

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE
BRANCH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER
30, 2004, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2657]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2657) “making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes”, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

Amendment numbered 1:

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

In lieu of the matter proposed by said amendment, insert:

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

SENATE

EXPENSE ALLOWANCES

For expense allowances of the Vice President, \$20,000; the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, \$20,000; Majority Leader of the Senate, \$20,000; Minority Leader of the Senate, \$20,000; Majority Whip of the Senate, \$10,000; Minority Whip of the Senate, \$10,000; President Pro Tempore emeritus, \$7,500; Chairmen of the Majority and Minority Conference Committees, \$5,000 for each

Chairman; and Chairmen of the Majority and Minority Policy Committees, \$5,000 for each Chairman; in all, \$127,500.

REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

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

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

For compensation of officers, employees, and others as authorized by law, including agency contributions, \$125,307,000, which shall be paid from this appropriation without regard to the following limitations:

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

For the Office of the Vice President, \$2,028,000.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

For the Office of the President Pro Tempore, \$539,000.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS

For the Office of the President Pro Tempore emeritus, \$156,000.

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

For Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders, \$3,220,000.

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS

For Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips, \$2,324,000.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

For salaries of the Committee on Appropriations, \$12,799,000.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

For the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority, at rates of compensation to be fixed by the Chairman of each such committee, \$1,358,000 for each such committee; in all, \$2,716,000.

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

For Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority, \$674,000.

POLICY COMMITTEES

For salaries of the Majority Policy Committee and the Minority Policy Committee, \$1,417,000 for each such committee; in all, \$2,834,000.

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

For Office of the Chaplain, \$327,000.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

For Office of the Secretary, \$18,299,000.

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER

For Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, \$45,789,000.

OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY

For Offices of the Secretary for the Majority and the Secretary for the Minority, \$1,468,000.

AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS AND RELATED EXPENSES

For agency contributions for employee benefits, as authorized by law, and related expenses, \$32,134,000.

OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF THE SENATE

For salaries and expenses of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate, \$4,843,000.

OFFICE OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

For salaries and expenses of the Office of Senate Legal Counsel, \$1,222,000.

EXPENSE ALLOWANCES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE, AND SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY OF THE SENATE

For expense allowances of the Secretary of the Senate, \$6,000; Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, \$6,000; Secretary for the Majority of the Senate, \$6,000; Secretary for the Minority of the Senate, \$6,000; in all, \$24,000.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE

INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

For expenses of inquiries and investigations ordered by the Senate, or conducted under section 134(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (Public Law 97-601), section 112 of the Supplemental Appropriations and Rescission Act, 1980 (Public Law 96-304), and Senate Resolution 281, 96th Congress, agreed to March 11, 1980, \$118,462,000.

EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE CAUCUS ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

For expenses of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, \$520,000.

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

For expenses of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, \$2,265,000, of which \$500,000 shall be transferred to the Senate Preservation Fund and shall be available without fiscal year limitation.

SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

For expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, \$135,243,000, of which \$30,835,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2006, and of which \$4,255,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

For miscellaneous items, \$18,425,000, of which up to \$500,000 shall be made available for a pilot program for mailings of postal patron postcards by Senators for the purpose of providing notice of a town meeting by a Senator in a county (or equivalent unit of local government) at which the Senator will personally attend: Provided, That any amount allocated to a Senator for such mailing shall not exceed 50 percent of the cost of the mailing and the remaining cost shall be paid by the Senator from other funds available to the Senator.

SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT

For Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account, \$310,000,000.

OFFICIAL MAIL COSTS

For expenses necessary for official mail costs of the Senate, \$300,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. GROSS RATE OF COMPENSATION IN OFFICES OF SENATORS. *Effective on and after October 1, 2003, each of the dollar amounts contained in the table under section 105(d)(1)(A) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1968 (2 U.S.C. 61-1(d)(1)(A)) shall be deemed to be the dollar amounts in that table, as adjusted by law and in effect on September 30, 2003, increased by an additional \$50,000 each.*

SEC. 2. PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF CONFERENCES OF MAJORITY AND MINORITY. (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 120 of Public Law 97-51 (2 U.S.C. 61g-6) is amended in the first sentence by striking “an amount, not in excess of \$100,000,” and inserting “such amount as necessary”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2004, and each fiscal year thereafter.

SEC. 3. PROVISIONS RELATING TO SENATE COMMISSION ON ART. (a) **AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE AND DISPOSE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Senate Commission on Art (referred to in this section as the “Commission”) may—

(A) accept gifts of money; and

(B) acquire (by gift, purchase, or otherwise) any work of art, historical object, document, or material relating to historical matters, or exhibit, for placement or exhibition in the Senate Wing of the Capitol, the Senate Office Buildings, or in rooms, spaces, or corridors thereof.

(2) **ACCESSION OR DISPOSAL.**—All works of art, historical objects, documents, or material related to historical matters, or exhibits, acquired by the Commission may, as determined by

the Commission and after consultation with the Curatorial Advisory Board, be—

(A) retained for accession to the United States Senate Collection or other use; or

(B) disposed of by sale or other transaction.

(3) REPEAL.—Senate Resolution 95, 92d Congress, agreed to April 1, 1971, and enacted into law by section 901(a) of Public Law 100–696 (2 U.S.C. 2106) is repealed.

(b) ADVISORY BOARDS.—

(1) CURATORIAL ADVISORY BOARD.—There is established a Board which shall be chaired by the Senate Curator. The Curatorial Advisory Board shall provide advice and assistance to the Commission on the acquisition, care, and disposition of items for or within the United States Senate Collection, and on such other matters as the Commission determines appropriate.

(2) ADDITIONAL ADVISORY BOARDS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission, or the chairman and vice chairman acting jointly on behalf of the Commission and after giving notice to the Commission, may establish 1 or more additional advisory boards.

(B) TERM.—The term of existence for an additional advisory board—

(i) shall be specified by the Commission but no longer than 4 years; and

(ii) shall be renewable.

(C) PURPOSE.—The purpose of an additional advisory board shall be to provide advice and assistance to the Commission and to further the purposes of the Commission.

(3) APPOINTMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the Curatorial Advisory Board and other advisory boards established by the Commission under paragraph (2) shall be composed of members appointed by the Commission, or the chairman and vice chairman acting jointly on behalf of the Commission and after giving notice to the Commission.

(B) APPLICABLE RULES.—Members appointed under subparagraph (A)—

(i) shall be appointed from public and private life and shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission; and

(ii) in the case of individuals appointed to the Curatorial Advisory Board, shall be experts or have significant experience in the field of arts, historic preservation, or other appropriate fields.

Each member of the Commission may have appointed to an advisory board created by the Commission at least 1 individual requested by that member.

(4) MEMBERS.—A member of a board under this subsection—

(A) may, at the discretion of the Commission, be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the official duties of the board from any funds available to the Commission in accordance with applicable Senate regulations for such expenses; and

(B) shall not, by virtue of such member's service on the board, be deemed to be an officer, employee, or agent of the

Senate and may not bind the Senate in any contract or obligation.

(5) *TERMS FOR ADDITIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS.*—Members appointed to the other advisory boards created under paragraph (2) shall serve for terms as stated in their appointment, but no longer than a term of 4 years, except that any member may be reappointed upon the expiration of their term.

(6) *REGULATIONS.*—The Commission, or the chairman and vice chairman acting jointly on behalf of the Commission and after giving notice to the Commission, in consultation with the Committee on Rules and Administration, may promulgate such regulations governing advisory boards established under this subsection as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

(7) *ASSISTANCE.*—The Executive Secretary of the Commission shall provide assistance to an advisory board as authorized by the Commission.

(c) *ESTABLISHMENT OF SENATE PRESERVATION FUND.*—

(1) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—There is established in the Treasury a fund, to be known as the “Senate Preservation Fund” (in this section referred to as the “fund”), which shall consist of amounts deposited and credited under paragraph (3).

(2) *PAYMENT OF COSTS.*—The fund shall be available to the Commission for the payment of acquisition and transaction costs incurred for acquisitions under subsection (a), for official activities of any advisory board established under subsection (b), and for any purposes for which funds from the contingent fund of the Senate may be used under section 316(a) of Public Law 101–302 (2 U.S.C. 2107).

(3) *DEPOSITS, CREDITS, AND DISBURSEMENTS.*—

(A) *DEPOSITS.*—The Commission shall deposit in the fund amounts appropriated for use of the fund, gifts of money, and proceeds of transactions under subsection (a).

(B) *CREDITS.*—The Secretary of the Treasury shall credit to the fund the interest on, and the proceeds from sale or redemption of, obligations held in the fund.

(C) *DISBURSEMENTS.*—Disbursements from the fund shall be made on vouchers approved by the Commission and signed by the Executive Secretary of the Commission.

(4) *INVESTMENTS.*—

(A) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary of the Treasury shall invest any portion of the fund that, as determined by the Commission, is not required to meet current withdrawals.

(B) *TYPE OF OBLIGATION.*—Each investment required by this paragraph shall be made in an interest bearing obligation of the United States or an obligation guaranteed as to the principal and interest by the United States that, as determined by the Commission, has a maturity suitable for the fund.

(C) *COMMISSION APPROVAL.*—In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary of the Treasury may make such purchases, sales, and redemption of obligations as may be approved by the Commission.

(5) *SERVICES AND SUPPORT.*—The Library of Congress shall provide financial management and disbursing services and sup-

port to the Commission as may be required and mutually agreed to by the Librarian of Congress and the Executive Secretary of the Commission.

(6) AUDITS.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct annual audits of the Senate Preservation Fund and shall report the results of each audit to the Commission.

(d) ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES.—

(1) SENATE COMMISSION ON ART.—Section 1 of Senate Resolution 382, 90th Congress, agreed to October 1, 1968, and enacted into law by section 901(a) of Public Law 100–696 (2 U.S.C. 2101) is amended—

(A) in subsection (b), by striking the first sentence and inserting “The Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate shall be the chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the Commission.”; and

(B) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

“(c) The Secretary of the Senate shall appoint a Senate Curator approved by the Senate Commission on Art. The Senate Curator shall be an employee of the Secretary of the Senate assigned to assist the Commission. The Secretary of the Senate shall assign additional employees to assist the Commission, and provide such other assistance, as the Commission determines necessary.”.

(2) PURCHASE OF ART.—The first sentence of section 316(a) of Public Law 101–302 (2 U.S.C. 2107(a)) is amended by inserting after “in which incurred,” the following: “for the purchase of art and historical objects for the United States Senate Collection, for exhibits and public education relating to the United States Senate Collection, for administrative and transitional expenses of the Senate Commission on Art, and”.

SEC. 4. ORIENTATION SEMINARS. The first sentence of section 107(a) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1979 (Public Law 96–38; 2 U.S.C. 69a) is amended by striking “\$10,000” and inserting “\$25,000”.

SEC. 5. EXPENSE ALLOWANCES FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE SENATE. (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 119(a) of the joint resolution entitled “Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1982, and for other purposes”, approved October 1, 1981 (2 U.S.C. 65c) is amended by striking “\$3,000” and inserting “\$6,000”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2004, and each fiscal year thereafter.

SEC. 6. CONSULTANTS. With respect to fiscal year 2004, the first sentence of section 101(a) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1977 (2 U.S.C. 61h–6(a)) shall be applied by substituting “nine individual consultants” for “eight individual consultants”.

SEC. 7. UNITED STATES SENATE COLLECTION. Section 316 of Public Law 101–302 (2 U.S.C. 2107) is amended in the first sentence of subsection (a) by striking “2003” and inserting “2004”.

SEC. 8. DATA COMMUNICATION LINES. Notwithstanding section 1348 of title 31, United States Code, the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate may authorize the installation of data communication lines and other appropriate Internet connections (not including voice connections) in the private residence of a Sen-

ator and up to 2 staff members designated by a Senator and the majority and minority staff director of a committee for conducting the work of the Senate subject to guidelines issued by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SEC. 9. PROVISION OF SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Subject to the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate may provide services and equipment funded by appropriations available to the Senate to persons and entities not funded by such appropriations.

(b) *REIMBURSEMENT REQUIRED.*—The provision of services and equipment under subsection (a) shall be on a reimbursable basis.

(c) *CREDITING OF REIMBURSED AMOUNTS.*—In the case of services or equipment provided under subsection (a) that were procured using amounts available to the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate in the account for Contingent Expenses, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, amounts received under subsection (b) as reimbursement for the provision of such services or equipment shall be credited to that account or, if applicable, to any subaccount of that account. Amounts credited to any such account or subaccount shall be merged with amounts in that account or subaccount and shall be available to the same extent, and subject to the same terms and conditions, as amounts in that account or subaccount.

(d) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—This section shall apply to fiscal year 2004 and each succeeding fiscal year.

SEC. 10. HIGH COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE. (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Under the authority of section 105(d)(2) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1968 (2 U.S.C. 61–1(d)(2)), a Senator from a noncontiguous State may pay a high cost of living allowance to any employee employed in an office of the Senator located in that State.

(b) *LIMITATION.*—An allowance under this section may not exceed 25 percent of the basic pay of an employee, determined without regard to this section.

(c) *BASIC PAY TREATMENT.*—An allowance under this section shall be treated as part of the basic pay of an employee.

(d) *PAYMENT.*—

(1) *AGGREGATE GROSS COMPENSATION.*—The amount of any allowance under this section shall not be taken into account for determining the amount of aggregate gross compensation in the table under section 105(d)(1)(A) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1968 (2 U.S.C. 61–1(d)(1)(A)).

(2) *APPROPRIATIONS.*—Allowances under this section shall be paid from appropriations under the heading “SENATORS’ OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT”.

(e) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2004 and each fiscal year thereafter.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses of the House of Representatives, \$1,014,464,000, as follows:

HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES

For salaries and expenses, as authorized by law, \$18,142,000, including: Office of the Speaker, \$2,630,000, including \$25,000 for official expenses of the Speaker; Office of the Majority Floor Leader, \$1,965,000, including \$10,000 for official expenses of the Majority Leader; Office of the Minority Floor Leader, \$2,756,000, including \$10,000 for official expenses of the Minority Leader; Office of the Majority Whip, including the Chief Deputy Majority Whip, \$1,684,000, including \$5,000 for official expenses of the Majority Whip; Office of the Minority Whip, including the Chief Deputy Minority Whip, \$1,259,000, including \$5,000 for official expenses of the Minority Whip; Speaker's Office for Legislative Floor Activities, \$460,000; Republican Steering Committee, \$862,000; Republican Conference, \$1,448,000; Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, \$1,542,000; Democratic Caucus, \$768,000; nine minority employees, \$1,380,000; training and program development—majority, \$290,000; training and program development—minority, \$290,000; Cloakroom Personnel—majority, \$404,000; and Cloakroom Personnel—minority, \$404,000.

MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES INCLUDING MEMBERS' CLERK HIRE, OFFICIAL EXPENSES OF MEMBERS, AND OFFICIAL MAIL

For Members' representational allowances, including Members' clerk hire, official expenses, and official mail, \$514,454,000.

COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES

STANDING COMMITTEES, SPECIAL AND SELECT

For salaries and expenses of standing committees, special and select, authorized by House resolutions, \$107,188,000: Provided, That such amount shall remain available for such salaries and expenses until December 31, 2004.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

For salaries and expenses of the Committee on Appropriations, \$24,926,000, including studies and examinations of executive agencies and temporary personal services for such committee, to be expended in accordance with section 202(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 and to be available for reimbursement to agencies for services performed: Provided, That such amount shall remain available for such salaries and expenses until December 31, 2004.

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

For compensation and expenses of officers and employees, as authorized by law, \$156,896,000, including: for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Clerk, including not more than \$13,000, of which not more than \$10,000 is for the Family Room, for official representation and reception expenses, \$19,452,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, including the position of Superintendent of Garages, and including not more than \$3,000 for official representation and reception expenses, \$5,471,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Chief Ad-

ministrative Officer, \$111,141,000, of which \$8,400,000 shall remain available until expended; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Inspector General, \$3,847,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Operations, \$5,200,000, to remain available until expended; for salaries and expenses of the Office of General Counsel, \$926,000; for the Office of the Chaplain, \$153,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Parliamentarian, including the Parliamentarian and \$2,000 for preparing the Digest of Rules, \$1,560,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House, \$2,263,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House, \$6,233,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, \$500,000; and for other authorized employees, \$150,000: Provided, That of the amounts provided under this heading to the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, up to \$2,500,000 may be transferred to the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, subject to the approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

For allowances and expenses as authorized by House resolution or law, \$192,858,000, including: supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims, \$3,975,000; official mail for committees, leadership offices, and administrative offices of the House, \$410,000; Government contributions for health, retirement, Social Security, and other applicable employee benefits, \$187,783,000; and miscellaneous items including purchase, exchange, maintenance, repair and operation of House motor vehicles, interparliamentary receptions, and gratuities to heirs of deceased employees of the House, \$690,000.

CHILD CARE CENTER

For salaries and expenses of the House of Representatives Child Care Center, such amounts as are deposited in the account established by section 312(d)(1) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1992 (2 U.S.C. 2112), subject to the level specified in the budget of the Center, as submitted to the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 101. (a) REQUIRING AMOUNTS REMAINING IN MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES TO BE USED FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION OR TO REDUCE THE FEDERAL DEBT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any amounts appropriated under this Act for “HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—SALARIES AND EXPENSES—MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES” shall be available only for fiscal year 2004. Any amount remaining after all payments are made under such allowances for fiscal year 2004 shall be deposited in the Treasury and used for deficit reduction (or, if there is no Federal budget deficit after all such payments have been made, for reducing the Federal debt, in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury considers appropriate).

(b) *REGULATIONS.*—The Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives shall have authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

(c) *DEFINITION.*—As used in this section, the term “Member of the House of Representatives” means a Representative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

SEC. 102. None of the funds in this Act may be used to provide supplemental dental or vision health insurance benefits for Members and employees of the House of Representatives.

SEC. 103. OFFICE OF INTERPARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.

(a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—There is hereby established in the House of Representatives an office to be known as the “Office of Interparliamentary Affairs” (hereafter in this section referred to as the “Office”).

(b) *DUTIES.*—The duties of the Office are as follows:

(1) To receive and respond to inquiries from foreign parliamentarians or foreign legislative bodies regarding official visits to the House of Representatives.

(2) To coordinate official visits to the House of Representatives by parliamentarians, officers, or employees of foreign legislative bodies.

(3) To coordinate with the Sergeant at Arms, the Clerk, and other officers of the House of Representatives in providing services for delegations of Members on official visits to foreign nations.

(4) To carry out other activities to—

(A) discharge and coordinate the activities and responsibilities of the House of Representatives in connection with participation in various interparliamentary exchanges and organizations;

(B) facilitate the interchange and reception in the United States of members of foreign legislative bodies and permanent officials of foreign governments; and

(C) enable the House to host meetings with senior government officials and other dignitaries in order to discuss matters relevant to United States relations with other nations.

(c) *DIRECTOR.*—

(1) *APPOINTMENT.*—The Office shall be headed by the Director of Interparliamentary Affairs of the House of Representatives (hereafter in this section referred to as the “Director”), who shall be appointed by the Speaker without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of the position. Any person so appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker.

(2) *COMPENSATION.*—The Director shall be paid at an annual rate determined by the Speaker.

(d) *OTHER STAFF.*—

(1) *IN GENERAL.*—With the approval of the Speaker, or in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the Speaker, the Director may appoint and set the pay of such other employees as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the Office. Any such appointment shall be made without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of the position. Any person so appointed may be re-

moved by the Director with the approval of the Speaker, or in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the Speaker.

(2) *COMPENSATION.*—Any employee of the Office appointed under this subsection shall be paid at an annual rate determined by the Director with the approval of the Speaker or in accordance with policies approved by the Speaker.

(e) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—Subsection (b) of the first section of House Resolution 1047, Ninety-Fifth Congress, agreed to April 4, 1978, as enacted into permanent law by section 111 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1979 (2 U.S.C. 130–1), is amended by striking “\$80,000” and inserting “\$40,000”.

(f) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2003 and each succeeding fiscal year such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(g) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—This section shall take effect upon the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 104. (a) Section 8401(20) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting the following: “, and who (in the case of an individual who is a Member of the House of Representatives, including a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress) serves as a Member prior to the date of the enactment of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2004;”.

(b)(1) *During the 60-day period which begins on the date of the enactment of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2004, any individual who, as of such date, is serving as a Member of the House of Representatives and on such date is not subject to chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, may elect to become subject to such chapter.*

(2) *Any election under this paragraph shall be carried out in accordance with such procedures as the Office of Personnel Management may provide.*

(3) *In this subsection, the term “Member of the House of Representatives” includes a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.*

SEC. 105. (a) Section 311(d) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991 (2 U.S.C. 59e(d)) is amended in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

(1) *by striking “in the House, or official expenses”; and*

(2) *by striking “in the Senate”.*

(b) *The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2004 and each succeeding fiscal year.*

SEC. 106. (a)(1) *Effective October 1, 2003—*

(A) *3 of the positions in the Corrections Calendar Office, and the functions associated with such positions, shall be transferred to the Office of the Speaker; and*

(B) *2 of the positions in the Corrections Calendar Office, and the functions associated with such positions, shall be transferred to the Office of the Minority Leader.*

(2) *Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the case of any individual who is an incumbent of a position transferred under paragraph (1) at the time of the transfer, the total number of days of annual leave and the total number of days of sick leave which were provided by the Corrections Calendar Office to the individual*

and which remain unused as of the date of the transfer shall remain available for the individual to use after the transfer.

(b) Effective with respect to fiscal year 2004 and each succeeding fiscal year, the lump sum allowance for salaries and expenses of the Corrections Calendar Office provided under House Resolution 130, One Hundred Fifth Congress, agreed to April 24, 1997, as enacted into permanent law by section 101 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1998 (2 U.S.C. 74d-1 et seq.), is transferred as follows:

(1) 63.5 percent of such allowance shall be transferred to the Office of the Speaker.

(2) 36.5 percent of such allowance shall be transferred to the Office of the Minority Leader.

JOINT ITEMS

For Joint Committees, as follows:

JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES OF 2005

For salaries and expenses associated with conducting the inaugural ceremonies of the President and Vice President of the United States, January 20, 2005, in accordance with such program as may be adopted by the joint congressional committee authorized to conduct the inaugural ceremonies of 2005, \$1,250,000 to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate and to remain available until September 30, 2005. Funds made available under this heading shall be available for payment, on a direct or reimbursable basis, whether incurred on, before, or after, October 1, 2004: Provided, That the compensation of any employee of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate who has been designated to perform service with respect to the inaugural ceremonies of 2005 shall continue to be paid by the Committee on Rules and Administration, but the account from which such staff member is paid may be reimbursed for the services of the staff member (including agency contributions when appropriate) out of funds made available under this heading.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

For salaries and expenses of the Joint Economic Committee, \$3,988,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Taxation, \$8,112,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House.

For other joint items, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

For medical supplies, equipment, and contingent expenses of the emergency rooms, and for the Attending Physician and his assistants, including: (1) an allowance of \$2,175 per month to the Attending Physician; (2) an allowance of \$725 per month each to four medical officers while on duty in the Office of the Attending Physician; (3) an allowance of \$725 per month to two assistants and \$580 per

month each not to exceed 11 assistants on the basis heretofore provided for such assistants; and (4) \$1,566,000 for reimbursement to the Department of the Navy for expenses incurred for staff and equipment assigned to the Office of the Attending Physician, which shall be advanced and credited to the applicable appropriation or appropriations from which such salaries, allowances, and other expenses are payable and shall be available for all the purposes thereof, \$2,236,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE AND SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE

For salaries and expenses of the Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office, \$3,511,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate: Provided, That no part of such amount may be used to employ more than 58 individuals: Provided further, That the Capitol Guide Board is authorized, during emergencies, to employ not more than two additional individuals for not more than 120 days each, and not more than 10 additional individuals for not more than 6 months each, for the Capitol Guide Service.

STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS

For the preparation, under the direction of the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives, of the statements for the first session of the 108th Congress, showing appropriations made, indefinite appropriations, and contracts authorized, together with a chronological history of the regular appropriations bills as required by law, \$30,000, to be paid to the persons designated by the chairmen of such committees to supervise the work.

CAPITOL POLICE

SALARIES

For salaries of employees of the Capitol Police, including overtime, hazardous duty pay differential, and Government contributions for health, retirement, social security, and other applicable employee benefits, \$197,600,000, to be disbursed by the Chief of the Capitol Police or his designee.

GENERAL EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Capitol Police, including motor vehicles, communications and other equipment, security equipment and installation, uniforms, weapons, supplies, materials, training, medical services, forensic services, stenographic services, personal and professional services, the employee assistance program, the awards program, postage, communication services, travel advances, relocation of instructor and liaison personnel for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and not more than \$5,000 to be expended on the certification of the Chief of the Capitol Police in connection with official representation and reception expenses, \$23,500,000, of which \$1,745,000 shall remain available until expended, to be disbursed by the Chief of the Capitol Police or his designee: Provided, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the cost of basic training for the Capitol Police at the Federal Law

Enforcement Training Center for fiscal year 2004 shall be paid by the Secretary of Homeland Security from funds available to the Department of Homeland Security.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 1001. TRANSFER AUTHORITY. Amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2004 for the Capitol Police may be transferred between the headings "SALARIES" and "GENERAL EXPENSES" upon the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SEC. 1002. LEGAL REPRESENTATION AUTHORITY. (a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) AUTHORIZATION OF REPRESENTATION.—Any counsel described under paragraph (2) may for the purposes of providing legal assistance and representation to the United States Capitol Police Board or the United States Capitol Police enter an appearance in any proceeding before any court of the United States or of any State or political subdivision thereof, without compliance with any requirement for admission to practice before such court.

(2) COUNSEL.—Paragraph (1) refers to—

(A) the General Counsel for the United States Capitol Police Board and the Chief of the Capitol Police;

(B) the Employment Counsel for the United States Capitol Police Board and the United States Capitol Police;

(C) any attorney employed in the Office of the General Counsel for the United States Capitol Police or the Office of Employment Counsel for the United States Capitol Police;

(D) the counsel for, or any attorney employed by, any successor office of either office described under subparagraph (C); and

(E) any attorney retained by contract with either office described under subparagraph (C).

(b) LIMITATIONS.—

(1) DIRECTION FOR APPEARANCE.—Entrance of appearance authorized under subsection (a) shall be subject to the direction of the Capitol Police Board.

(2) UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.—The authority under subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to the admission of any person to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply to fiscal year 2004, and each fiscal year thereafter.

SEC. 1003. EXTENDED CAPITOL POLICE JURISDICTION ZONE FOR THE TRUCK INTERDICTION PROGRAM. (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9B of the Act entitled "An Act to define the area of the United States Capitol Grounds, to regulate the use thereof, and for other purposes", approved July 31, 1946 (2 U.S.C. 1967) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (3), by striking "and" after the semicolon;

(B) in paragraph (4), by striking “in subsection (b) of this section.” and inserting “under subsection (b)(1); and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(5) within the area described under subsection (b)(2)—

“(A) with respect to any crime of violence committed in the presence of the member, if the member is in the performance of official duties, as defined under such regulations, when the crime is committed; and

“(B) to prevent imminent loss of life or injury to person or property, if the officer is in the performance of official duties, as defined under such regulations, when the authority is exercised.”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by inserting “(1)” after “(b)”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) The area referred to under subsection (a)(5) is that area bounded by the north curb of Constitution Avenue from 14th Street, N.W., to 3rd Street, N.W., the east curb of 3rd Street from Constitution Avenue, N.W., to Independence Avenue, S.W., the south curb of Independence Avenue from 3rd Street, S.W., to 14th Street, S.W., and the west curb of 14th Street from Independence Avenue, S.W., to Constitution Avenue, N.W.”.

(b) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in the amendments made by this section may be construed to limit the authority of the Capitol Police as in effect before the effective date of this section.

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This section shall take effect on the date on which the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives approve regulations prescribed by the Capitol Police Board for the sole implementation, execution and maintenance of the truck interdiction program.

SEC. 1004. RETIREMENT TREATMENT FOR CAPITOL POLICE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAM MEMBERS. (a) **RETIREMENT TREATMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—For purposes of chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, a hazardous materials response team member of the Capitol Police shall be treated as a member of the Capitol Police.

(2) **APPLICATION.**—This subsection shall apply to periods of service performed as a hazardous materials response team member of the Capitol Police on and after December 1, 2002.

(b) **TREATMENT OF INCUMBENTS.**—

(1) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this subsection, the term—

(A) “incumbent” means an individual who—

(i) is first appointed as a hazardous materials response team member of the Capitol Police before the effective date of this section; and

(ii) is employed as a hazardous materials response team member of the Capitol Police on that date; and

(B) “prior service” means any period of service performed by an incumbent as a hazardous materials response team member of the Capitol Police before the effective date of this section.

(2) **INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.**—

(A) *IN GENERAL.*—An incumbent shall pay with respect to prior service an amount into the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund equal to—

(i) the difference between the individual contributions that were actually made for such prior service and the individual contributions that would have been made for such service if subsection (a) had then been in effect; and

(ii) interest computed on the amount under clause (i) based on section 8334(e) of title 5, United States Code.

(B) *EFFECT OF NOT CONTRIBUTING.*—If no part of or less than the full amount required under subparagraph (A) is paid, all prior service of the incumbent shall remain fully creditable as treated under subsection (a), but the resulting annuity shall be reduced in a manner similar to that described under section 8334(d)(2) of title 5, United States Code, to the extent necessary to make up the amount unpaid.

(3) *GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PRIOR SERVICE.*—The Capitol Police shall pay with respect to prior service of each incumbent an amount into the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund equal to—

(A) the difference between the Government contributions that were actually made for such prior service and the Government contributions that would have been made for such service if subsection (a) had then been in effect; and

(B) interest computed on the amount under subparagraph (A) based on section 8334(e) of title 5, United States Code.

(c) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—This section shall take effect on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1005. TECHNICAL. (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 1005 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2003 (Public Law 108–7; 117 Stat. 358) is repealed.

(b) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—The repeal made by this section shall be effective as of February 20, 2003.

SEC. 1006. TRAINING, DETAILING, AND HIRING AUTHORITY PENDING TRANSFER OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS POLICE EMPLOYEES. (a) *TRAINING AND DETAILING.*—

(1) *IN GENERAL.*—To provide for a more effective and efficient transfer under section 1015 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2003 (2 U.S.C. 1901 note)—

(A) the Chief of the Capitol Police shall provide for training, on a reimbursable basis, of Library of Congress Police employees who on the date of enactment of this Act, are 42 years of age or less and have 5 years or less of service as a Library of Congress Police employee, which shall be supplemental to Library of Congress Police training;

(B) the Librarian of Congress may detail, with or without reimbursement, Library of Congress Police employees to the Capitol Police; and

(C) the Chief of the Capitol Police may detail, on a reimbursable basis, members of the Capitol Police to the Library of Congress Police.

(2) *BEGINNING OF TRAINING.*—Training under paragraph (1) shall begin within 90 days of the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) *HIRING.*—

(1) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this subsection, the terms “Act of August 4, 1950” and “Library of Congress Police employee” have the meanings given such terms under section 1015(c) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2003 (2 U.S.C. 1901 note).

(2) *LIMITATION ON NEW LIBRARY OF CONGRESS POLICE EMPLOYEES.*—Notwithstanding the first section of the Act of August 4, 1950 or any other provision of law, the Librarian of Congress may not—

(A) hire any individual as a Library of Congress Police employee; or

(B) transfer any employee of the Library of Congress to a Library of Congress Police employee position.

(3) *HIRING OF INDIVIDUALS.*—

(A) *IN GENERAL.*—The Librarian of Congress may select individuals to be submitted to the Chief of the Capitol Police for purposes of subparagraph (B).

(B) *HIRING.*—If an individual submitted under subparagraph (A) meets all qualifications to be a member of the Capitol Police, the Chief of the Capitol Police shall hire that individual as a member of the Capitol Police.

(C) *LIMITATION.*—During fiscal year 2004, the number of individuals hired under this subsection may not exceed the total of—

(i) 23 individuals; and

(ii) the number of Library of Congress Police employees who separate from service or transfer to a position other than a Library of Congress Police employee position.

(4) *TRAINING AND DETAILING.*—An individual hired under this subsection shall receive necessary training, including training by the Library of Congress Police, and be detailed to the Library of Congress Police.

(5) *ASSIGNMENTS AND REASSIGNMENTS.*—Nothing under this subsection may be construed to affect the authority of the Chief of the Capitol Police, after the date of the transfer of Library of Congress Police employees under section 1015 of the Legislative Appropriations Act, 2003 (2 U.S.C. 1901 note), to assign or reassign any member of the Capitol Police hired under this subsection.

(6) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—This subsection shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act and apply with respect to—

(A) any remaining portion of fiscal year 2003, if this Act is enacted before October 1, 2003; and

(B) fiscal year 2004 and each fiscal year, thereafter.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses of the Office of Compliance, as authorized by section 305 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1385), \$2,255,000, of which \$304,700 shall remain available until September 30, 2005: Provided, That the Executive Director of the Office of Compliance may, within the limits of available appropriations, dispose of surplus or obsolete personal property by interagency transfer, donation, or discarding.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses necessary for operation of the Congressional Budget Office, including not more than \$3,000 to be expended on the certification of the Director of the Congressional Budget Office in connection with official representation and reception expenses, \$33,820,000: Provided, That no part of such amount may be used for the purchase or hire of a passenger motor vehicle.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

For salaries for the Architect of the Capitol, and other personal services, at rates of pay provided by law; for surveys and studies in connection with activities under the care of the Architect of the Capitol; for all necessary expenses for the general and administrative support of the operations under the Architect of the Capitol including the Botanic Garden; electrical substations of the Capitol, Senate and House office buildings, and other facilities under the jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol; including furnishings and office equipment; including not more than \$5,000 for official reception and representation expenses, to be expended as the Architect of the Capitol may approve; for purchase or exchange, maintenance, and operation of a passenger motor vehicle, \$77,053,000, of which \$4,200,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008.

CAPITOL BUILDING

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol, \$28,188,000, of which \$13,002,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008.

CAPITOL GROUNDS

For all necessary expenses for care and improvement of grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant, \$6,886,000, of which \$585,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008.

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of Senate office buildings; and furniture and furnishings to be expended under the control and supervision of the Architect of the

Capitol, \$63,388,000, of which \$17,433,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008.

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the House office buildings, \$62,816,000, of which \$27,750,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008.

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol Power Plant; lighting, heating, power (including the purchase of electrical energy) and water and sewer services for the Capitol, Senate and House office buildings, Library of Congress buildings, and the grounds about the same, Botanic Garden, Senate garage, and air conditioning refrigeration not supplied from plants in any of such buildings; heating the Government Printing Office and Washington City Post Office, and heating and chilled water for air conditioning for the Supreme Court Building, the Union Station complex, the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building and the Folger Shakespeare Library, expenses for which shall be advanced or reimbursed upon request of the Architect of the Capitol and amounts so received shall be deposited into the Treasury to the credit of this appropriation, \$81,543,000, of which \$36,652,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008: Provided, That not more than \$4,400,000 of the funds credited or to be reimbursed to this appropriation as herein provided shall be available for obligation during fiscal year 2004.

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

For all necessary expenses for the mechanical and structural maintenance, care and operation of the Library buildings and grounds, \$39,159,000, of which \$21,286,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008.

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care, and operation of buildings and grounds of the United States Capitol Police, \$3,308,000, of which \$2,075,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008.

BOTANIC GARDEN

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Botanic Garden and the nurseries, buildings, grounds, and collections; and purchase and exchange, maintenance, repair, and operation of a passenger motor vehicle; all under the direction of the Joint Committee on the Library, \$6,189,000, of which \$152,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008: Provided, That this appropriation shall not be available for construction of the National Garden.

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for the Capitol Visitor Center project, \$35,800,000, to remain available until expended, and in addition, \$1,039,000 for Capitol Visitor Center operation costs of which \$750,000 shall remain available until expended: Provided, That in addition to such amounts, there is transferred to the account under this heading \$12,000,000 of the amounts made available for the United States Capitol Police headquarters under the heading "ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL", "CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS" in chapter 8 of title I of the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2003 (Public Law 108-11; 117 Stat. 586), to remain available until expended: Provided further, That the Architect of the Capitol may not obligate any of the funds which are made available for the Capitol Visitor Center without an obligation plan approved by the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives: Provided further, That the total amount of Federal funds which may be obligated or expended on, before, or after the date of the enactment of this Act for the construction of a tunnel connecting the Capitol Visitor Center with the Library of Congress may not exceed \$10,000,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 1101. (a) Section 133(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2002 (Public Law 107-68; 115 Stat. 581), is amended—

(1) by adding at the end of paragraph (2) the following new subparagraph:

"(E) An individual who is covered by a collective bargaining agreement entered into by the Architect of the Capitol establishing terms and conditions of employment which include eligibility for life insurance, health insurance, retirement, and other benefits."; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(4) The Architect of the Capitol shall make employer contributions for benefits for employees of the Architect (including temporary employees) directly to any third party designated to receive such contributions on behalf of the employees under a collective bargaining agreement, participation agreement, or any other arrangement entered into by the Architect which provides for such contributions."

(b) Any individual who exercised an option offered by the Architect of the Capitol under section 133(a)(2) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2002, prior to the date of the enactment of this Act may revoke the option during the 90-day period which begins on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enactment of section 133(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2002.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon enactment of this Act the Architect of the Capitol shall take all steps which may be required to carry out section 133(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2002.

SEC. 1102. LEASING OF SPACE. (a) IN GENERAL.—Funds appropriated to the Architect of the Capitol shall be available—

(1) for the leasing of space in areas within the District of Columbia and its environs beyond the boundaries of the United States Capitol Grounds to meet space requirements of the United States Senate, United States House of Representatives, United States Capitol Police, and the Architect of the Capitol under such terms and conditions as the Committee or Commission referred to under subsection (b) may authorize; and

(2) to incur any necessary expense in connection with any leasing of space under paragraph (1).

(b) CONDITIONS TO LEASE SPACE.—The Architect of the Capitol may lease space under subsection (a) upon submission of written notice of intent to lease such space to, and approved by—

(1) the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate for space to be leased for the Senate;

(2) the House Office Building Commission for space to be leased for the House of Representatives; and

(3) the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2004, and each fiscal year thereafter.

SEC. 1103. (a) IN GENERAL.—There are transferred into the account under the subheading “GENERAL ADMINISTRATION” under the heading “ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL” \$63,000,000, of which—

(1) \$44,000,000 shall be transferred from unobligated funds transferred to “Architect of the Capitol”, “Capitol Buildings and Grounds”, “Capitol Buildings” (under the subheading “LEGISLATIVE BRANCH EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)” under the heading “JOINT ITEMS” under the heading “LEGISLATIVE BRANCH” under chapter 9 of division B of the Department of Defense and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States Act, 2002 (Public Law 107–117)) from amounts made available in Public Law 107–38;

(2) \$10,000,000 shall be transferred from unobligated funds transferred to “Capitol Police Board”, “Capitol Police”, “General Expenses” under that subheading (relating to the Legislative Branch Emergency Response Fund) from amounts made available in Public Law 107–38; and

(3) \$9,000,000 shall be transferred from unobligated funds appropriated under the subheading “CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS” under the heading “ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL” under chapter 8 of title I of the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2003 (Public Law 108–11).

(b) Funds under subsection (a) shall be obligated upon notification to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect on September 30, 2004.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Library of Congress not otherwise provided for, including development and maintenance of the Library's catalogs; custody and custodial care of the Library buildings; special clothing; cleaning, laundering and repair of uniforms; preservation of motion pictures in the custody of the Library; operation and maintenance of the American Folklife Center in the Library; preparation and distribution of catalog records and other publications of the Library; hire or purchase of one passenger motor vehicle; and expenses of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board not properly chargeable to the income of any trust fund held by the Board, \$370,897,000, of which not more than \$6,500,000 shall be derived from collections credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 2004, and shall remain available until expended, under the Act of June 28, 1902 (chapter 1301; 32 Stat. 480; 2 U.S.C. 150) and not more than \$350,000 shall be derived from collections during fiscal year 2004 and shall remain available until expended for the development and maintenance of an international legal information database and activities related thereto: Provided, That the Library of Congress may not obligate or expend any funds derived from collections under the Act of June 28, 1902, in excess of the amount authorized for obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: Provided further, That the total amount available for obligation shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are less than the \$6,850,000: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$11,546,000 shall remain available until expended for acquisition of books, periodicals, newspapers, and all other materials including subscriptions for bibliographic services for the Library, including \$40,000 to be available solely for the purchase, when specifically approved by the Librarian, of special and unique materials for additions to the collections: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, not more than \$12,000 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official representation and reception expenses for the Overseas Field Offices: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$905,000 shall remain available until expended for the acquisition and partial support for implementation of an Integrated Library System (ILS): Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$8,750,000 shall remain available until expended for the purpose of teaching educators and librarians how to incorporate the Library's digital collections into school curricula and shall be transferred to the educational consortium formed to conduct the "Adventure of the American Mind" project as approved by the Library: Provided further, That of the amount appropriated, \$250,000 shall remain available until expended, and shall be transferred to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission for carrying out the purposes of Public Law 106-173, of which amount \$10,000 may be used for official representation and reception expenses of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$1,380,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008 for the acquisition and partial support for implementation of a Central Financial Management System: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$11,060,000

shall remain available until expended for partial support of the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$2,762,000 shall remain available until expended for the development and maintenance of the Alternate Computer Facility: Provided further, That, of the total amount appropriated, \$500,000 shall remain available until expended and shall be transferred to the Knox College Abraham Lincoln Studies Center for exhibits relating to the Lincoln-Douglas Debates and the Underground Railroad and for other educational activities of the Center: Provided further, That, of the total amount appropriated, \$500,000 shall remain available until expended and shall be transferred to the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism for activities relating to the Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Celebration.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Copyright Office, \$48,290,000, of which not more than \$23,321,000, to remain available until expended, shall be derived from collections credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 2004 under section 708(d) of title 17, United States Code: Provided, That the Copyright Office may not obligate or expend any funds derived from collections under such section, in excess of the amount authorized for obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: Provided further, That not more than \$6,343,000 shall be derived from collections during fiscal year 2004 under sections 111(d)(2), 119(b)(2), 802(h), and 1005 of such title: Provided further, That the total amount available for obligation shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are less than \$29,664,000: Provided further, That not more than \$100,000 of the amount appropriated is available for the maintenance of an "International Copyright Institute" in the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress for the purpose of training nationals of developing countries in intellectual property laws and policies: Provided further, That not more than \$4,250 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official representation and reception expenses for activities of the International Copyright Institute and for copyright delegations, visitors, and seminars.

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of section 203 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 166) and to revise and extend the Annotated Constitution of the United States of America, \$91,726,000: Provided, That no part of such amount may be used to pay any salary or expense in connection with any publication, or preparation of material therefor (except the Digest of Public General Bills), to be issued by the Library of Congress unless such publication has obtained prior approval of either the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives or the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses to carry out the Act of March 3, 1931 (chapter 400; 46 Stat. 1487; 2 U.S.C. 135a), \$51,706,000, of which \$14,812,000 shall remain available until expended.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 1201. INCENTIVE AWARDS PROGRAM. Of the amounts appropriated to the Library of Congress in this Act, not more than \$5,000 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official representation and reception expenses for the incentive awards program.

SEC. 1202. REIMBURSABLE AND REVOLVING FUND ACTIVITIES. (a) IN GENERAL.—For fiscal year 2004, the obligational authority of the Library of Congress for the activities described in subsection (b) may not exceed \$105,589,000.

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

(c) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—During fiscal year 2004, the Librarian of Congress may temporarily transfer funds appropriated in this Act, under the heading “LIBRARY OF CONGRESS” under the subheading “—SALARIES AND EXPENSES” to the revolving fund for the FEDLINK Program and the Federal Research Program established under section 103 of the Library of Congress Fiscal Operations Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–481; 2 U.S.C. 182c): Provided, That the total amount of such transfers may not exceed \$1,900,000: Provided further, That the appropriate revolving fund account shall reimburse the Library for any amounts transferred to it before the period of availability of the Library appropriation expires.

SEC. 1203. NATIONAL AUDIOVISUAL CONSERVATION CENTER. (a) ACQUISITION.—Section (1)(a) of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize acquisition of certain real property for the Library of Congress, and for other purposes” (2 U.S.C. 141 note; Public Law 105–144) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

“(1) Three parcels totaling approximately 45 acres, more or less, located in Culpeper County, Virginia, and identified as Culpeper County Tax Parcel Numbers 51–80B, 51–80C, and 51–80D, further described as real estate (consisting of 40.949 acres) conveyed to David and Lucile Packard Foundation by deed from Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, dated May 15, 1998, and recorded May 19, 1998, in the Clerk’s Office, Circuit Court of Culpeper County, Virginia, in Deed Book 644, page 372; and real estate (consisting of 4.181 acres) conveyed to Packard Humanities Institute by deed from Russell H. Inskeep, dated February 13, 2002, and recorded February 13, 2002, in the Clerk’s Office, Circuit Court of Culpeper County, Virginia, as instrument number 020001299.”.

(b) LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.—Section 11(d) of the Act entitled “An Act relating the policing of the buildings of the Library

of Congress”, approved August 4, 1950 (2 U.S.C. 167(j)), is amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

“(1) Three parcels totaling approximately 45 acres, more or less, located in Culpeper County, Virginia, and identified as Culpeper County Tax Parcel Numbers 51–80B, 51–80C, and 51–80D, further described as real estate (consisting of 40.949 acres) conveyed to David and Lucile Packard Foundation by deed from Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, dated May 15, 1998, and recorded May 19, 1998, in the Clerk’s Office, Circuit Court of Culpeper County, Virginia, in Deed Book 644, page 372; and real estate (consisting of 4.181 acres) conveyed to Packard Humanities Institute by deed from Russell H. Inskip, dated February 13, 2002, and recorded February 13, 2002, in the Clerk’s Office, Circuit Court of Culpeper County, Virginia, as instrument number 020001299.”.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For authorized printing and binding for the Congress and the distribution of Congressional information in any format; printing and binding for the Architect of the Capitol; expenses necessary for preparing the semimonthly and session index to the Congressional Record, as authorized by law (section 902 of title 44, United States Code); printing and binding of Government publications authorized by law to be distributed to Members of Congress; and printing, binding, and distribution of Government publications authorized by law to be distributed without charge to the recipient, \$91,111,000: Provided, That this appropriation shall not be available for paper copies of the permanent edition of the Congressional Record for individual Representatives, Resident Commissioners or Delegates authorized under section 906 of title 44, United States Code: Provided further, That this appropriation shall be available for the payment of obligations incurred under the appropriations for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years: Provided further, That notwithstanding the 2-year limitation under section 718 of title 44, United States Code, none of the funds appropriated or made available under this Act or any other Act for printing and binding and related services provided to Congress under chapter 7 of title 44, United States Code, may be expended to print a document, report, or publication after the 27-month period beginning on the date that such document, report, or publication is authorized by Congress to be printed, unless Congress reauthorizes such printing in accordance with section 718 of title 44, United States Code: Provided further, That any unobligated or unexpended balances in this account or accounts for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years may be transferred to the Government Printing Office revolving fund for carrying out the purposes of this heading, subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For expenses of the Office of Superintendent of Documents necessary to provide for the cataloging and indexing of Government publications and their distribution to the public, Members of Congress, other Government agencies, and designated depository and international exchange libraries as authorized by law, \$34,456,000: Provided, That amounts of not more than \$2,000,000 from current year appropriations are authorized for producing and disseminating Congressional serial sets and other related publications for fiscal years 2002 and 2003 to depository and other designated libraries: Provided further, That any unobligated or unexpended balances in this account or accounts for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years may be transferred to the Government Printing Office revolving fund for carrying out the purposes of this heading, subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND

For payment to the Government Printing Office Revolving Fund, \$10,000,000 for working capital. The Government Printing Office may make such expenditures, within the limits of funds available and in accord with the law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 9104 of title 31, United States Code, as may be necessary in carrying out the programs and purposes set forth in the budget for the current fiscal year for the Government Printing Office revolving fund: Provided, That not more than \$5,000 may be expended on the certification of the Public Printer in connection with official representation and reception expenses: Provided further, That the revolving fund shall be available for the hire or purchase of not more than 12 passenger motor vehicles: Provided further, That expenditures in connection with travel expenses of the advisory councils to the Public Printer shall be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of title 44, United States Code: Provided further, That the revolving fund shall be available for temporary or intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not more than the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such title: Provided further, That the revolving fund and the funds provided under the headings "OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS" and "SALARIES AND EXPENSES" together may not be available for the full-time equivalent employment of more than 3,189 workyears (or such other number of workyears as the Public Printer may request, subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate): Provided further, That activities financed through the revolving fund may provide information in any format.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 1301. PAY OF PUBLIC PRINTER AND DEPUTY PUBLIC PRINTER. (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 303 of title 44, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 303. PUBLIC PRINTER AND DEPUTY PUBLIC PRINTER: PAY

“The annual rate of pay for the Public Printer shall be a rate which is equal to the rate for level II of the Executive Schedule under subchapter II of chapter 53 of title 5. The annual rate of pay for the Deputy Public Printer shall be a rate which is equal to the rate for level III of such Executive Schedule.”.

(b) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—The amendment made by this section shall take effect on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1302. SURPLUS PROPERTY, ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, AND VOLUNTARY SERVICES. (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 3 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by adding after section 317 the following:

“§318. Transfer of surplus property; acceptance of voluntary services

“(a) The Public Printer may—

“(1) transfer or donate surplus Government publications and condemned Government Printing Office machinery, material, equipment, and supplies to—

“(A) other Federal entities;

“(B) any organization described under section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under 501(a) of such Code; or

“(C) State or local governments; and

“(2) accept voluntary and uncompensated services, notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31.

“(b) Individuals providing voluntary and uncompensated services under subsection (a)(2) shall not be considered Federal employees, except for purposes of chapter 81 of title 5 (relating to compensation for work injuries) and chapter 171 of title 28 (relating to tort claims).”.

(b) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections for chapter 3 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 317 the following:

“318. Transfer of surplus property; acceptance of voluntary services.”.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the General Accounting Office, including not more than \$12,500 to be expended on the certification of the Comptroller General of the United States in connection with official representation and reception expenses; temporary or intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not more than the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of such title; hire of one passenger motor vehicle; advance payments in foreign countries in accordance with section 3324 of title 31, United States Code; benefits comparable to those payable

under section 901(5), (6), and (8) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4081(5), (6), and (8)); and under regulations prescribed by the Comptroller General of the United States, rental of living quarters in foreign countries, \$460,322,000: Provided, That not more than \$4,806,200 of payments received under section 782 of title 31, United States Code, shall be available for use in fiscal year 2004: Provided further, That not more than \$1,200,000 of reimbursements received under section 9105 of title 31, United States Code, shall be available for use in fiscal year 2004: Provided further, That this appropriation and appropriations for administrative expenses of any other department or agency which is a member of the National Intergovernmental Audit Forum or a Regional Intergovernmental Audit Forum shall be available to finance an appropriate share of either Forum's costs as determined by the respective Forum, including necessary travel expenses of non-Federal participants: Provided further, That payments hereunder to the Forum may be credited as reimbursements to any appropriation from which costs involved are initially financed: Provided further, That this appropriation and appropriations for administrative expenses of any other department or agency which is a member of the American Consortium on International Public Administration (ACIPA) shall be available to finance an appropriate share of ACIPA costs as determined by the ACIPA, including any expenses attributable to membership of ACIPA in the International Institute of Administrative Sciences.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 1401. PAYMENT FOR AUDITS. (a) IN GENERAL.—At any time during fiscal year 2004 or thereafter, the Comptroller General may accept payment from the Securities and Exchange Commission for the performance of any audit of the financial statements of the Commission which is conducted by the Comptroller General.

(b) CREDIT TO ACCOUNT.—Any payment accepted under the authority of subsection (a) shall be credited to the account established for salaries and expenses of the General Accounting Office, and shall be available for obligation and expenditure upon receipt.

PAYMENT TO THE OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND

For a payment to the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund for financing activities of the Open World Leadership Center, \$13,500,000.

TITLE II—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 201. MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES. No part of the funds appropriated in this Act shall be used for the maintenance or care of private vehicles, except for emergency assistance and cleaning as may be provided under regulations relating to parking facilities for the House of Representatives issued by the Committee on House Administration and for the Senate issued by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SEC. 202. FISCAL YEAR LIMITATION. No part of the funds appropriated in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond fiscal year 2004 unless expressly so provided in this Act.

SEC. 203. RATES OF COMPENSATION AND DESIGNATION. Whenever in this Act any office or position not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of 1929 (46 Stat. 32 et seq.) is appropriated for or the rate of compensation or designation of any office or position appropriated for is different from that specifically established by such Act, the rate of compensation and the designation in this Act shall be the permanent law with respect thereto: Provided, That the provisions in this Act for the various items of official expenses of Members, officers, and committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, and clerk hire for Senators and Members of the House of Representatives shall be the permanent law with respect thereto.

SEC. 204. CONSULTING SERVICES. The expenditure of any appropriation under this Act for any consulting service through procurement contract, under section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, shall be limited to those contracts where such expenditures are a matter of public record and available for public inspection, except where otherwise provided under existing law, or under existing Executive order issued under existing law.

SEC. 205. AWARDS AND SETTLEMENTS. Such sums as may be necessary are appropriated to the account described in subsection (a) of section 415 of the Congressional Accountability Act (2 U.S.C. 1415(a)) to pay awards and settlements as authorized under such subsection.

SEC. 206. COSTS OF LBFMC. Amounts available for administrative expenses of any legislative branch entity which participates in the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council (LBFMC) established by charter on March 26, 1996, shall be available to finance an appropriate share of LBFMC costs as determined by the LBFMC, except that the total LBFMC costs to be shared among all participating legislative branch entities (in such allocations among the entities as the entities may determine) may not exceed \$2,000.

SEC. 207. The Architect of the Capitol, in consultation with the District of Columbia, is authorized to maintain and improve the landscape features, excluding streets and sidewalks, in the irregular shaped grassy areas bounded by Washington Avenue, SW on the northeast, Second Street SW on the west, Square 582 on the south, and the beginning of the I-395 tunnel on the southeast.

SEC. 208. None of the funds made available in this Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government, except pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority provided in, this Act or any other appropriation Act.

SEC. 209. FEDERAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD. During fiscal year 2004 and any succeeding fiscal year, any entity in the legislative branch which is a member of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board may use funds made available to the entity for the fiscal year to finance an appropriate share of the costs of the Board for the year.

TITLE III—FISCAL YEAR 2003 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL

CHAPTER 1

THE JUDICIARY

COURTS OF APPEALS, DISTRICT COURTS, AND OTHER JUDICIAL SERVICES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for “Salaries and Expenses”, \$12,187,000, to remain available until expended, for costs associated with judgeships authorized by section 312 of Public Law 107–273.

DEFENDER SERVICES

For an additional amount for “Defender Services”, \$17,228,000, to remain available until expended.

FEES OF JURORS AND COMMISSIONERS

For an additional amount for “Fees of Jurors and Commissioners”, \$2,778,000, to remain available until expended.

CHAPTER 2

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL

FLOOD CONTROL AND COASTAL EMERGENCIES

For an additional amount for “Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies”, for emergency expenses due to flood control, hurricane, and shore protection activities, as authorized by section 5 of the Flood Control Act of August 16, 1941, as amended (33 U.S.C. 701n), \$60,000,000, to remain available until expended.

CHAPTER 3

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

DISASTER RELIEF

For an additional amount for “Disaster Relief” for necessary expenses in carrying out the functions of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), \$441,700,000, to remain available until expended.

CHAPTER 4

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount to repay advances from other appropriations transferred for wildfire suppression and emergency rehabilitation activities of the Department of the Interior, \$36,000,000, to remain available until expended.

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

For an additional amount for "Resource Management" for Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$4,500,000 is for oil spill cleanup activities, and of which \$500,000 is for airfield operations.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount to repay advances from other appropriations from which funds were transferred for wildfire suppression, and for mitigation and emergency rehabilitation activities of the Forest Service, \$283,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That of the funds provided, \$10,000,000 is for hazardous fuels reduction and hazard mitigation in southern California and \$20,000,000 is for State and volunteer fire assistance in southern California: Provided further, That \$20,000,000 of funds made available in the previous proviso shall be transferred to the "State and Private Forestry" account to fund hazard mitigation, fuels reduction and forest health protection and mitigation activities on State and private lands in southern California.

CHAPTER 5

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT

For an additional amount for "Human Space Flight" to cover necessary expenses for responding to the Space Shuttle Columbia accident, \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended.

CHAPTER 6

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 3601. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

SEC. 3602. The Secretary of Agriculture shall use \$9,700,000 of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, to remain available until expended, to provide assistance under the tree assistance program, subtitle C of title X of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8201 et seq.), to compensate eligible orchardists (as defined in section 10201 of such Act) for tree losses incurred since January 1, 2000, due to fire blight in the State of Michigan.

SEC. 3603. The Secretary of Agriculture shall use \$20,000,000 of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, to remain available until expended, for the suppression and control of the Mormon cricket infestation on public and private land in Nevada, Utah, and Idaho, that amount to be expended in equal amounts among the 3 States.

SEC. 3604. The statement of the managers of the committee of conference accompanying H.R. 4577 (Public Law 106-554; House Report 106-1033), in chapter 13 of division A of the explanatory language on H.R. 5666 (Miscellaneous Appropriations Act, 2001), in the matter under the heading "Community Development Fund", is deemed to be amended with respect to the amount made available to the City of Paso Robles, California by striking "for the Oak Parks Housing Project for modernization and rehabilitation projects" and inserting "for construction of a senior citizen project".

SEC. 3605. The referenced statement of the managers under the heading "Community development fund" in title II of Division K of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Public Law 108-7; House Report 108-10) is deemed to be amended with respect to item number 526 by striking "for an economic development study for the revitalization of Westchester" and inserting "for the reconstruction of renaissance plaza at Maine and Mamaroneck in downtown White Plains".

SEC. 3606. Notwithstanding the first paragraph of the item in title II of Division K of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Public Law 108-7) relating to "Federal Housing Administration, General and special risk program account", during fiscal year 2003, commitments to guarantee loans to carry out the purposes of sections 238 and 519 of the National Housing Act shall not exceed a loan principal of \$25,000,000,000.

SEC. 3607. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds awarded under a grant to the San Diego Workforce Partnership on June 30, 2001, pursuant to section 173 of the Workforce Investment Act (29 U.S.C. 2918), may be used to provide services to spouses of members of the Armed Forces.

SEC. 3608. The matter under the heading "Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Resources and Services" in division G of Public Law 108-7, as amended by chapter 5 of title II of Public Law 108-11, is further amended—

(1) by striking “\$296,638,000” and inserting “\$296,238,000” preceding the first proviso; and

(2) by inserting after “\$1,000,000 is available for the Geisinger Health System, Harrisburg, PA, to establish centers of excellence for the treatment of autism” the following: “, \$400,000 is available for the Muskegon Community Health Project, Muskegon, Michigan for the Access Health insurance program,”.

SEC. 3609. The matter under the heading “Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Resources and Services”, in Division G of Public Law 108–7, as amended by chapter 5 of title II of Public Law 108–11, is further amended—

(1) by striking “Venago County Area Vo-tech, Oil City, PA” and inserting “Victim Resource Center, Inc., of Pennsylvania” in lieu thereof;

(2) by striking “\$115,900,000 is available” and inserting “\$116,650,000 is available”; and

(3) by inserting after “health services to at-risk children in day care” the following: “, \$350,000 is available for the Phoenix Children’s Health Project in Arizona to address the health needs of extremely vulnerable homeless and runaway youth in underserved rural and urban areas, \$200,000 is available for the Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, Pittsburgh, PA, for health outreach and education, \$200,000 is available for the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, Philadelphia, PA, for its minority outreach oral health initiative,”.

SEC. 3610. (a) The matter under the heading “Department of Education, Special Education”, in Public Law 108–7 is amended—

(1) by striking “\$10,095,639,000” and inserting “\$10,095,139,000”; and

(2) by striking “\$7,715,000” and inserting “\$7,215,000”.

(b) In the statement of the managers of the committee of conference accompanying H.J. Res. 2 (Public Law 108–7; House Report 108–10), in the matter in title III of Division G, relating to research and innovation under the heading “Special Education”, the provision specifying \$500,000 for the Ohio Alliance of Community Center for the Deaf, Worthington, Ohio, for Ohio Deaf Assistive Services Model project shall be deleted.

SEC. 3611. (a) The matter under the heading “Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research”, in Public Law 108–7 is amended—

(1) by striking “\$2,956,382,000” and inserting “\$2,956,882,000”; and

(2) by striking “\$3,540,000” and inserting “\$4,040,000”.

(b) In the statement of the managers of the committee of conference accompanying H.J. Res. 2 (Public Law 108–7; House Report 108–10), in the matter in title III of Division G, relating to vocational rehabilitation demonstration and training under the heading “Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research”, a provision shall be added that reads: “Ohio Alliance of Community Center for the Deaf, Worthington, Ohio, for Ohio Deaf Assistive Services Model project, \$500,000”.

SEC. 3612. In the statement of the managers of the committee of conference accompanying H.J. Res. 2 (Public Law 108–7; House

Report 108–10), in the matter in title III of Division G, relating to the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education under the heading “Higher Education”, the provision specifying \$1,000,000 for the Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, for the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute shall be deemed to read: “Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, for the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, including an endowment, \$1,000,000”.

SEC. 3613. In the statement of the managers of the committee of conference accompanying H.J. Res. 2 (Public Law 108–7; House Report 108–10), in the matter in title III of Division G, relating to the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education under the heading “Higher Education”, the provision specifying \$275,000 for the Spoon River College, Canton, IL, for equipment for community technology centers in Canton and Macomb, Illinois shall be deemed to read: “Spoon River College, Canton, IL, for community technology centers in Canton and Macomb, Illinois, \$275,000”.

SEC. 3614. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during the period from September 1 through September 30, 2003, the Secretary of Education shall transfer to the Education for the Disadvantaged account an amount not to exceed \$4,353,368 from amounts that would otherwise lapse at the end of fiscal year 2003 and that were originally made available under the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 2003 or any Department of Education Appropriations Act for a previous fiscal year: Provided, That the funds transferred to the Education for the Disadvantaged account shall be obligated by September 30, 2003: Provided further, That the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of any such transfer: Provided further, That any amounts transferred to the Education for the Disadvantaged account pursuant to this paragraph shall be for carrying out subpart 2 of part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and shall be allocated, notwithstanding any other provision of law, only to those States that received funds under that subpart for fiscal year 2003 that were less than those States received under that subpart for fiscal year 2002: Provided further, That the Secretary of Education shall use these additional funds to increase those States’ allocations under that subpart up to the amount they received under that subpart for fiscal year 2002: Provided further, That each such State shall use the funds appropriated under this paragraph to ratably increase the amount of funds for each eligible local educational agency in the State that received less under that subpart in fiscal year 2003 than it received under that subpart in fiscal year 2002: Provided further, That the Secretary shall not take into account the funds made available under this paragraph in determining State allocations under any other program administered by the Secretary in any fiscal year.

SEC. 3615. Funds made available under the heading, “Special Benefits for Disabled Coal Miners” in Division G of Public Law 108–7, shall be subject to the provisions of Public Law 107–275, notwithstanding section 514 of such Division G.

SEC. 3616. The amounts provided or made available by this title are designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 502 of H. Con. Res. 95 (108th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004.

SEC. 3617. This title shall be effective immediately upon the enactment of this Act.

This title may be cited as the “Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2003”.

TITLE IV—REFERENCES

SEC. 4001. Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference to “this Act” contained in titles I and II of this Act shall be treated as referring only to the provisions of such titles, and any reference to “this Act” contained in title III of this Act shall be treated as referring only to the provisions of such title.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 2:

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

Delete the matter stricken, delete the matter inserted, and strike all beginning on page 7, line 6, down through and including page 12, line 22, of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 2657.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 3:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 3, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

Delete the matter stricken, delete the matter inserted, and strike all beginning on page 12, line 23, down through and including page 30, line 18, of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 2657.

And the Senate agree to the same.

For consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendments, except for title III in the Senate amendment numbered 3, and modifications committed to conference:

JACK KINGSTON,
(except for the Capitol Visitor Center tunnel)

RAY LAHOOD,
TODD TIAHRT,
JOHN CULBERSON,
MARK KIRK,
BILL YOUNG,
JAMES P. MORAN,
DAVID E. PRICE,
JAMES E. CLYBURN,

For consideration of title III in the Senate amendment numbered 3, and modifications committed to conference:

BILL YOUNG,
CHARLES H. TAYLOR,

Managers on the Part of the House.

BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL,
ROBERT F. BENNETT,
TED STEVENS,
THAD COCHRAN,
KIT BOND,
RICHARD J. DURBIN,
TIM JOHNSON,

ROBERT C. BYRD,
BARBARA A. MIKULSKI,
Managers on the Part of the Senate.

JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE

The managers on the part of the House and the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2657) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes, submit the following joint statement to the House and Senate in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the managers and recommended in the accompanying conference report.

The Senate amended the House bill with 3 numbered amendments. The conference agreement addresses all the differences contained in the 3 amendments in the disposition of the first numbered amendment. The first numbered amendment therefore includes a complete version of the Legislative Branch bill. An explanation of the resolution of the differences of the other 2 numbered amendments is included in the first numbered amendment. The disposition of the other 2 numbered amendments therefore is purely technical in nature to enable the complete bill text to be included in the first amendment.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCHWIDE MATTERS

The conferees note that over the past several years there have been significant increases made to virtually all existing programs in the Legislative Branch. In addition, several new initiatives and programs have been undertaken which in some cases have supplemented existing efforts and in others augmented them. Even though a large part of these increases has been due to inflation, the conferees believe that overall, increases requested and approved do not adequately reflect offsets which can be reasonably expected through productivity gains resulting from substantial investments in enabling technology, the purchase of new systems and equipment, increases in training, and increased flexibility resulting from human resources changes including increased base salaries, early out and buyout authority. As a result, the conferees believe that there are considerable opportunities to realize meaningful savings by carefully reviewing each agency's budget requirements from a zero base rather than an incremental one. Such a review would assist the House and Senate Appropriations Committees in their appropriating and oversight responsibilities by permitting better understanding of program priorities, scope, effectiveness, and results. The conferees direct the General Accounting Office to develop a budget template for committee approval that can be used by Legislative Branch agencies to present their budget requirements from a zero base as a supplement to their FY 2005 budget submission to Congress. The GAO is also directed to present to the Committees a recommended budget review process that will facilitate the exam-

ination of each agency's funding and FTE requirements from a zero base. The General Accounting Office shall report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate its findings, conclusions and recommendations by October 15, 2003.

Amendment No. 1: Deletes the matter inserted and inserts complete bill text excluding the short title.

Many items in both House and Senate Legislative Branch Appropriations bills are identical and are included in the conference agreement without change. The conferees have endorsed statements of policy contained in the House and Senate reports accompanying the appropriations bills, unless amended or restated herein. With respect to those items in the conference agreement that differ between House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following with the appropriate section numbers, punctuation, and other technical corrections:

TITLE I

SENATE

Appropriates \$716,769,000 for Senate operations, and includes, at the request of the managers on the part of the Senate, amendments that address data communication lines, provision of services and equipment on a reimbursable basis and allowances for high cost States.

Inasmuch as these items relate solely to the Senate, and in accord with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the managers on the part of the House, at the request of the managers on the part of the Senate, have receded to the amendments of the Senate.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Appropriates \$1,014,464,000 for House operations, and includes, at the request of the managers on the part of the House, amendments that add language establishing an Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, a provision related to expenses of Members of Congress, and language regarding certain employees.

Inasmuch as these items relate solely to the House, and in accord with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the managers on the part of the Senate, at the request of the managers on the part of the House, have receded to the amendments of the House.

The Committee on Appropriations of the House requires information from each Legislative Branch entity during the budget formulation and execution process. The Finance Office in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, of the House of Representatives, is responsible for collecting this information from each House entity and responding to the Committee's requests. To carry out this role effectively, the Finance Office shall establish deadlines for budget calls and reprogramming activities in order to comply with Committee deadlines. The Committee expects each House entity to provide its utmost support in meeting Office of Finance deadlines. At

times this may necessitate an immediate response with little or no advance notification. This is particularly important during the appropriation process as the Committee is working on final adjustments to the House of Representatives budget. In the event the House entity is not available to respond to the Finance Office, the Committee expects the Finance Office to provide their independent analysis to the Committee.

JOINT ITEMS

JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES OF 2005

Appropriates \$1,250,000 for the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies for inaugural preparation as proposed by the Senate. The conferees agreed to strike the word “construction” from the bill language.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Appropriates \$3,988,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$3,805,000 as proposed by the House and provides for two additional FTEs.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Appropriates \$8,112,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate.

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

Appropriates \$2,236,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate. The conferees direct that future budget requests from the Office of the Attending Physician reflect an appropriate adjustment for allowances, in line with Department of Defense policy.

CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE AND SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE

Appropriates \$3,511,000 for the Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office as proposed by the House and the Senate. This amount provides for employment of not more than 58 individuals as proposed by the House instead of not more than 70 individuals as proposed by the Senate.

STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriates \$30,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate.

CAPITOL POLICE

SALARIES

Appropriates \$197,600,000 for salaries of officers, members, and employees of the Capitol Police instead of \$189,913,000 as proposed by the House and \$207,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The increase above the House allowance provides funding for 1,592 sworn positions and 401 civilian positions, an increase of 75 civilian positions. This will allow 30 sworn positions to be

civilianized during fiscal year 2004. The conferees direct the Chief of Police to recruit for 75 new positions as follows: Chief of Police (5 positions, including 3 mid level working attorneys for the Office of General Counsel); Chief of Operations (33 positions, including 3 intelligence analysts and 13 positions for the Security Services Bureau); and the Chief Administrative Officer (37 positions). The conferees note that should the Capitol Police strategic plan, and associated staffing plan, be completed and approved by the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, during fiscal year 2004, there is ample funding from the Emergency Response Fund for new sworn positions.

Section 1006 of the conference agreement authorizes the Capitol Police to recruit and train new officers who are to be assigned to the Library of Congress. For fiscal year 2004, 23 new sworn positions are authorized. Funding to accommodate this effort has been included in the Capitol Police budget.

In fiscal year 2002, the conferees approved an additional 14 FTE's for the sole purpose of establishing an Emergency Preparedness Division. The Committees approved the plans for the establishment of this office during the summer of 2002. It has come to the conferees' attention that these positions have been moved to other areas of the Department, without notifying the Committees, and the division has yet to be established. The conferees reiterate the House report language requiring notification and consultation with the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations prior to implementing organization changes or realignments that result in the redistribution, reprogramming, or reallocation of FTE's or funds in a manner different from that presented in each budget year's appropriation hearings; position reports to the Committees; and the final approved budget.

GENERAL EXPENSES

Appropriates \$23,500,000 for general expenses of the Capitol Police instead of \$21,917,000 as proposed by the House and \$33,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of the amount appropriated \$1,745,000 shall remain available until expended as proposed by the House instead of \$1,700,000 as proposed by the Senate. General Expenses shall be executed as provided to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations dated September 17, 2003.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The conferees have included an administrative provision allowing for the transfer of funds upon the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate.

In addition, the conferees have included administrative provisions that authorize the United States Capitol Police counsel to appear before the courts; provide retirement benefits to the hazardous materials response team members that are comparable to other federal firefighters and law enforcement officers; language that repeals Section 1005 of P.L. 108-7, regarding recruitment without regard to age; and language to provide for a more effective and effi-

cient merger of the Library of Congress Police and Capitol Police Force. In addition, language is included which redefines jurisdictional authority of the police for purposes of implementing the truck interdiction program. The Capitol Police Board is directed to promulgate regulations solely for the implementation, execution, and maintenance of the truck interdiction program, which shall be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$2,255,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$33,820,000 and two additional FTE's for salaries and expenses of the Congressional Budget Office, as proposed by the House instead of \$33,612,000 and one FTE as proposed by the Senate. The conferees have agreed, as proposed by the House, to provide authority in a General Provision for Legislative agencies that are members of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board to pay an appropriate share of the Board's costs. Further, the conferees have included language that prohibits the purchase or hire of a passenger motor vehicle as proposed by the House.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

The conferees are concerned that without the proper funds control and administration procedures in place in the office of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) that the standard accepted government separation of duties lends itself to the potential for waste, fraud and abuse in such areas as travel, training, official representation funds, and credit card purchases. AOC is directed to issue agency-wide procedures within 180 days of the enactment of this Act, delineating the funds control procedures and process to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse. A copy of the procedures will be provided to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The conferees encourage the Architect of the Capitol, in cooperation with other relevant Legislative Branch agencies, to take appropriate steps to increase the volume and visibility of works of art reflecting the participation and contributions of African-Americans in American history for display in the Capitol and the various legislative office buildings of the House and the Senate, including the new Capitol Visitor Center.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriates \$77,053,000 for General Administration, instead of \$84,513,000 as proposed by the House and \$71,697,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of the amount appropriated, \$4,200,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$11,660,000 as proposed by the House.

The conferees have agreed to defer the transfer of FTEs and associated costs related to energy services to the Capitol Power Plant appropriation as proposed by the House until the study on the AOC organizational structure and administrative services that was directed in the House report has been completed and submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations for review and action. The Architect of the Capitol is directed to submit the analysis with recommendations for approvals to the Committees not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act.

The conferees emphasize that the scope of the AOC study will be comprehensive and will include all aspects of AOC central and administrative staff, including any administrative positions that have been established in the offices of the superintendents to ensure that duplicative services do not occur; that all positions are required to conduct business; and that they are aligned with the AOC strategic plan. The AOC is reminded that this study must be conducted within the purview of the AOC Human Resources Act and other pertinent legislation that provides protections to AOC employees. The Architect is further reminded to consider appropriate committee jurisdictional and legislative authority in the final recommendations of the study.

The conferees have agreed to fund the replacement of high voltage switchgear in the appropriations of the jurisdictions where the projects will take place as proposed by the Senate including Senate Office Buildings (\$2,040,000); House Office Buildings (\$3,592,000); and Library Buildings and Grounds (\$1,828,000).

With respect to the object class and projects the House and Senate conferees have agreed to the following:

Operating Budget	\$72,584,000
Project Budget:	
1. AOC Procurement Training Initiative	150,000
2. Bucket Truck	75,000
3. Flat Bed Truck	44,000
4. Capitol Complex Master Plan	4,200,000
Total, General Administration	77,053,000

CAPITOL BUILDING

Appropriates \$28,188,000, of which \$13,002,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008, for maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol, by the Architect of the Capitol, instead of \$23,307,000, of which \$7,863,000 to remain available until September 30, 2008 as proposed by the House, and instead of \$27,777,000, of which \$12,302,000 to remain available until September 30, 2008, as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees have agreed to provide \$630,000 for study, design, and condition assessment, including the Restoration of Marble Steps (\$105,000); Seismic Study (\$120,000); Replacement of Dimming Systems, East Front Offices (\$40,000); Upgrade Restrooms (\$40,000); Upgrade Electrical Service to House Chamber (\$50,000); and Upgrade Emergency Evacuation and Notification System (\$275,000).

With respect to object class and projects the House and Senate conferees have agreed to the following:

Operating Budget	\$13,179,000
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Project Budget:

1. ADA Requirements	132,000
2. Elevator/Escalator Modernization Program	750,000
3. Replacement of Minton Tile	525,000
4. Computer, Telecom, & Electrical Support	300,000
5. Wayfinding and ADA Signage	130,000
6. Bird Control System	170,000
7. Study, Design, and Condition Assessment	630,000
8. Minor Construction	2,500,000
9. U.S. Capitol Master Plan Phase 2	6,000,000
10. Improvements in the Rotunda	672,000
11. Restore Shutters & Upgrade Window Lighting	400,000
12. Presidential Inaugural Stands	2,800,000
Total, Capitol Building	28,188,000

CAPITOL GROUNDS

Appropriates \$6,886,000, of which \$585,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008, to the Architect of the Capitol for the care and improvements of the grounds surrounding the Capitol, House and Senate office buildings, and the Capitol Power plant, as proposed by the House, instead of \$6,986,000, of which \$685,000 is to remain available until September 30, 2008, as proposed by the Senate.

With respect to object class and projects the House and Senate conferees have agreed to the following:

Operating Budget	\$6,301,000
Project Budget:	
1. Renovate Former D. C. Street Lights	435,000
2. Wayfinding and ADA-Compliant Signage	100,000
3. Study, Design, and Condition Assessment	50,000
Total, Capitol Grounds	6,886,000

The conferees have agreed to provide \$50,000 for study, design, and condition assessment to address tunnel drainage, S.W. Drive.

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Appropriates \$63,388,000, of which \$17,433,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008, for the maintenance, care, and operation of the Senate office buildings to the Architect of the Capitol. Inasmuch as this item relates solely to the Senate, and in accord with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the managers on the part of the House, at the request of the managers on the part of the Senate, have receded to the Senate.

Operating Budget	\$45,145,000
Project Budget:	
1. Refinish Historic Woodwork	300,000
2. Repair/Replace Marble Floors & Clean Arch Surfaces	510,000
3. Renovate Restrooms, ADA, DSOB	2,692,000
4. Renovate Restrooms, ADA, HSOB	1,724,000
5. Minor Construction	5,000,000
6. Study, Design, and Condition Assessment	1,000,000
7. Replace Modular Furniture, HSOB	3,000,000
8. Wayfinding & ADA Signage	1,133,000
9. Replace Elevator, Webster Hall	495,000
10. Replace Doors, 3rd Floor Balcony	349,000
11. Replace High Voltage Switchgear	2,040,000
Total, Senate Office Buildings	63,388,000

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Appropriates \$62,816,000, of which \$27,750,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008, for the maintenance, care, and operation of the House office buildings to the Architect of the Capitol. Inasmuch as this item relates solely to the House, and in accord with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the managers on the part of the Senate, at the request of the managers on the part of the House, have receded to the House.

Operating Budget	\$34,946,000
Project Budget:	
1. Major Elevator Equipment Improvements	120,000
2. Elevator Modernization Program, FHOB	9,460,000
3. Minor Construction	5,000,000
4. Study, Design, and Condition Assessment	1,000,000
5. Sound Improvements, Committee Rooms	240,000
6. Wayfinding and ADA Compliant Signage	407,000
7. Upgrade Public Restrooms	1,500,000
8. Upgrade Data Center	4,323,000
9. Escalator Modernization	1,617,000
10. Replace Halon System	611,000
11. Replace High Voltage Switchgear	3,592,000
Total, House Office Buildings	62,816,000

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

In addition to the \$4,400,000 made available from receipts credited as reimbursements to this appropriation, appropriates \$81,543,000 to the Architect of the Capitol for maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol power plant, as proposed by the House, instead of \$88,979,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$36,652,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008, as proposed by the House, instead of \$38,402,000, as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees are concerned that current Capitol Power plant operations may not adequately reflect up-to-date requirements associated with operational flexibility, such as the need to maintain, secure and upgrade the Capitol Power Plant's utility distribution infrastructure; and the ability to maximize potential efficiency gains in energy consumption and manpower utilization. In addition, the conferees are concerned with the need to complete timely and within budget the West Refrigeration Plant expansion, currently underway. Therefore, the General Accounting Office (GAO) is directed to review the Capitol Power Plant master plan, its operations and its overall management and report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations by March 1, 2004 its findings and recommendations on the adequacy of the master plan, the capacity and efficiency of plant operations, the reliability and security of its distribution infrastructure, as well as the status of the expansion project.

With respect to object class and project differences the House and Senate conferees have agreed to the following:

Operating Budget (net)	\$44,791,000
Project Budget:	
1. Emergency Shoring and Repairs to Tunnels	100,000
2. Repair South Capitol Street Steam Line	711,000

3. West Refrigeration Plant Expansion	22,021,000
4. Study, Design, and Condition Assessment	630,000
5. Replace Utility Tunnel Expansion Joints	440,000
6. Replace Stokers, Boilers 1 & 2	1,200,000
7. Install Emergency Egress, Tunnel Access	350,000
8. Install Oil Storage Tanks	4,200,000
9. Installation of Distributed Control System	6,500,000
10. Intrinsic Health Monitoring System	600,000

Total, Capitol Power Plant (net)	81,543,000
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The conferees have agreed to provide \$630,000 for study, design, and condition assessment including Boilers & Auxiliaries Replacement and Overhaul (\$180,000) and Long-term Preventative Maintenance Plan (\$450,000).

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Appropriates \$39,159,000 for structural and mechanical care, Library Buildings and Grounds instead of \$34,750,000 as proposed by the House and \$41,620,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$21,286,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008 instead of \$16,877,000 as proposed by the House and \$23,747,000 as proposed by the Senate.

With respect to object class and projects the House and Senate conferees have agreed to the following:

Operating Budget	\$13,235,000
Project Budget:	
1. ADA Requirements	100,000
2. Preservation Environmental Monitoring	100,000
3. Restore Decorative-Painting	110,000
4. Replace Sidewalks, JAB & TJB	100,000
5. Book Storage Facility, Ft. Meade Support	580,000
6. Replace Partitions Supports, JMMB	300,000
7. Replace Compact Stack Safety, JMMB	600,000
8. Repair Deteriorated Wood Panels	190,000
9. Painting of Interior Arches, TJB	170,000
10. Culpeper Support	1,263,000
11. Fire Extinguishers	75,000
12. Fire Safety Project Management	250,000
13. Repair Life Safety Deficiencies	800,000
14. Minor Construction	1,000,000
15. Replace Halon Fire Suppression System	1,997,000
16. Extend/Upgrade Fire Alarm	504,000
17. ADA Modifications, Pickford Theater	424,000
18. ADA Modifications, S.W. Entrance, JMMB	1,280,000
19. Collections Security	857,000
20. Landscaping, Ft. Meade	250,000
21. Elevator Modernization	1,342,000
22. Water Tank, Ft. Meade	4,103,000
23. Study, Design, and Condition Assessment	7,701,000
24. Replace High Voltage Switchgear	1,828,000

Total, Library Buildings and Grounds	39,159,000
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The conferees have agreed to provide \$7,701,000 for study, design, and condition assessment including Logistics Warehouse Facility, Ft. Meade (\$2,520,000); Offsite Storage Facility (\$600,000); Book Storage Module 5, Ft. Meade (\$1,500,000); Upgrade Emergency Lighting (\$350,000); Replace Bathroom Exhaust System, Jefferson Building (\$225,000); Damper Smoke Control Study (\$1,397,000); ADA Bathroom Renovations, Adams Building

(\$236,000); Upgrade Book Conveyor System (\$200,000); and Master Plan, Fort Meade (\$673,000).

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Appropriates \$3,308,000, of which \$2,075,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008, and 3 FTE's as proposed by the House and the Senate.

BOTANIC GARDEN

Appropriates \$6,189,000 for salaries and expenses, Botanic Garden, instead of \$6,062,000 as proposed by the House and \$6,239,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$152,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008 instead of \$25,000 as proposed by the House and \$202,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees have included language, as proposed by the House, prohibiting the use of appropriated funds for construction of the National Garden. With respect to object class and projects the conferees have agreed to the following:

Operating Budget	\$5,045,000
Project Budget:	
1. Partnership Support	450,000
2. CAFM Data Capture (Bartholdi Project)	50,000
3. Damper Control, D.C. Village	100,000
4. Environmental Control System Replacement	100,000
5. Conservatory Electronics System	90,000
6. West Gallery Exhibit	202,000
7. Study, Design, and Condition Assessment	152,000
 Total, Botanic Garden	 6,189,000

The conferees have agreed to provide \$152,000 for study, design, and condition assessment including Production Facility Floor Drainage Correction (\$127,000) and ADA Elevator Replacement (\$25,000).

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

The conference agreement provides \$48,839,000 for construction, salaries and operational costs of the Visitor Center, of which \$1,039,000 reflects operational costs and the balance reflects the estimated cost to complete. Of the amount provided \$48,550,000 shall remain available until expended. Additionally, the conference agreement established a limit on the amount of Federal funds, which can be obligated for a tunnel connecting the Center to the Library of Congress. The Architect of the Capitol is directed not to obligate any funds for this project without an obligation plan approved by the chairs and ranking members of the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives. The plan should specify the purpose, amount, and timing of anticipated obligations.

The conferees direct the General Accounting Office to perform quarterly performance reviews of the project so that the Congress is kept abreast of important issues such as cost and scheduling. It is expected that this quarterly reporting will avail the Committee on Appropriations of the House and Senate and the Capitol Preser-

vation Commission with timely information to properly oversee this effort and address important issues.

The conferees direct that thirty days prior to initiating excavation for the eastern portion of the tunnel between the Library of Congress and the Capitol Visitor Center, the Architect of the Capitol will notify the Committee on Appropriations of the House and Senate and the Capitol Preservation Commission, and include in the notification a description of possible construction risks that might be encountered, their implications, and delineating all efforts that have been completed to ameliorate those risks.

The conferees recognize the work of all the parties in creating an exhibit for the Capitol Visitor Center. The conferees urge the exhibit designers and content providers to work with the Library of Congress to ensure that the exhibit presents history of the Congress as well as the role of the Congress in the preservation of the cultural and artistic heritage of the American people.

The conference agreement limits to \$10,000,000 the total amount of Federal funds which may be obligated or expended for the tunnel connecting the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building to the Capitol Visitor Center.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The conference agreement includes several administrative provisions related to the operations of the Architect of the Capitol. There is a provision that clarifies authority for benefits for temporary employees; provides authority to lease space; and provides transfer authority for an alternate computing facility.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Provides \$370,897,000 for salaries and expenses, Library of Congress, which will fund 2,896 FTE's, instead of \$366,520,000 as proposed by the House and \$367,539,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount \$6,850,000 is made available from receipts collected by the Library of Congress and is to remain available until expended; and \$11,546,000 is to remain available until expended for acquisition of books, periodicals, newspapers, and all other library materials as proposed by the House instead of \$11,596,000 as proposed by the Senate and \$11,236,000 as proposed by the House.

With respect to program allowances the conferees have agreed to the following:

1. Adventures of the American Mind	\$8,750,000
2. Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission	250,000
3. Security Enhancements	1,077,000
4. Emergency Management	511,000
5. NAVCC—Culpeper	11,060,000
6. Purchase of Library Materials—Foreign Law	310,000
7. Meeting of the Frontiers	379,000
8. Retail Activities Project (Not-to-exceed 3 years)	335,000
9. Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Celebration (Final Year)	500,000
10. Lincoln-Douglas Debates/Underground RR Exhibit	500,000
11. Veterans History Project	589,000
12. Alternate Computer Facility	2,762,000
13. Mass Deacidification	919,000

The conference agreement includes funding in the amount of \$1,380,000 to remain available until September 30, 2008 for the central financial management system; and includes funding to remain available until expended for seven programs: \$8,750,000 for the Adventures of the American Mind project; \$250,000, which includes \$10,000 for official representation and reception expenses, for the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission; \$905,000 for the Integrated Library System; \$11,060,000 for the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center; \$500,000 relating to the Lincoln-Douglas debates; \$500,000 for the final year of funding for the Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial celebration and \$2,762,000 for the development of the Alternate Computing Center.

The Conferees are encouraged by the efforts of the U.S. Capitol Police, working with the Library of Congress, to craft an implementation plan to merge the Library's police force with the U.S. Capitol Police. However, concerns have been expressed about the governance structure for a merged police force. While the conferees recognize that change is inherently difficult, it is expected that security of the Capitol complex will take the highest priority, overriding jurisdictional concerns.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Provides \$48,290,000, including \$29,664,000 made available from receipts, for salaries and expenses, Copyright Office, as proposed by the Senate instead of \$47,290,000 as proposed by the House. This level of funding provides for 530 full-time equivalents.

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$91,726,000 for salaries and expenses, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, as proposed by the Senate instead of \$93,590,000 as proposed by the House. This level of funding provides for 729 full-time equivalents.

The Congressional Research Service request for voluntary separation incentive authority has been denied because the request was received late in the budget process and prevented appropriate committee review and oversight during the regular hearing cycle. The conferees suggest that CRS review their request and if appropriate include it in their next budget submission.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$51,706,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

In addition to various technical corrections the conferees have agreed to a provision pertaining to the National Audiovisual Conservation Center.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriates \$91,111,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate.

The Government Printing Office currently supports Xywrite and the locator code application used by the Office of the Senate Legislative Counsel and the Office of the Senate Enrolling Clerk to draft and update legislative documents. The conferees direct that with the implementation of the Legislative Editing in XML Application (LEXA) that the GPO shall also serve as the entity responsible for providing support for this new application.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS
SALARIES AND EXPENSES
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriates \$34,456,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND

Appropriates \$10,000,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$5,000,000 proposed by the House. An amount of \$5,000 for official representation as proposed by the Senate is included instead of \$7,500 proposed by the House.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The conferees have agreed to a provision in the Senate bill that increases the pay level for the Public Printer and Deputy Public Printer; and to a provision that authorizes the transfer of surplus property and acceptance of voluntary services.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Provides \$466,328,000, of which \$6,006,000 is from offsetting collections, for salaries and expenses, General Accounting Office instead of \$464,539,000 as proposed by the House and \$468,118,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees have agreed, as proposed by the House, to provide authority in a General Provision, for legislative agencies that are members of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board to pay an appropriate share of the Board's costs.

For the past two years the General Accounting Office (GAO) has been conducting an evaluation of the need for a technology assessment capability in the Legislative Branch. The results of that evaluation have generally concluded that such a capability would enhance the ability of key congressional committees to address complex technical issues in a more timely and effective manner. To assist in determining the most cost effective and efficient manner

of providing that capability to the Congress, the conferees direct that the General Accounting Office report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations the impact that assuming a technology assessment role would have on its current mission and resources. The report should be submitted by December 15, 2003.

The conferees instruct the General Accounting Office to establish and strictly adhere to a non-partisan protocol for formal briefings of Members of Congress and their staffs. The legislative work schedule is always complex and never convenient, but the GAO must always work within the context of that schedule. When individuals on the GAO staff have personal commitments which might prevent them from presenting or attending a Congressional briefing, the individual's supervisor shall attend in that person's place.

PAYMENT TO THE OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND

Appropriates \$13,500,000 for a payment to the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund, instead of \$13,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$14,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees recommend consultation with the Appropriations Committees prior to decisions on pilot programs by the Board.

TITLE II—GENERAL PROVISIONS

In Title II, General Provisions, section numbers have been changed to conform to the conference agreement and technical corrections have been made.

The conferees have included a provision that authorizes the Architect of the Capitol to maintain and improve landscape features of property located near the House office buildings.

The conferees have included the House provision that prohibits funding in this Act from being transferred except as provided in this Act; and provides for Legislative Branch entities that are members of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board to pay an appropriate share of the Board's costs.

TITLE III—FISCAL YEAR 2003 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL

The conference agreement includes, as Title III, fiscal year 2003 emergency supplemental appropriations totaling \$937,593,000, as follows:

CHAPTER 1

THE JUDICIARY

COURTS OF APPEALS, DISTRICT COURTS, AND OTHER JUDICIAL SERVICES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$12,187,000, as requested, for costs associated with 15 district judgeships authorized by Section 312 of Public Law 107-273.

DEFENDER SERVICES

The conference agreement provides \$17,228,000 for the Defender Services account, as requested.

FEES OF JURORS AND COMMISSIONERS

The conference agreement provides \$2,778,000 for the Fees of Jurors and Commissioners account, as requested.

CHAPTER 2

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL

FLOOD CONTROL AND COASTAL EMERGENCIES

The conference agreement provides \$60,000,000 for Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies to permit the Corps of Engineers to respond to emergencies resulting from hurricanes, flooding, and other natural disasters.

CHAPTER 3

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

DISASTER RELIEF

The conference agreement provides \$441,700,000, instead of \$1,550,000,000 as proposed by the House and by the Senate. This amount is in addition to the \$983,600,000 made available for this program in P.L. 108–69.

CHAPTER 4

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

The conference agreement provides \$36,000,000 for wildland fire management activities of the Department of the Interior as proposed by the House, instead of \$61,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The funding provided should be used to refund funds transferred from other accounts during wildfire emergencies. This level provides only partial payback.

The conference agreement does not include language proposed by the House directing that any funds not needed this year be used to repay funds borrowed from other appropriations accounts during the fiscal year 2002 fire season. The managers understand that substantially more funds than provided herein have been expended during extreme wildfire events this year and should be repaid. The

\$25,000,000 recommended by the Senate for wildfire hazard reduction activities is included under the Forest Service wildland fire management account.

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The conference agreement provides \$5,000,000 for emergency expenses at Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge as recommended by the House instead of no funding as proposed by the Senate. Of the funds provided, \$4,500,000 is for oil spill cleanup and remediation and \$500,000 is for continued airport operations. Without funding for airport operations, the airport would be shut down this month and Federal Aviation Administration certification would expire.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

The conference agreement provides \$283,000,000 for wildland fire management activities of the Forest Service as proposed by the House instead of \$253,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of the funds provided, \$253,000,000, as requested, should be used to refund funds transferred from other accounts during wildfire emergencies. This level provides only partial payback. The remaining \$30,000,000 should be used for the disastrous situation in southern California as described in the House Committee report. Of this funding for southern California, \$10,000,000 is for Forest Service hazardous fuels reduction activities and \$20,000,000 is for transfer to the State and private forestry account for State and volunteer fire assistance and related forest health work in the vicinity of the San Bernardino National Forest. The conference agreement does not include the House language directing that any funds not needed this year be used to repay funds borrowed from other appropriations accounts during the fiscal year 2002 fire season. The managers understand that substantially more funds than provided herein have been expended during extreme wildfire events this year and should be repaid.

CHAPTER 5

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT

The conferees agree to provide \$50,000,000 for expenses necessary for responding to the Space Shuttle Columbia accident, the same as the amount in the supplemental request. The amount recommended is in addition to funding provided in the fiscal year 2003 Omnibus Appropriations Act. The conferees direct NASA to provide the Committees on Appropriations of the House and the Senate, by September 30, 2003, with detailed information on the

expenditure of the funds already appropriated and the expenses which will be covered by this additional increment of funding. In addition, this accounting should include an updated estimate of fiscal year 2003 savings, by activity, associated with the suspension of shuttle flight following the Columbia accident and how NASA intends to apply those savings to both recovery and investigation as well as return to flight efforts.

CHAPTER 6

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The conference agreement includes a provision (Section 3601) regarding the availability of funds, as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement (Section 3602) provides \$9,700,000, to remain available until expended, from the Commodity Credit Corporation, for the Tree Assistance Program authorized by subtitle C of title X of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8201 et seq.), to compensate eligible orchardists for tree losses incurred since January 1, 2000, due to fire blight in the State of Michigan. The Senate bill did not include funding for this provision.

The conference agreement (Section 3603) provides \$20,000,000, to remain available until expended, for suppression and control of Mormon cricket infestation on public and private land in Nevada, Utah, and Idaho, to be expended in equal amounts among the three states. The House bill did not include funding for this provision.

The conference agreement (Section 3604) includes language making a technical correction to a targeted economic development grant funded in a prior appropriations Act.

The conference agreement (Section 3605) includes language making a technical correction to a targeted economic development grant funded in a prior appropriations Act.

The conference agreement (Section 3606) includes language to increase the loan commitment level for certain FHA loans during fiscal year 2003 to correspond with estimated loan volume.

The conference agreement includes a general provision (Section 3607) to permit spouses of military personnel to be eligible for training under a National Emergency Grant (NEG) awarded to the San Diego Workforce Partnership on June 30, 2001. The Senate bill has no comparable provision.

The conference agreement includes two general provisions (Sections 3608 and 3609) making technical corrections to several projects funded under the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2003. The Senate bill does not include comparable provisions to those reported by the House. The conference agreement includes in Section 3610 additional technical corrections to several projects by transferring \$750,000 from the Rural Health Outreach Grants program to the Maternal and Child Health Block Grants Special Projects of Regional and National Significance program. In the statement of the managers of the committee of conference accompanying H.J. Res. 2 (Public Law 108–7; House Report 108–10), in

the matter in title II of Division G, under the heading “Health Resources and Services”

—The provision specifying \$350,000 for the Phoenix Children’s Health Project in Arizona to address the health needs of extremely vulnerable homeless and runaway youth in underserved rural and urban areas shall be deleted;

—The provision specifying \$200,000 for the Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, Pittsburgh, PA, for health outreach and education shall be deleted; and

—The provision specifying \$200,000 for the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, Philadelphia, PA, for its minority outreach oral health initiative shall be deleted.

The conference agreement includes four general provisions (Sections 3610 through 3613) making technical corrections to several Department of Education projects funded in the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2003. The Senate bill does not include comparable provisions.

The conference agreement includes a general provision (Section 3614) directing the Secretary of Education to transfer up to \$4,353,368 from any account that would otherwise lapse to the Title I program for the purpose of providing additional funds to certain states. The House bill has no comparable provision.

The conference agreement includes a general provision (Section 3615) to permit the transfer of funds, appropriated in the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2003, from the Social Security Administration to the Department of Labor in order to implement the Black Lung Consolidation of Responsibility Act (P.L. 107–275).

The conference agreement includes a general provision (Section 3616) designating the amounts in Title III as an emergency requirement, as proposed by the House and by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes a general provision (Section 3617) concerning the effective date of this Act.

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

TITLES I AND II—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS, 2004

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 2004 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 2003 amount, the 2004 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 2004 follow:

[In thousands of dollars]	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2003	\$3,461,323
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2004	3,849,643
House bill, fiscal year 2004	2,699,688
Senate bill, fiscal year 2004	3,574,611
Conference agreement, fiscal year 2004	3,548,408
Conference agreement compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2003	+87,085
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2004	– 301,235
House bill, fiscal year 2004	+848,720
Senate bill, fiscal year 2004	– 26,203

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

TITLE III—EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, 2003

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 2003 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the 2003 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 2003 follow:

[In thousands of dollars]	
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2003 *	\$1,921,193
House bill, fiscal year 2003 *	2,025,893
Senate bill, fiscal year 2003 *	2,044,000
Conference agreement, fiscal year 2003	937,593
Conference agreement compared with:	
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2003	— 983,600
House bill, fiscal year 2003	— 1,088,300
Senate bill, fiscal year 2003	— 1,106,407

*Includes \$983,600,000 for Disaster relief, which was provided in P.L. 108–69.

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