this bill is not its funding levels. As a matter of fact, the funding levels included in this bill will build upon our investments in the Legislative Branch that have enabled us to better serve the American people. The problem with this bill is its harmful policy riders that undo the sensible, historical restrictions in statute on compensation for outside work for certain Members of Congress, hurt our ability to attract and retain diverse and talented staff, and unwind important measures that ensure we are doing our part to protect the environment.

The bill's reasonable funding levels are proof that House Republicans are capable of writing bills that can get bipartisan support and have a path to becoming law—if they could simply abandon their obsession with partisan riders which they know will be removed from the final agreement.

This House should make every effort to be reflective of the entire nation we serve, and the districts Members represent.

The Legislative Branch bill should never be a place for divisive politics. The Legislative Branch bill should be used to ensure Congress has the tools it needs to legislate and support the constituents we serve.

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