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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS, 2006

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Mr. ALLARD, from the Committee on Appropriations,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2985]

The Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 2985) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, reports the same to the Senate with amendments and recommends that the bill as amended do pass.

Amount of new budget (obligational) authority

Total of bill as reported to the Senate	\$3,833,765,000
Amount of 2005 appropriations	3,605,054,000
Amount of 2006 budget estimate	4,028,177,000
Amount of House allowance ¹	2,864,418,000
Bill as recommended to Senate compared to—	
2005 appropriations	+ 228,711,000
2006 budget estimate	– 194,412,000
House allowance ¹	+ 969,347,000

¹ Excludes Senate items.

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GENERAL STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The Committee recommends new budget (obligational) authority of \$3,833,765,000 for the legislative branch, for fiscal year 2006. This total is \$194,412,000 below the budget request and \$228,711,000 above the fiscal year 2005 level.

The bill includes \$264,600,000 for the U.S. Capitol Police; \$427,212,000 for the Architect of the Capitol to maintain, improve, and construct buildings and facilities of the Congress; \$484,383,000 for the Government Accountability Office; \$579,562,000 for the Library of Congress; \$126,927,000 for the Government Printing Office; and \$785,549,000 for operations of the Senate.

The Committee expects all agencies to notify the Committee of any significant departures from budget plans presented to the Committee in any agency's budget justifications. In particular, agencies funded through this bill are required to notify the Committee prior to each reprogramming of funds in excess of the lesser of 10 percent or \$500,000 between programs, projects or activities, or in excess of \$500,000 between object classifications (except for shifts within the pay categories, object class 11, 12, and 13 or as further specified in each agency's respective section). This includes cumulative reprogrammings that together total at least \$500,000 from or to a particular program, activity, or object classification as well as reprogramming of FTE's or funds to create new organizational entities within the Agency or to restructure entities which already exist. The Committee desires to be notified of reprogramming actions which involve less than the above-mentioned amounts if such actions would have the effect of changing an agency's funding requirements in future years or if programs or projects specifically cited in the Committee's reports are affected.

The Committee also expects all agencies to submit operating plans for the Committee's approval within 30 days of the bill's enactment.

GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS ACT

The Committee supports the applicability of many Government Performance and Results Act [GPRA] principles to the Legislative Branch. GPRA encourages greater efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability in Federal spending, and requires agencies to set goals and use performance measures for management and budgeting. While most Legislative Branch agencies have developed strategic plans, several agencies have not effectively dealt with major management problems and lack reliable data to verify and validate performance. While Legislative Branch agencies are not required to comply with GPRA, the Committee believes the spirit and intent of the Results Act should be applied to these agencies. The Committee intends to monitor agencies' progress in developing and implementing meaningful performance measures, describing how such

measures will be verified and validated, linking performance measures to day-to-day activities, and coordinating across “sister” agencies. The Committee directs all legislative branch agencies to submit their plans for achieving this goal within 90 days of enactment of this Act.

TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

SENATE

EXPENSE ALLOWANCES

Appropriations, 2005	\$195,000
Budget estimate, 2006	195,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	195,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$195,000 for the expense allowances of the Vice President, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the President pro tempore emeritus of the Senate, the majority and minority leaders, the majority and minority whips, the chairmen of the majority and minority conference committees, and the chairmen of the majority and minority policy committees. The recommended allowances are as follows:

For the expense allowance of the Vice President, the Committee recommends an amount of \$20,000.

For the expense allowance of the President pro tempore, the Committee recommends an amount of \$40,000.

For the expense allowance of the majority and minority leaders, the Committee recommends \$40,000 for each leader, for a total of \$80,000.

For the expense allowance of the majority and minority whips, the Committee recommends \$10,000 for each whip, for a total of \$20,000.

For the expense allowance of the President pro tempore emeritus, \$15,000.

For the expense allowance for the chairmen of the majority and minority conference committees, the Committee recommends \$5,000 for each chairman, for a total of \$10,000.

For the expense allowance for the chairmen of the majority and minority policy committees, the Committee recommends \$5,000 for each chairman, for a total of \$10,000.

Expenditures from all the foregoing allowances are made upon certification from the individuals for whom the allowances are authorized, and are reported semiannually in the report of the Secretary of the Senate.

REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

Appropriations, 2005	\$30,000
Budget estimate, 2006	30,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	30,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$30,000 for representation allowances for the majority and minority leaders.

This allowance was established in the Supplemental Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1985 (Public Law 99–88). The funds were authorized to be used by the majority and minority leaders solely for the discharge of their appropriate responsibilities in connection with official visits to the United States by members of foreign legislative bodies and representatives of foreign governments and intergovernmental agencies. The recommended amount is to be divided equally between the two leaders.

Expenditures from this allowance are made upon certification of the leaders and are reported in the semiannual report of the Secretary of the Senate.

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Appropriations, 2005	\$134,840,000
Budget estimate, 2006	148,163,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	147,120,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$147,120,000 for the subaccounts funded under the overall account for the salaries of officers and employees of the Senate.

It should be noted that except for a handful of positions in the Offices of the Secretary and the Sergeant at Arms that are required by statute, specific staffing levels are not stipulated either by the budget request or by the Committee's recommendation. Rather, lump-sum allowances are provided to fund staffing levels each office finds necessary and appropriate for the performance of its duties. Estimated staffing levels for offices funded under this appropriation for fiscal year 2006 are 1,412 positions.

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

[Estimated staffing levels—fiscal years 2005 and 2006]

	2006 Request	2005
Office of the Vice President	45	45
Office of the President Pro Tempore	11	11
Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus	1	1
Offices of the majority and minority leaders	43	43
Offices of the majority and minority whips	30	30
Conference committees	48	48
Offices of the the secretaries of the conference of the majority and the conference of the minority	12	12
Policy Committees	55	55
Office of the Chaplain	4	4
Office of the Secretary	252	252
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper	893	875
Offices of the secretaries for the majority and minority	18	18
Totals	1,412	1,394

Any change from the allocation of funds in the subaccounts within this appropriation is subject to the approval of the Committee.

The total amount appropriated is allocated to the various offices of the Senate as displayed under the headings for the offices that follow.

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Appropriations, 2005	\$2,108,000
Budget estimate, 2006	2,181,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	2,181,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$2,181,000 to fund the salaries of the administrative and clerical staff of the Office of the Vice President in connection with his duties as the President of the Senate.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Appropriations, 2005	\$561,000
Budget estimate, 2006	582,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	582,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$582,000 for the Office of the President pro tempore.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS

Appropriations, 2005	\$163,000
Budget estimate, 2006	290,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	290,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$290,000 for the Office of the President pro tempore emeritus.

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

Appropriations, 2005	\$3,808,000
Budget estimate, 2006	4,340,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	4,340,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$4,340,000 for the offices of the majority and minority leaders.

The administrative and clerical staffs funded by this appropriation were authorized under the provisions of Public Law 91-145, effective November 1, 1969. The amount recommended is to be equally divided, providing \$2,170,000 for each office.

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS

Appropriations, 2005	\$2,556,000
Budget estimate, 2006	2,644,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	2,644,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$2,644,000 for the offices of the majority and minority whips. It is to be equally divided, providing \$1,322,000 for each office.

The authority for the administrative and clerical staff funded by this appropriation was created by Public Law 84-242, effective July 1, 1955.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriations, 2005	\$13,301,000
Budget estimate, 2006	13,758,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	13,758,000

For the salaries of the staff of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$13,758,000.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Appropriations, 2005	\$2,826,000
Budget estimate, 2006	2,940,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	2,940,000

For the administrative and clerical staffs of the majority and minority conference committees, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$2,940,000. The appropriation provides \$1,470,000 in salaries for the staff of each conference committee.

The chairman of each conference committee may transfer to or from amounts provided for salaries of each conference to the account for conference committee expenses within the "Miscellaneous items" appropriation.

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

Appropriations, 2005	\$702,000
Budget estimate, 2006	728,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	728,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$728,000 for the majority and minority conference secretaries.

These offices were created by section 6 of Senate Resolution 17, agreed to January 10, 1977, and two positions in each office were first funded in the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1977 (Public Law 95-26).

Section 102 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1979 (Public Law 96-38), abolished the specific positions and established a lump-sum allowance for the employment of staff, effective October 1, 1979. The amount recommended is to be divided equally between the majority secretary and the minority secretary.

POLICY COMMITTEES

Appropriations, 2005	\$2,946,000
Budget estimate, 2006	3,048,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	3,048,000

For the salaries of the administrative and clerical staffs of the majority and minority policy committees, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,048,000, or \$1,524,000 for each committee.

The chairman of each policy Committee may transfer to or from amounts provided for salaries of each policy Committee to the account for policy Committee expenses within the "Miscellaneous items" appropriation.

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

Appropriations, 2005	\$341,000
Budget estimate, 2006	354,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	354,000

For the Office of the Chaplain, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$354,000. The amount recommended would provide the salaries for the Chaplain of the Senate and support staff to assist the Chaplain with his pastoral duties. The Fiscal Year 1988 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, Public Law 100-202, established the rate of pay for the Chaplain at Executive Level IV, currently \$140,300.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Appropriations, 2005	\$19,586,000
Budget estimate, 2006	20,866,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	20,866,000

The Committee recommends \$20,866,000 for salaries of the Office of the Secretary. Fiscal year 2006 staffing levels are estimated at 252 positions.

This appropriation provides funds for four statutory positions (Secretary of the Senate, Assistant Secretary of the Senate, Financial Clerk of the Senate, and Parliamentarian of the Senate) and lump-sum allowances for the employment and adjustment of salaries of personnel in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, as authorized by Public Law 97-51, effective October 1, 1981 (2 U.S.C. 61a-11).

The following departmental guidelines for fiscal year 2006 have been submitted by the Secretary to the Committee. The departmental budgets grouped in the apportionment schedule under executive offices include: the Executive Office of the Secretary of the Senate, Page school, Senate Security, Information Systems, and Web Technology. The departmental budgets grouped in the apportionment schedule under administrative services include: conservation and preservation, curator, disbursing office, gift shop, historical office, human resources, interparliamentary services, library, printing and document services, public records, chief counsel for employment, and the stationery room. The departmental budgets grouped in the apportionment schedule under legislative and legal services include: the bill clerk, daily digest, enrolling clerk, journal clerk, legislative clerk, Official Reporters of Debate, captioning services, executive clerk, LIS project office, and Parliamentarian.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

[Estimated staffing levels—fiscal years 2005 and 2006]

	2006 request	2005
Executive offices	32	35
Administrative services	171	167
Legislative and legal services	49	50
Totals	252	252

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER

Appropriations, 2005	\$50,635,000
Budget estimate, 2006	57,743,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	56,700,000

This appropriation provides funds for the salaries of three statutory positions (Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, Deputy Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, and Administrative Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper) and lump-sum allowances for employment and adjustments of salaries of personnel in the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, as authorized by Public Law 97-51, effective October 1, 1981 (2 U.S.C. 61f-7).

The Committee recommends a total of \$56,700,000 for fiscal year 2006. This is an increase of \$6,065,000 over the fiscal year 2005 level, and a decrease of \$1,043,000 below the request reflecting current payroll projections.

The Sergeant at Arms structure reflects five major divisions: Capitol Division, Operations Division, Technology Development Services Division, IT Support Services Division and Staff Offices division. The Capitol Division consists of the Executive Office of the Sergeant at Arms, the Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness, the U.S. Capitol Police Liaison, the Senate Post Office and Recording Studio. These offices provide the executive management and leadership of the Sergeant at Arms for day to day operations; for security of the Senate side of the Capitol complex; for liaison with the United States Capitol Police; and mailing and recording studio services. The Operations Division provides printing and photographic services; furnishes and maintains the Senate side of the Capitol Building; and offers office support services such as desktop computer acquisition, State office liaison, and customer support. The Technology Development Services Division supports enterprise information technology systems, applications development, Internet/intranet services, information security, and network engineering. The IT Support Services Division provides desktop computer support; correspondence management system acquisition, maintenance and support; telecommunications equipment and services; general office equipment; and new technology assessment. The Staff Offices Division includes Financial Management, Human Resources, The Joint Office of Education and Training, and Process Management and Innovation.

The offices and personnel covered by this appropriation are shown in the following table.

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE APPORTIONMENT
SCHEDULE

Item	2005 level	Committee recommendation
Capitol Division	\$12,816,000	\$14,530,000
Positions	271	273
Central Operations Division	\$14,901,000	\$16,592,000
Positions	294	302
Technology Development Services Division	\$10,470,000	\$11,787,000
Positions	127	134
IT Support Services Division	\$5,198,000	\$5,714,000
Positions	89	89

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE APPORTIONMENT
SCHEDULE—Continued

Item	2005 level	Committee recommendation
Staff Offices Division	\$7,250,000	\$8,077,000
Positions	94	95
Totals	\$50,635,000	\$56,700,000
Positions	875	893

The Committee expects to be notified in writing in a timely manner of any changes to the staffing levels or distribution of staff.

OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY

Appropriations, 2005	\$1,528,000
Budget estimate, 2006	1,584,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	1,584,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,584,000 for the offices of the secretaries for the majority and minority. The appropriation is to be equally divided, providing \$792,000 for each office.

AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS

Appropriations, 2005	\$33,779,000
Budget estimate, 2006	37,105,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	37,105,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$37,105,000 for agency contributions for employees paid under the appropriation, “Salaries, officers and employees,” and employees paid under the appropriation “Expenses of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control,” employees paid under the appropriation “Joint Economic Committee, and employees paid by the Senate Hair Care Services Revolving Fund.”

Agency contributions include the Senate’s contributions as an employer to the civil service retirement system, the Federal Employees’ Retirement System, the thrift savings plan, Federal employee group life insurance, Federal employee health insurance programs, and FICA. The Senate is required by law to make these payments, and the total required is dependent upon the number of Senate employees, their compensation levels, the benefit programs in which they are enrolled, and the extent of the benefits elected.

OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 2005	\$5,152,000
Budget estimate, 2006	5,437,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	5,437,000

For the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$5,437,000. The amount provided pays for the salaries, expenses, and agency contributions of the office.

OFFICE OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Appropriations, 2005	\$1,265,000
Budget estimate, 2006	1,306,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	1,306,000

The Office of Senate Legal Counsel was established pursuant to section 701 of Public Law 95–521. The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,306,000 for the Office. The amount provided pays for the salaries, expenses, and agency contributions of the Office.

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

Appropriations, 2005	\$24,000
Budget estimate, 2006	24,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	24,000

Section 119 of Public Law 97–51 authorized an expense allowance for the Secretary of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, the Secretary for the Majority, and the Secretary for the Minority. Since fiscal year 1983, the amount has been provided through a direct appropriation. The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$24,000, providing an allowance of \$6,000 for each office.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE

INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

Appropriations, 2005	\$110,000,000
Budget estimate, 2006	119,637,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	119,637,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$119,637,000 for inquiries and investigations by all Senate standing, special, and select committees.

This appropriation funds the liquidation of obligations incurred by committees under the authorization provided in Committee funding resolutions.

U.S. SENATE CAUCUS ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

Appropriations, 2005	\$520,000
Budget estimate, 2006	520,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	520,000

The Committee recommends \$520,000 for the expenses of the U.S. Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control. Established in 1985 by The Foreign Relations Authorization Act (Public Law 99–93), the Caucus was created to monitor and promote international compliance with narcotics control treaties and monitor and encourage U.S. Government and private programs seeking to expand international cooperation against drug abuse. The Caucus is composed of seven Senators and five members from the public sec-

tor with a chairman from the majority party and a co-chairman from the minority party.

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 2005	\$1,700,000
Budget estimate, 2006	1,900,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	1,980,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,980,000 for expenses of the Office of the Secretary. This is \$280,000 above the enacted level.

The Committee recommends \$80,000 for a study of employment compensation, hiring, and benefits practices of U.S. Senators' offices and general employment trends in the Senate.

The table printed below sets forth the apportionment of funds under this appropriation, followed by a brief description of the line items. Any deviation of more than 10 percent cumulatively from the stated levels for each item will require the customary prior approval of the Committee.

EXPENSES—OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

ITEM	AMOUNT AVAILABLE FISCAL YEAR 2005 PUBLIC LAW 108- 447	BUDGET ESTIMATE FISCAL YEAR 2006	DIFFERENCE
DEPARTMENTAL OPERATING BUDGET:			
EXECUTIVE OFFICE	\$525,000	\$550,000	\$25,000
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	1,135,000	1,290,000	155,000
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES	40,000	60,000	20,000
TOTALS	1,700,000	1,900,000	200,000

Typical expenditures of the Secretary of the Senate include:

Consultants.—Funding is provided for not to exceed two individual consultants as authorized by section 110 of Public Law 95-94, August 5, 1977, which amends section 101 of Public Law 95-26, May 4, 1977. Consultants employed under this authority shall not be paid in excess of the per diem equivalent of the highest gross rate of annual compensation which may be paid to employees of a standing committee of the Senate.

Legal Reference Volumes and Dictionaries.—Funding is provided to furnish U.S. Senators with volumes of the U.S. Code Annotated or U.S. Code service, pocket parts and supplements, as authorized by Public Law 92-51, July 9, 1971.

The Disbursing Office is responsible for providing the U.S. Code Annotated or the U.S. Code Service to Senators when they assume office and upon receipt of a written request of a Senator. In addition, dictionaries and dictionary stands are also furnished to Senators from funds provided in this account.

Contractual Legal and Administrative Services and Miscellaneous Expenses.—Funding is provided for various contractual, administrative, and miscellaneous expenses incurred by the Office of the Secretary. The Office of the Secretary of the Senate has contractual authority under Public Law 92-342, for the Federal Election Campaign Act and has utilized this authority to employ professional legal services in the past. In addition, the Office of the Secretary

has incurred various types of legal and other expenses which have been authorized by the Senate. Administrative services and miscellaneous expenses are housekeeping expenses of the Office of the Secretary.

Travel and Registration Fees.—Funding is provided for travel expenses and registration fees incurred by the Secretary of the Senate and the employees of the Office of the Secretary. This line item excludes funding for travel expenses for the Federal Election Campaign Act under the Office of Public Records, which is provided separately under the authority of Public Law 93–342.

The authority for the travel portion of this account was provided for by section 101 of Public Law 94–59, July 25, 1975. The current limitation for travel expenses was increased to \$10,000 (Section 102 of Public Law 97–12, June 5, 1981). Section 1 of Public Law 98–367, July 17, 1984, removed the not-to-exceed limitation on travel expenses for the Secretary of the Senate, during any fiscal year.

Orientation and Training.—Funding is provided for expenses incurred by the Secretary of the Senate to conduct orientation seminars or similar meetings for Senators, Senate officials, or members of staffs of Senators or Senate officials, not to exceed \$25,000, under the authority of 2 U.S.C. 69a.

The Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate is also authorized under these provisions to conduct seminars or similar meetings in the same manner and to the same extent as the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

Newspapers.—Funding is provided to furnish newspapers and magazines for official purposes to the Marble Room, leadership offices, Republican and Democratic Cloakrooms, Senate officers, and certain other offices.

Senate Service Awards.—Funding is provided for the issuance of service pins or emblems as authorized by Senate Resolution 21, September 10, 1965. Senate Resolution 21 authorizes the Secretary of the Senate, under the direction of the Committee on Rules and Administration and in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Committee, to procure such pins or emblems and award them to Members, officers, and employees of the Senate who are entitled.

Postage.—This account also provides funding for postage for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate for special delivery, registered mail, and additional postage not covered under the frank.

Education of Senate Pages.—Funding is provided for the education of Senate pages. Senate Resolution 184, July 29, 1983, authorized the Secretary of the Senate to enter into a contract, agreement, or other arrangement with the board of education of the District of Columbia, or to provide such educational services and items in such other manner as she may deem appropriate. Public Law 98–125, October 13, 1983, amended Public Law 98–51, July 14, 1983, striking out the heading and paragraph “Education of Pages” under the heading “Joint Items,” and redesignated the funds provided in Public Law 98–51 for the education of pages between the House of Representatives and the Senate. Each House is to provide for the education of its own pages.

Stationery.—Funding is provided for stationery supplies for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate. The funds provided have been allocated to the various departments of the Office of the Secretary.

Senate Commission on Art.—Funding is provided for the Senate Commission on Art, authorized by Public Law 100–696, November 18, 1988, to acquire any work of art, historical object, documents or material relating to historical matters, or exhibits for placement or exhibition within the Senate wing of the Capitol, any Senate office building, or in rooms, spaces, or corridors thereof, and to publish a Senate historical objects inventory and calendar of exhibits on display within the Senate wing of the Capitol and Senate office buildings.

The Senate Commission on Art was formerly the Commission on Arts and Antiquities, which was authorized by Senate Resolution 382, October 1, 1968, as amended by Senate Resolution 95, April 1, 1977, and Senate Resolution 400, March 23, 1988.

Representation Expenses.—Funding is provided (not to exceed \$50,000) to the Secretary of the Senate to coordinate and carry out responsibilities in connection with foreign parliamentary groups or other foreign officials visiting the United States. Authorized by section 2 of Public Law 101–163, November 21, 1989.

Office of Conservation and Preservation.—Funding is provided for the Office of Conservation and Preservation to develop and coordinate programs directly related to the conservation and protection of Senate records and materials for which the Secretary of the Senate has statutory authority.

Book Preservation.—Funding is provided for the Office of Conservation and Preservation to use outside sources for the preservation and protection of the Senate book collection, including historically valuable documents under the care of the Secretary of the Senate.

Office of Public Records.—Funding is provided for expenses of the Office of Public Records. This office has evolved through various pieces of legislation and various responsibilities authorized by the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended, the Ethics in Government Act, as amended, and the Lobbying Disclosure Act, as amended. Public Law 92–342, July 10, 1972, authorizes the Secretary of the Senate to procure technical support services, consultants, use of detailed employees and travel expenses in carrying out his duties under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. The Office of Public Records is mentioned for the first time in Public Law 93–145, November 1, 1973, which authorizes the Secretary of the Senate to appoint and fix the compensation of a superintendent and other positions for the Office of Public Records. In addition, under the authority of Public Law 95–521, October 26, 1978 (Ethics in Government Act) reports filed under section 101 shall be available for public inspection and a copy of the report shall be provided to any person upon request. Any person requesting a copy of a report may be required to pay a reasonable fee to cover the cost of reproduction. Any moneys received by the Secretary shall be deposited into the Office of Public Records Revolving Fund under the authority of Public Law 101–163, November 21, 1989. The office also performs functions such as registration of mass mailings.

Disbursing Office.—Funding is provided for expenses incurred in the operation of the disbursing office. Typical expenses for this office include online access charges for Department of Treasury systems, notary bonds, seals and supplies, necessary supplies in conjunction with the various machinery maintained in the office, which are not available in the stationery room, and necessary insurance policies required for the protection of the disbursing officer of the Senate for moneys assigned to his accountability.

Office of Captioning Services.—Funding is provided for the closed captioning of the televised Senate floor proceedings for the hearing impaired. Closed captioning was first authorized under the authority of Public Law 101–163, November 21, 1989.

Senate Chief Counsel for Employment.—Funding is provided for the Office of the Senate Chief Counsel for Employment. This office is a nonpartisan office formed in May 1993 at the direction of the joint leadership and is charged with providing legal advice and representation of Senate offices in all areas of employment law.

SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 2005	\$127,182,000
Budget estimate, 2006	162,225,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	142,000,000

The Committee recommends the appropriation of \$142,000,000 for expenses of the Sergeant at Arms, a reduction of \$20,225,000 below the request, to remain available until September 30, 2010.

The increase of \$14,818,000 above the enacted level is largely associated with the planned modernization of the Senate telecommunications system, as well as security initiatives.

The following table compares the component categories within this account for fiscal year 2005 and 2006 Committee recommendation.

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE APPORTIONMENT SCHEDULE

Item	2005 level	Committee recommendation
Capitol Division	\$5,820,000	\$10,368,000
Central Operations Division	41,368,000	36,593,000
Technology Development Services Division	26,667,000	29,366,000
IT Support Services Division	50,145,000	61,213,000
Staff Offices Division	3,182,000	4,460,000
Totals	127,182,000	142,000,000

The Committee directs that the Sergeant at Arms provide to the Committee a spending plan prior to the beginning of fiscal year 2006. Any deviation of more than 10 percent cumulatively from the level for each item in the spending plan will require the customary approval of the Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Appropriations, 2005	\$18,326,000
Budget estimate, 2006	18,326,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	17,000,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$17,000,000 for miscellaneous items, a decrease of \$1,326,000 below the budget estimate.

Any deviation of more than 10 percent cumulatively from the stated levels for each item will require the customary prior approval of the Committee.

The following table sets forth the apportionment of funds under this appropriation:

FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS—APPORTIONMENT SCHEDULE

ITEM	AMOUNT AUTHORIZED FISCAL YEAR 2005 PUBLIC LAW 108-447	BUDGET ESTIMATE FISCAL YEAR 2006	DIFFERENCE
Resolution and reorganization reserve	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	.....
Unallocated	5,935,600.00	4,292,000.00	(\$1,643,600.00)
Reserve for contingencies (miscellaneous items)	1,000,000.00	800,000.00	(200,000.00)
Employees' compensation fund reimbursement (worker's compensation)	906,900.00	923,500.00	16,600.00
Mailing of Town Meeting Notices (Public Law 108-447, dated Dec. 8, 2004)	500,000.00	500,000.00	.....
John Heinz Fellowship Program (S. Res. 356, dated Oct. 7, 1992, S. Res. 238, dated July 1, 1994, S. Res. 180 dated Sept. 30, 1999, S. Res. 428, dated Sept. 23, 2004) (expires Sept. 30, 2009)	85,000.00	85,000.00	.....
Reception of foreign dignitaries (S. Res. 247, dated Feb. 7, 1962, as amended by S. Res. 370, dated Oct. 10, 2000)	30,000.00	30,000.00	.....
Foreign travel—Members and employees (S. Res. 179, dated May 25, 1977)	125,000.00	125,000.00	.....
Federal employees compensation account (Public Law 96-499, dated Dec. 5, 1980) (Unemployment Compensation)	1,750,000.00	1,750,000.00	.....
Conferences for the Majority and Minority (Public Laws: 97-51, dated Jan. 3, 1983, 101-250, dated Nov. 5, 1990, and 107-68, dated Nov. 12, 2001)	300,000.00	300,000.00	.....
Policy Committees for the Majority and Minority (Public Law 104-53, dated Nov. 19, 1995)	150,000.00	150,000.00	.....
Postage	6,000.00	¹ 6,000.00	.....
Stationery	16,500.00	² 16,500.00	.....
Consultants—including agency contributions (2 USC 61h-6 as amended)	3,000,000.00	3,500,000.00	500,000.00
National Security Working Group (S. Res. 480, November 21, 2004) (expires Dec. 31, 2006)	700,000.00	700,000.00	.....
Committee on Appropriations (Public Law 105-275, dated Oct. 21, 1998)	950,000.00	950,000.00	.....
Office of the Chaplain (Public Law 108-199, dated Jan. 23, 2004)	50,000.00	50,000.00	.....
Senate Child Care Center: Agency Contribution costs authorized by Public Laws 102-90, dated Aug. 14, 1991 and 103-50, dated July 2, 1993	300,000.00	300,000.00	.....

FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS—APPORTIONMENT SCHEDULE—Continued

ITEM	AMOUNT AUTHORIZED FISCAL YEAR 2005 PUBLIC LAW 108-447	BUDGET ESTIMATE FISCAL YEAR 2006	DIFFERENCE
Training classes, conferences, & travel expenses as authorized by Public Law 104-197, dated Sept. 16, 1996	21,000.00	22,000.00	1,000.00
Total	18,326,000.00	17,000,000.00	(1,326,000.00)
¹ Postage Apportionment (Fiscal Year 2006):			
President of the Senate			\$2,700
Secretary for the Majority			1,100
Secretary for the Minority			1,100
Chaplain			1,100
TOTAL			6,000
² Stationery Apportionment (Fiscal year 2006):			
President of the Senate			\$8,000
Conference of the Majority			300
Conference of the Minority			300
Chaplain			700
Senate Chamber			7,200
TOTAL			16,500

Resolution and Reorganization Reserve.—This line item is used to cover the costs of Senate resolutions and public laws that authorize expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate that do not have specific appropriations for such purpose.

Reserve for Contingencies.—This line item includes payment for gratuities for family members of deceased Senate employees; damage to automobiles in the Senate parking lots; contractual, legal, and administrative services; and miscellaneous expenses, and is controlled by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Employees' Compensation Fund Reimbursements (Worker's Compensation).—Reimbursements made to the U.S. Department of Labor for total benefits and other payments made on behalf of Senate employees from the employees' compensation fund.

Reception of Foreign Dignitaries.—The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to expend not to exceed \$30,000 each fiscal year to receive foreign dignitaries under the authority of Senate Resolution 247, agreed to February 7, 1962, as amended.

John Heinz Fellowship Program.—This fellowship program was first authorized by S. Res. 356 and extended by S. Res. 238, and S. Res. 180. It is authorized through September 30, 2009 and provides for up to 2 fellows each calendar year. The appointing authority is the Secretary of the Senate.

Foreign Travel—Members and Employees.—Senate Resolution 179, agreed to May 25, 1977, authorized payment from the contingent fund of the Senate, of the domestic portion of transportation costs and travel expenses incurred by Members and employees of the Senate when engaged in authorized foreign travel.

Federal Employees' Compensation Account (Unemployment Compensation).—This line item provides for expenses incurred for the Senate to reimburse the Federal employees' compensation account, pursuant to Public Law 96-499, approved December 5, 1980, for unemployment compensation payments made to Senate employees.

Conferences for the Majority and Minority.—The amount recommended provides for the expenses of the majority and minority conference committees.

Policy Committees for the Majority and Minority.—The amount recommended provides for the expenses of the majority and minority policy committees.

Postage.—Provides for postage allowances for the President of the Senate, Secretary of the Majority, Secretary of the Minority, and Senate Chaplain.

Stationery.—Provides funds for stationery and office supplies for the President of the Senate, conference committees of the Senate, Office of the Chaplain, and the Senate Chamber.

Consultants—Including Agency Contributions.—Provides authority for the appointment and payment of consultants to the majority and minority leaders, president pro tempore, president pro tempore emeritus, and the legislative counsel. The following summarizes the current authority and limitations:

Majority leader: Nine consultants at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. All of the consultants may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

Minority leader: Nine consultants at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. All of the consultants may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

Legislative counsel (subject to President Pro Tempore approval): Two consultants at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. All of the consultants may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

President Pro Tempore: Two consultants at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. The consultants may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

President Pro Tempore Emeritus: One consultant at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. The consultants may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

Senate National Security Working Group.—Provides funding for the Senate National Security Working Group, under the authority of Senate Resolution 75, agreed to March 25, 1999. The Senate National Security Working Group was formerly the Senate Arms Control Observer Group.

Committee on Appropriations.—Pursuant to Public Law 105–275 provides funding for administrative expenses for the Committee on Appropriations.

Senate Employees' Child Care Center—Agency Contributions.—Provides for the payment of agency contribution costs as authorized by Public Law 102–90, approved August 14, 1991, and Public Law 103–50, approved July 2, 1993, for employees of the Senate Employees' Child Care Center. The Senate Employees' Child Care Center is intended primarily for the children of members and employees of the Senate.

Senate Employees' Child Care Center—Training Classes and Conference Costs.—Provides for the reimbursement of any individual employed by the Senate Employees' Child Care Center for the cost of training classes and conferences in connection with the provision

of child care services and for travel, transportation, and subsistence expenses incurred in connection with the training classes and conferences, as authorized by Public Law 104–197, approved September 16, 1996.

Student Loan Repayment Program.—Provides for the repayment of student loans at a maximum of \$500 per month, for eligible employees at the discretion of the employing office, to enhance recruitment and retention of Senate staff.

SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Appropriations, 2005	\$320,660,000
Budget estimate, 2006	364,985,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	350,000,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation for fiscal year 2006 of \$350,000,000 for the Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account.

This account funds salaries and benefits of Senators' staffs as well as the office expense allowance for Senators' offices. The Senators' official personnel and office expense allowance [SOPOEA] is comprised of three components. Two of these are for salaries of personnel in Senators' offices.

The allowance for administrative and clerical assistance is based on the population of States, beginning with States with a population of fewer than 5 million people to States with a population of 28 million or more. The table illustrates the allowances per population category and the States which fall into those categories. The estimate for fiscal year 2006 totals \$207,529,496.

The second component of the salaries allowance is for legislative assistance to Senators, as authorized by Public Law 95–94. This allowance provides funding for three positions in each Senator's office at an annual rate of \$157,559 for a total of \$472,677 per office, or \$47,267,700 for all 100 Senators.

The third component of the SOPOEA is for office expenses and totals \$20,128,942. Each Senator's office is allocated an amount for office expenses, as displayed in the following table. In addition, an amount of \$200,000 is provided to cover additional expenses that may be incurred in the event of the death or resignation of a Senator, and to provide for transitional expenses during election years subject to regulations set by the Committee on Rules and Administration with respect to official mail.

It should be noted that the amounts provided for the various components of the SOPOEA are interchangeable. Amounts provided for salaries may be used for expenses, and vice versa, subject to regulations set by the Committee on Rules and Administration with respect to official mail. It should also be noted that the figures in the following table are preliminary, and that official notification of member budgets is issued by the Financial Clerk of the Senate after final passage of this bill.

The following table illustrates the several components of the SOPOEA.

SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE—FISCAL YEAR 2006

State	Admin. & Cler. Assist Allowance 10/1/2005	Legislative Assist Allowance 10/1/2005	O.O.E.A Allowance 10/1/2005	Total Allowance 10/1/2005
Alabama	\$1,926,936	\$472,677	\$184,735	\$2,584,348
Alaska	1,926,936	472,677	253,317	2,652,930
Arizona	1,989,000	472,677	204,115	2,665,792
Arkansas	1,926,936	472,677	169,951	2,569,564
California	3,170,602	472,677	468,102	4,111,381
Colorado	1,926,936	472,677	191,811	2,591,424
Connecticut	1,926,936	472,677	161,063	2,560,676
Delaware	1,926,936	472,677	128,580	2,528,193
Florida	2,733,805	472,677	312,749	3,519,231
Georgia	2,175,203	472,677	219,805	2,867,685
Hawaii	1,926,936	472,677	280,432	2,680,045
Idaho	1,926,936	472,677	165,569	2,565,182
Illinois	2,423,469	472,677	266,601	3,162,747
Indiana	2,051,068	472,677	196,265	2,720,010
Iowa	1,926,936	472,677	171,230	2,570,843
Kansas	1,926,936	472,677	169,383	2,568,996
Kentucky	1,926,936	472,677	178,622	2,578,235
Louisiana	1,926,936	472,677	186,973	2,586,586
Maine	1,926,936	472,677	149,007	2,548,620
Maryland	1,989,000	472,677	172,317	2,633,994
Massachusetts	2,051,068	472,677	195,887	2,719,632
Michigan	2,299,337	472,677	235,669	3,007,683
Minnesota	1,989,000	472,677	189,416	2,651,093
Mississippi	1,926,936	472,677	170,107	2,569,720
Missouri	1,989,000	472,677	198,196	2,659,873
Montana	1,926,936	472,677	162,836	2,562,449
Nebraska	1,926,936	472,677	161,386	2,560,999
Nevada	1,926,936	472,677	175,667	2,575,280
New Hampshire	1,926,936	472,677	143,686	2,543,299
New Jersey	2,175,203	472,677	206,340	2,854,220
New Mexico	1,926,936	472,677	167,620	2,567,233
New York	2,813,220	472,677	321,468	3,607,365
North Carolina	2,175,203	472,677	218,610	2,866,490
North Dakota	1,926,936	472,677	150,610	2,550,223
Ohio	2,361,404	472,677	256,425	3,090,506
Oklahoma	1,926,936	472,677	181,833	2,581,446
Oregon	1,926,936	472,677	190,942	2,590,555
Pennsylvania	2,423,469	472,677	263,491	3,159,637
Rhode Island	1,926,936	472,677	139,216	2,538,829
South Carolina	1,926,936	472,677	175,132	2,574,745
South Dakota	1,926,936	472,677	152,477	2,552,090
Tennessee	1,989,000	472,677	195,417	2,657,094
Texas	2,932,350	472,677	365,096	3,770,123
Utah	1,926,936	472,677	171,078	2,570,691
Vermont	1,926,936	472,677	137,117	2,536,730
Virginia	2,113,135	472,677	196,735	2,782,547
Washington	2,051,068	472,677	215,952	2,739,697
West Virginia	1,926,936	472,677	148,988	2,548,601
Wisconsin	1,989,000	472,677	192,702	2,654,379
Wyoming	1,926,936	472,677	153,745	2,553,358
TOTAL	103,764,748	23,633,850	10,064,471	137,463,069
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GRAND TOTAL	207,529,496	47,267,700	20,128,942	274,926,138

According to the most recent employment data compiled by the Secretary of the Senate, as of April 30, 2005, there were 4,228 individuals employed in Senators' offices throughout the United States and covered by this appropriation.

In addition to providing funds for compensation of employees within Senators' offices, this appropriation also provides for agency

contributions for those employees; that is, the Senate's share, as an employer, of the various employee benefit programs for which Senate employees are eligible. These payments are mandatory, and fluctuate according to the programs in which employees are enrolled, the level of compensation, and the degree of participation. Budget requests for this account prepared by the Financial Clerk must be based on both experience and evaluation of trends. The fiscal year 2006 request for this account anticipates \$83,553,000 in agency contribution costs.

The amount recommended by the Committee for the SOPOEA is less than would be required to cover all obligations that could be incurred under the authorized allowances for all Senators. The Committee is able to recommend an appropriation of a lesser amount than potentially necessary because Senators typically do not obligate funds up to the absolute ceiling of their respective allowances. Evidence of this can be found in the semiannual report of the Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE OFFICIAL MAIL COSTS

Appropriations, 2005	\$300,000
Budget estimate, 2006	300,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	300,000

For the official mail costs of the Senate, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$300,000, which is the same as the budget request.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 1. ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL ALLOWANCE. This provision increases by \$50,000 the allowance for administrative and clerical assistance.

SEC. 2. CONSULTANTS. This provision increases by one each, the number of consultants authorized for the majority and minority leaders for fiscal year 2006.

SEC. 3. UNITED STATES SENATE COLLECTION. This provision extends for 1 year the availability of funds for the Senate art collection.

SEC. 4. SENATE COMMISSION ON ART. This provision enables the U.S. Senate Commission on Art to use the Senate Preservation Fund (up to \$10,000 per year) for payments for receptions, meals and food related expenses.

SEC. 5. ABSENCES. This section eliminates a provision of 2 U.S.C. 39, relative to member absences from the Senate, which has no practical application in today's Senate and was last acted upon in 1865.

SEC. 6. MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN CONSULTANT REQUIREMENT. This provision amends section 10(a)(5) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Appropriation, 2005	\$1,079,354,000
Budget estimate, 2006	1,127,817,000
House allowance	1,092,407,000
Committee recommendation	1,092,407,000

In keeping with the longstanding tradition of comity between the Houses on matters pertaining solely to one House, the Committee concurs with the House allowance of \$1,092,407,000 for the House of Representatives.

JOINT ITEMS

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Appropriations, 2005	\$4,139,000
Budget estimate, 2006	4,276,000
House allowance	4,276,000
Committee recommendation	4,276,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$4,276,000 for the Joint Economic Committee. This is an increase of \$137,000 over the enacted level owing to anticipated cost-of-living increases. The JEC performs research and economic analysis, and monitors and analyzes current economic, financial, and employment condition.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Appropriations, 2005	\$8,366,000
Budget estimate, 2006	8,781,000
House allowance	8,781,000
Committee recommendation	8,781,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$8,781,000 for salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Taxation. This is an increase of \$415,000 over the enacted level primarily to accommodate cost-of-living increases.

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

Appropriations, 2005	\$2,508,000
Budget estimate, 2006	2,545,000
House allowance	2,545,000
Committee recommendation	2,545,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$2,545,000 for the Office of the Attending Physician. The Office was first established by House Resolution 253, adopted December 5, 1928.

CAPITOL GUIDE AND SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE

Appropriations, 2005	\$3,844,000
Budget estimate, 2006	4,098,000
House allowance	4,268,000
Committee recommendation	4,098,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$4,098,000 for the Capitol Guide and Special Services Office, the same as the amended budget request. This provides for 72 full-time equivalent employees.

STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriations, 2005	\$30,000
Budget estimate, 2006	30,000
House allowance	30,000
Committee recommendation	30,000

The Committee recommends \$30,000 for the preparation of detailed statements of appropriations as required by law. This account is used as payment for the preparation of the volumes, "Statements on Appropriations," for the first session of the 109th Congress. These volumes show annual appropriations made, indefinite appropriations, and contracts authorized, along with a chronological history of regular appropriations bills. The volumes are compiled jointly by the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations pursuant to a directive in the Legislative Appropriations Act of June 7, 1924.

CAPITOL POLICE

	<i>Recommended</i>
Salaries	\$222,600,000
Expenses	42,000,000
Total, Capitol Police	264,600,000

The Committee recommends \$264,600,000 for the U.S. Capitol Police. This is an increase of \$23,131,000 over fiscal year 2005 and a decrease of \$25,539,000 below the request, reflecting more accurate projections of requirements.

SALARIES

Appropriations, 2005	\$201,812,000
Budget estimate, 2006	230,191,000
House allowance	210,350,000
Committee recommendation	222,600,000

The Committee recommendation totals \$222,600,000 for salaries, an increase of \$20,788,000 over the enacted level and a decrease of \$7,591,000 below the request. This level will support the current staffing level of 1,592 officers and 411 civilian staff, and will accommodate the anticipated cost of living adjustment and estimated overtime requirements. In addition, the amount recommended would enable the USCP to begin hiring officers for the Capitol Visitor Center (estimated at 14 FTE for fiscal year 2006).

The amount provided covers salaries, benefits, and overtime costs. Capitol Police personnel are also eligible for hazardous duty pay and comparability pay similar to locality pay adjustments granted other Federal law enforcement personnel in the Washington, DC, area.

GENERAL EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2005	¹ \$39,657,000
Budget estimate, 2006	59,948,000
House allowance	29,345,000
Committee recommendation	42,000,000

¹ Includes \$11,000,000 in supplemental funds provided in Public Law 109-13.

The Committee recommends \$42,000,000 for general expenses of the Capitol Police, an increase of \$2,343,000 over fiscal year 2005. The Committee has included funds for all critical expense items.

Expenses include office supplies and equipment, laundry and dry-cleaning, communications, motor vehicles, uniforms and equipment, investigations, training, and miscellaneous items.

Necessary expenses are included to continue the mounted horse unit.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 1001. TRANSFER AUTHORITY. The Committee has included a routine provision which allows for funds to be transferred between the “Salaries” and “General expenses” accounts.

SEC. 1002. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS SECURITY. This provision continues current authority of the USCP to fill Library of Congress police vacancies with Capitol Police Officers. The Committee commends USCP for its efforts in improving the security of the LOC and working diligently to implement the memorandum of understanding [MOU] governing the detail of USCP officers to the LOC. The Committee expects the USCP to fill LOC police vacancies in fiscal year 2006.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2005	\$2,402,000
Budget estimate, 2006	3,112,000
House allowance	3,112,000
Committee recommendation	3,112,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,112,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of Compliance, an increase of \$710,000 over fiscal year 2005. The Committee notes that \$470,000 is required to complete the 109th Congress biennial health and safety inspection.

The Committee has not recommended a representation allowance for the Executive Director.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2005	\$34,640,000
Budget estimate, 2006	35,853,000
House allowance	35,450,000
Committee recommendation	35,853,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$35,853,000 for the Congressional Budget Office. The amount recommended represents an increase of \$1,213,000 over the enacted level to cover anticipated pay and price level increases for the current staffing level of 235 FTE.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 1100. WAIVER OF CERTAIN CLAIMS. The Committee recommends an amendment to Section 5584 of title 5, United States Code, to include the Congressional Budget Office. Section 5584 of title 5 authorizes agencies to waive overpayment of pay and travel expenses, and establishes limits and standards for such waivers. When originally enacted in 1968, section 5584 applied only to Executive branch agencies. In 1974, it was amended to include the Gov-

ernment Printing Office, the Library of Congress, the Architect of the Capitol, and the Botanic Garden.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

The Committee has recommended a funding level of \$427,212,000 for all activities of the Architect of the Capitol, including temporary and construction management division staff. The amount recommended is \$79,268,000 below the request.

The following table shows the request and the Committee recommendation:

Appropriation	2005 appropriation ¹	Fiscal year 2006 request	2006 recommendation
General Administration	\$79,704,000	\$76,982,000	\$76,522,000
Capitol Building	28,626,000	27,105,000	25,380,000
Capitol Grounds	15,118,000	7,801,000	7,061,000
Senate Office Buildings	61,586,000	65,564,000	67,004,000
House Office Buildings	64,830,000	68,698,000	59,616,000
Capitol Power Plant	56,379,000	59,255,000	58,817,000
Library Buildings and Grounds	39,776,000	83,318,000	70,948,000
Capitol Visitor Center .....	.....	72,185,000	44,200,000
Capitol Police Buildings and Grounds	9,906,000	34,959,000	10,031,000
Botanic Garden	6,275,000	10,613,000	7,633,000
Total ²	362,200,000	506,480,000	427,212,000

¹ Including rescission and supplemental appropriations.

² Excludes House Office Buildings.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2005	\$79,704,000
Budget estimate, 2006	76,982,000
House allowance	77,002,000
Committee recommendation	76,522,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$76,522,000 for general administration. This will accommodate an FTE level of 362.

The General Administration appropriation provides funding for salaries and related benefits of the Architect, officers, administrative and support staff, including engineering and architecture employees. This account also provides for administrative items such as agency-wide contractual services; surveys and studies; information technology; and safety engineering operations.

The following table displays the budget detail.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
FISCAL YEAR 2006 OPERATING BUDGET		
Personal Services	\$45,167,000	\$45,167,000
Rent, Communications, Utilities, Travel & Printing	6,047,000	6,047,000
Other Services	18,688,000	18,688,000
Supplies	927,000	927,000
Equipment	5,693,000	5,693,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	76,522,000	76,522,000

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—Continued
[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
FISCAL YEAR 2006 PROJECT BUDGET		
Load Bank (1,000kw, 480–208V)	40,000	.....
Load Bank Connections (Various Buildings)	70,000	.....
Study, Emergency Power Requirements	350,000	.....
Subtotal, Project Budget	460,000	.....
Total, General Administration	76,982,000	76,522,000

The Committee has not recommended funds for two projects that will be funded through a fiscal year 2005 reprogramming.

The Committee is concerned about the underexecution of payroll dollars and associated full-time equivalent positions and expects better management of payroll and FTEs.

CAPITOL BUILDING

Appropriations, 2005	\$28,626,000
Budget estimate, 2006	27,105,000
House allowance	22,097,000
Committee recommendation	25,380,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$25,380,000 for necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol. Of this, \$10,055,000 is available until September 30, 2010. This funding will support 178 FTE.

The following table displays the budget detail.

CAPITOL BUILDING
[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
FISCAL YEAR 2006 OPERATING BUDGET		
Personal Services	\$10,518,000	\$10,518,000
Other Services	3,101,000	3,101,000
Supplies	666,000	666,000
Equipment	245,000	245,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	14,530,000	14,530,000
FISCAL YEAR 2006 PROJECT BUDGET		
Replacement of Minton Tile	625,000	225,000
Computer, Telecom, & Electrical Support	300,000	300,000
Restoration of East Front Bronze Doors	720,000	270,000
Emergency Power Upgrades, House Chamber, USC	120,000	120,000
Minor Construction	2,500,000	2,500,000
Emergency Exit Signs and Lighting, CB	1,000,000	1,000,000
Emergency Electrical Service Upgrade, CB	2,980,000	2,980,000
Compartment Barriers and Horizontal Exits, CB	2,630,000	1,755,000
West Terrace Egress Doors and Stairs, CB	1,700,000	1,700,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	12,575,000	10,850,000
Total, Capitol Building	27,105,000	25,380,000

The Committee expects the Capitol Visitor Center, once operational, will be treated as an extension of the Capitol Building, and the Superintendent of the Capitol Building will be given the necessary resources for the care and maintenance of the facility.

CAPITOL GROUNDS

Appropriations, 2005	¹ \$15,118,000
Budget estimate, 2006	7,801,000
House allowance	7,723,000
Committee recommendation	7,061,000

¹ Includes \$8,200,000 in supplemental appropriations (Public Law 109-13.)

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$7,061,000 for Capitol Grounds for the care and improvements of the grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant. The Committee expects AOC to employ an adequate number of grounds staff (71 FTE) to ensure appropriate care and maintenance of the Capitol Grounds.

The following table displays the budget detail.

CAPITOL GROUNDS [Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
FISCAL YEAR 2006 OPERATING BUDGET		
Personal Services	\$5,122,000	\$5,122,000
Travel	2,000	2,000
Other Services	1,131,000	1,131,000
Supplies	392,000	392,000
Equipment	197,000	197,000
Insurance Claims and Indemnities	2,000	2,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	6,846,000	6,846,000
FISCAL YEAR 2006 PROJECT BUDGET		
CVC Land Restoration	50,000	50,000
National Garden Sidewalks	165,000	165,000
East Front Plantings	740,000	.....
Subtotal, Project Budget	955,000	215,000
Total, Capitol Grounds	7,801,000	7,061,000

The Committee has not recommended funding for east front plantings as this is a Capitol Visitor Center project.

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Appropriations, 2005	\$61,586,000
Budget estimate, 2006	65,564,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	67,004,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$67,004,000 and 562 FTE for maintenance of the Senate office buildings, of which \$15,745,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2010.

The following table displays the budget detail.

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS
[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
FISCAL YEAR 2006 OPERATING BUDGET		
Personal Services	\$32,612,000	\$32,612,000
Rent, Communications, Utilities, and Travel	8,701,000	8,701,000
Other Services	3,554,000	3,554,000
Supplies	2,812,000	2,757,000
Equipment	1,653,000	1,648,000
Insurance Claims and Indemnities	2,000	2,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	49,334,000	49,274,000
FISCAL YEAR 2006 PROJECT BUDGET		
Refinish Historic Woodwork	285,000	285,000
Seal Fire Wall Penetrations, HSOB & DSOB	300,000	300,000
Replace Carpet, HSOB	300,000	300,000
Point, Caulk, and Clean, RSOB	200,000	200,000
Legislative Call System Upgrade, Phase I	400,000	400,000
Electrical and Data Wire Management	40,000	40,000
Rotunda Electrical and Data Wire Management	75,000	75,000
Network Transformer Replacement	90,000	90,000
Fire Alarm Replacement SCCG & SWPR	100,000	100,000
Tunnel Fire Protection Upgrades	250,000	250,000
Color Coded Egress	100,000	100,000
Egress Improvements	500,000	500,000
Smoke Management System Installation	150,000	150,000
Minor Construction	3,000,000	4,000,000
Emergency Lighting Upgrades, HSOB	3,600,000	3,600,000
Replace Modular Furniture, HSOB	3,900,000	3,900,000
Public Restroom Upgrades, South Stack, HSOB	2,400,000	2,400,000
High Voltage Switchgear Replacement, HSOB	540,000	540,000
Repair Marble Floors and Clean Arch Surfaces .....	.....	500,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	16,230,000	17,730,000
Total, Senate Office Buildings	65,564,000	67,004,000

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Appropriation, 2005	\$64,830,000
Budget estimate, 2006	68,698,000
House allowance	59,616,000
Committee recommendation	59,616,000

The Committee has included funds for maintenance of House office buildings at the level recommended by the House in H.R. 2985. As this item pertains solely to the House, the Committee makes no independent judgment on the House allowance.

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

Appropriations, 2005	\$56,379,000
Budget estimate, 2006	59,255,000
House allowance	58,585,000
Committee recommendation	58,817,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$58,817,000 and 95 FTE for the operations of the Capitol Power Plant. This is supplemented by \$6,500,000 in reimbursements, for a total of \$65,317,000. This is \$4,573,000 above the enacted level and

\$438,000 below the request. Of the amount provided, \$1,600,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2010.

The Power Plant provides heat, light, power, and air-conditioning for the Capitol, Senate and House office buildings, and the Library of Congress buildings; heat, light, and power for the Botanic Garden and the Senate and House Garages; light for the Capitol Grounds' street, park, and floodlighting system; steam heat for the Government Printing Office and Washington City Post Office, also known as Postal Square; and steam heat and air-conditioning for the Union Station complex, Folger Shakespeare Library, the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building, and the U.S. Supreme Court Building on a reimbursable basis.

Within the operating budget, 79 percent of the recommended amount is for the purchase of electricity from the local private utility, payment to the government of the District of Columbia for the provision of water and sewer services, and the procurement of boiler fuel, as displayed in the following table.

FISCAL YEAR 2006 ESTIMATED UTILITY COSTS

	Committee recommendation
Purchase of electrical energy	\$22,469,000
Purchase of natural gas	7,270,000
Purchase of steam	571,000
Purchase of chilled water	626,000
Purchase of coal	6,847,000
Purchase of oil	3,117,000
Water and sewer payments	3,784,000
Total	44,684,000

The balance of this appropriation supports a work force to operate and maintain the Power Plant.

The following table displays the budget detail.

CAPITOL POWER PLANT [Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
FISCAL YEAR 2006 OPERATING BUDGET		
Personal Services	\$9,500,000	\$9,500,000
Rent, Communications, Utilities & Travel	41,551,000	41,551,000
Other Services	2,240,000	2,240,000
Supplies	9,190,000	9,190,000
Equipment	556,000	556,000
Reimbursement	(6,500,000)	(6,500,000)
Subtotal, Operating Budget	56,537,000	56,537,000
FISCAL YEAR 2006 PROJECT BUDGET		
Replace Air Compressors with Centrifugal Units	230,000	230,000
Replace Ash Handling System	230,000	.....
Replace Hotwell with Condensate Receiver	240,000	240,000
Main Dozer and Track Mobile	418,000	210,000
CPP Beautification (Design)	1,000,000	1,000,000
Egress Improvements, (Design)	600,000	600,000

CAPITOL POWER PLANT—Continued
[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Subtotal, Project Budget	2,718,000	2,280,000
Total, Capitol Power Plant	59,255,000	58,817,000

The Committee notes the Government Accountability Office recently completed a report entitled “Capitol Power Plant: Actions Needed to Improve Operating Efficiency.” The Committee supports AOC’s efforts to implement the GAO recommendations, specifically streamlining staffing, using the most economically priced boiler fuel, and implementing prudent operational and organizational changes. GAO estimates that implementation of these recommendations would save \$7,000,000 in annual operating expenses.

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Appropriations, 2005	\$39,776,000
Budget estimate, 2006	83,318,000
House allowance	31,318,000
Committee recommendation	70,948,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$70,948,000 and 187 FTE for the care and maintenance of the Library buildings and grounds by the Architect of the Capitol, of which \$42,950,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2010. The recommendation is \$31,172,000 above the enacted amount for fiscal year 2005 and \$12,370,000 below the request.

The following table displays the budget detail.

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
FISCAL YEAR 2006 OPERATING BUDGET		
Personal Services	\$11,524,000	\$11,524,000
Transportation of Things	15,000	15,000
Other Services	6,784,000	6,784,000
Supplies	2,041,000	2,041,000
Equipment	359,000	359,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	20,723,000	20,723,000
FISCAL YEAR 2006 PROJECT BUDGET		
Preservation Environmental Monitoring	80,000	80,000
Replace Sidewalks, JAB & TJB	100,000	100,000
Replace Partitions Support, JMMB	250,000	250,000
Painting of Interior Arches, TJB	245,000	245,000
Repair Life Safety Deficiencies	400,000	400,000
Upgrade Filtration Efficiency to 95 percent	700,000	700,000
Copyright Office Reconfiguration	5,500,000	5,500,000
Book Storage Modules 3 & 4	40,700,000	40,700,000
Smoke Detector Upgrades, JAB	3,700,000	.....
Smoke Detector Upgrades, JMMB	3,700,000	.....
High Voltage Switchgear Replacement, JMMB	1,180,000	.....
High Voltage Switchgear Replacement, TJB	1,090,000	.....

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS—Continued
[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Condition Assessment—All LOC Facilities	2,400,000	.....
Copyright Deposit Facility, Fort Meade	800,000	800,000
TJB Decks, B, C, & D (Design)	450,000	450,000
Minor Construction	1,300,000	1,000,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	62,595,000	50,225,000
Total, Library Buildings & Grounds	83,318,000	70,948,000

The Committee recommends funds for the highest-priority Library projects, specifically the book storage modules at Fort Meade (\$40,700,000) and the copyright office reconfiguration (\$5,500,000).

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Appropriations, 2005	¹ \$9,906,000
Budget estimate, 2006	34,959,000
House allowance	16,830,000
Committee recommendation	10,031,000

¹ Includes \$4,100,000 in supplemental appropriations provided in Public Law 109–13.

The Committee recommends \$10,031,000 and 12 FTE for Capitol Police Buildings and Grounds, an increase of \$125,000 over the current level. The decrease of \$24,928,000 below the request reflects elimination of funding for the off-site delivery facility (design of which was funded in the fiscal year 2005 emergency supplemental, Public Law 109–13), as well as revised lease estimates for the Fairchild building.

The following table displays the budget detail.

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
FISCAL YEAR 2006 OPERATING BUDGET		
Personal Services	\$421,000	\$421,000
Rent, Communications, & Transportation of Things	8,068,000	6,640,000
Other Services	2,134,000	2,134,000
Supplies	50,000	50,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	10,673,000	9,245,000
FISCAL YEAR 2006 PROJECT BUDGET		
USCP Furniture Replacement	500,000	500,000
HVAC Replacement, Crib	116,000	116,000
Backup Power-Fairchild Building	70,000	70,000
Update USCP Master Plan	50,000	50,000
Energy Survey, USCP	50,000	50,000
Minor Construction	500,000	.....
Off-Site Delivery/Screening Center, USCP	23,000,000	.....
Subtotal, Project Budget	24,286,000	786,000
Total, Capitol Police Buildings & Grounds	34,959,000	10,031,000

BOTANIC GARDEN

Appropriations, 2005	\$6,275,000
Budget estimate, 2006	10,613,000
House allowance	7,211,000
Committee recommendation	7,633,000

The Committee recommends \$7,633,000 for salaries and expenses of the Botanic Garden, and an FTE ceiling of 66 (including four FTE for the National Garden). This is \$2,980,000 below the request level. Changes from the request include a reduction of \$3,500,000, reflecting the fact that the conservatory construction claim will be funded through a fiscal year 2005 reprogramming. Also, the Committee recommends \$520,000 for operations of the National Garden.

The following table displays the budget detail.

BOTANIC GARDEN

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
FISCAL YEAR 2006 OPERATING BUDGET		
Personal Services	\$4,883,000	\$4,883,000
Travel & Transportation of Things	8,000	8,000
Other Services	665,000	665,000
Supplies	745,000	745,000
Equipment	65,000	65,000
National Garden Operations		520,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	6,366,000	6,886,000
FISCAL YEAR 2006 PROJECT BUDGET		
Partnership Support	300,000	300,000
Fire Alarm System Upgrade, Production Facility	187,000	187,000
Vehicle Replacement	60,000	60,000
Conservatory Construction Claim	3,500,000	
Administration Building Improvements	200,000	200,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	4,247,000	747,000
Total, Botanic Garden	10,613,000	7,633,000

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Appropriations, 2005:	
CVC Project	
CVC Operations	
Budget estimate, 2006:	
CVC Project	\$36,900,000
CVC Operations	35,285,000
House allowance:	
CVC Project	36,900,000
CVC Operations	
Committee recommendation:	
CVC Project	41,900,000
CVC Operations	2,300,000

The Committee recommends \$41,900,000 for completion of the Capitol Visitor Center and \$2,300,000 for CVC Operations. According to the Government Accountability Office, the amount requested by the Architect is unlikely to be sufficient to complete the CVC.

Therefore, the Committee has added \$5,000,000 to the budget based on GAO's recommendation. In addition, the opening is likely to be delayed well beyond the timeframe on which the budget estimate for operations was predicated. Therefore, the Committee has reduced the budget request for operations to \$2,300,000.

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

The following table displays the budget detail.

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER
[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
FISCAL YEAR 2006 OPERATING BUDGET		
Personal Services	\$12,098,000	\$2,300,000
Travel & Printing and Reproduction	647,000	.....
Supplies	295,000	.....
Equipment	2,254,000	.....
Subtotal, Operating Budget	15,294,000	2,300,000
FISCAL YEAR 2006 PROJECT BUDGET		
Transition Support	3,789,000	.....
Visitor Services	1,472,000	.....
Exhibits	407,000	.....
Gift Shops	1,268,000	.....
USCP CVC Fit-Out	350,000	.....
U.S. House of Representatives CAO Shell Space	1,775,000	.....
U.S. House of Representatives CAO	10,930,000	.....
CVC Cost to Complete	36,900,000	41,900,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	56,891,000	41,900,000
Total, Capitol Visitor Center	72,185,000	44,200,000

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 1201. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER. The Committee recommends a provision authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to appoint an Executive Director of the Capitol Visitor Center.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Committee recommends a total of \$579,562,000 for the Library of Congress, an increase of \$34,200,000 over the fiscal year 2005 level and a decrease of \$11,233,000 below the request. Increases are provided to accommodate all mandatory pay and price level increases, as well as to increase programs in selected areas such as acquisitions. Also, funds are recommended for the Digital Talking Book player production. In addition to the appropriation, the Library estimates receipts and reimbursements of \$37,007,000, funds from gifts and trusts totaling \$18,944,000, and revolving funds totaling \$82,749,000. Total funds available to support Library operations, including the Architect of the Capitol account, are

expected to be approximately \$790,000,000 in fiscal year 2006 under the Committee recommendation.

The Committee recognizes the high priority of the Library's research mission in support of the Congress, which is reflected in the amount recommended for the Congressional Research Service.

The Committee is concerned about the lack of transparency in the Library of Congress budget presentation. It is not always clear and understandable. The budget presentation materials do not present meaningful programmatic information from a zero-based perspective that allow the Committee to determine how priorities are established and where tradeoffs could be made. Therefore, the Committee directs the Library of Congress to develop a budget presentation and justification package for the fiscal year 2007 budget cycle that clearly addresses rates and assumptions used in the base as well as a clear description for each program of what drives demand for the program, what the nature of the program's workload is, and what service or outcome each base program is intended to produce. A clear description of new program starts and a detailed break out of rates and assumptions associated with cost estimates for those programs including demand, workload, and outcome should also be provided along with a clear explanation of how each program relates to goals and objectives set forth in the Library's strategic plan. The Committee expects the Library will consult with the Government Accountability Office [GAO] on the development of this new presentation package.

The following table displays the Committee recommendation for the Library of Congress appropriations compared to the budget request and the fiscal year 2005 level.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006
[In thousands of dollars]

Item	2005 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation com- pared with (+ or -)	
				2005 appropriation	Budget estimate
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS					
Salaries and Expenses	381,593	409,079	397,285	+ 15,692	- 11,794
Authority to spend receipts	- 6,299	- 6,350	- 6,314	- 15	+ 36
Subtotal, Salaries and expenses	375,294	402,729	390,935	+ 15,641	- 11,794
Copyright Office, salaries and expenses	53,182	58,191	57,322	+ 4,140	- 869
Authority to spend receipts	- 33,209	- 30,657	- 34,622	- 1,413	- 3,965
Subtotal, Copyright Office	19,973	27,534	22,700	+ 2,727	- 4,834
Congressional Research Service, salaries and expenses	96,118	105,289	101,755	+ 5,637	- 3,534
Books for the blind and physically handicapped, salaries and expenses	53,977	55,243	64,172	+ 10,195	+ 8,929
Total, Library of Congress	545,362	590,795	579,562	+ 34,200	- 11,233

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2005:	
Salaries and expenses	\$375,294,000
Authority to spend receipts	6,299,000
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Net, salaries and expenses	381,593,000
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Budget estimate, 2006:	
Salaries and expenses	402,729,000
Authority to spend receipts	6,350,000
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Net, salaries and expenses	409,079,000
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House allowance:	
Salaries and expenses	381,794,000
Authority to spend receipts	6,350,000
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Net, salaries and expenses	388,144,000
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Committee recommendation:	
Salaries and expenses	390,935,000
Authority to spend receipts	6,350,000
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Net, salaries and expenses	397,285,000
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The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$390,935,000 for salaries and expenses of the Library of Congress and approves authority to spend receipts of \$6,350,000 in fiscal year 2006, for a total of \$397,285,000. This is \$11,794,000 below the request and \$15,692,000 above the enacted level.

The Committee recommends the full budget request for information technology improvements and facility services modernization. The Committee recommends \$13,972,000 for acquisitions; \$4,000,000 for the Adventure of the American Mind program; \$600,000 for the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission; and \$250,000 for the Middle Eastern Text Initiative [METI].

The Committee notes that the purpose of METI is to increase the understanding and promote greater appreciation of Middle Eastern culture.

The Committee notes that the Library's Inspector General has found that the lack of an inventory system and ineffective processes have contributed to inefficient warehousing operations, leading to at least \$1,500,000 in excess and obsolete inventory. The Committee supports efforts to develop an inventory system and improve warehousing operations and directs the Library to report on its progress in this area within 6 months.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2005:	
Salaries and expenses	\$53,182,000
Authority to spend receipts	– 33,209,000
Net, salaries and expenses	19,973,000
Budget estimate, 2006:	
Salaries and expenses	58,191,000
Authority to spend receipts	– 30,657,000
Net, salaries and expenses	27,534,000
House allowance:	
Salaries and expenses	58,601,000
Authority to spend receipts	35,946,000
Net, salaries and expenses	22,655,000
Committee recommendation:	
Salaries and expenses	57,322,000
Authority to spend receipts	34,622,000
Net, salaries and expenses	22,700,000

The Committee recommends the direct appropriation of \$22,700,000 for the Copyright Office and approves authority to spend receipts of \$34,622,000 in fiscal year 2006, for a total of \$57,322,000. This is \$869,000 below the request level. The Committee recommends full funding for the Copyright Reengineering Initiative.

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2005	\$96,118,000
Budget estimate, 2006	105,289,000
House allowance	99,952,000
Committee recommendation	101,755,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$101,755,000 for the Congressional Research Service. The amount recommended is an increase of \$5,637,000 over the fiscal year 2005 level and is sufficient to cover pay and inflationary increases. In addition, the Committee recommends \$500,000 for the increased cost of research materials and \$1,000,000 to increase staff capacity. While less than the full amount requested, the amount recommended should enable CRS to fund eight additional employees. Staffing would total 708, compared to the “ceiling” of 729 FTE and the actual current staffing level of 700 FTE.

The Committee directs the CRS Director to work with the Secretary of the Senate to determine the feasibility of conducting a study of Senate staff salaries.

The Committee is concerned about the resources that may be required of CRS to assist parliaments in emerging democracies, a new activity that would drain CRS resources from its core mission. The Committee directs CRS to provide a report of resource require-

ments that would be needed if section 208 of Public Law 104–53 were repealed, prior to conference with the other body.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2005	\$53,977,000
Budget estimate, 2006	55,243,000
House allowance	54,049,000
Committee recommendation	64,172,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$64,172,000 for salaries and expenses for Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. This is an increase of \$10,195,000 over the fiscal year 2005 level and includes \$9,836,000 for the Digital Talking Book [DTB] player production, a multi-year \$75 million initiative to convert the program to digital technology. Funds for the DTB player production were not requested by the Library.

This appropriation supports a National Reading Program for blind and physically handicapped citizens. Books and magazines in braille and various recorded formats are produced by the National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped for distribution through a network of State and locally supported libraries. At present, 57 regional libraries in 49 States, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Guam house and circulate books and magazines to eligible readers. Seventy-eight subregional libraries in 17 States assist at the local public library level; 53 libraries and 4 cooperating agencies distribute sound reproducers. Two multistate centers, under contract to the National Library Service, store and distribute books and other materials in their geographical regions. The program supports a readership of approximately 700,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SECS. 1301–1302. The Committee has included two routine administrative provisions carried in prior years.

SEC. 1303. NATIONAL DIGITAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM. The Committee has included language authorizing a waiver of the dollar-for-dollar match requirement for State government grantees under the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program. Eligible recipients of such waivers are to be limited to State governmental entities who apply for NDIPP Initiative grants to preserve significant, at-risk, and born digital State and local government information. Non-State governmental entities can still apply for NDIPP funding to preserve State government records; however, those entities will be subject to the match requirement and not eligible to receive funding from the \$25,000,000 set-aside. The Committee expects this authority to be used judiciously, and directs the Library to provide a report describing any use of this waiver and a full justification.

SEC. 1304. UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES. The Department of State [DOS] has established a Capital Security Cost-Sharing Program, designed to have all U.S. Government agencies with an overseas presence pay a portion of DOS' building program,

based on the number of employees overseas. This provision limits the amount of reimbursement from the Library of Congress.

SEC. 1305. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS DIGITAL COLLECTIONS AND SCHOOL CURRICULA. This provision provides a permanent authorization for what has been known as the Adventure of the American Mind program.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

Appropriations, 2005	\$88,090,000
Budget estimate, 2006	92,283,000
House allowance	88,090,000
Committee recommendation	88,090,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$88,090,000, the same as the enacted level and the House allowance. Funding is sufficient to cover estimated printing requirements for fiscal year 2006.

The following table compares the component categories within this account for fiscal year 2006. The Committee has not recommended separate amounts for each activity in order to give the GPO the flexibility to meet changing requirements.

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

	Appropriations 2005	Requested 2006	Recommended 2006
Congressional Record Program	\$21,752,000	\$22,211,000	
Miscellaneous publications	3,564,000	3,903,000	
Miscellaneous printing and binding	18,579,000	18,470,000	
Details to Congress	2,780,000	2,841,000	
Document envelopes and document franks	722,000	948,000	
Business and committee calendars	2,940,000	3,485,000	
Bills, resolutions, and amendments	5,421,000	6,192,000	
Committee reports	6,253,000	6,894,000	
Documents	3,985,000	3,888,000	
Hearings	19,638,000	21,815,000	
Committee prints	2,455,000	1,636,000	
Total	88,090,000	92,283,000	\$88,090,000

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2005	\$31,697,000
Budget estimate, 2006	33,837,000
House allowance	33,337,000
Committee recommendation	33,837,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$33,837,000, the same as the budget request. This provides for anticipated pay and price level increases and \$1,000,000 for the legacy digitization initiative.

This appropriation provides for salaries and expenses associated with the distribution of Government documents to depository and international exchange libraries, the cataloging and indexing of Government publications, and the distribution of publications au-

thorized by law at the request of Members of Congress and other Government agencies.

REVOLVING FUND

Appropriations, 2005	
Budget estimate, 2006	\$5,000,000
House allowance	1,200,000
Committee recommendation	5,000,000

The Committee recommends \$5,000,000, the same as the budget request, for the GPO Revolving Fund. These funds are intended to support workforce development, education and training efforts, and will enable GPO to define the skills needed in the immediate future, assess the skills of current employees, identify the gaps, and provide training to its employees to better meet future requirements of the agency.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2005	\$467,205,000
Budget estimate, 2006	486,383,000
House allowance	482,395,000
Committee recommendation	484,383,000

The Committee recommends funding of \$484,383,000 for salaries and expenses of the Government Accountability Office, a reduction of \$2,000,000 below the request level. Additionally, \$7,165,000 is authorized in offsetting collections derived from rent receipts and reimbursements for conducting financial audits of Government corporations, for a total of \$491,548,000. This is a reduction of \$2,000,000 from the request level and is sufficient to accommodate the current staffing level of 3,215 FTE.

OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND

Appropriations, 2005	\$13,392,000
Budget estimate, 2006	14,000,000
House allowance	14,000,000
Committee recommendation	14,000,000

The Committee recommends the budget request of \$14,000,000 as a payment to the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund. The Center for Russian Leadership Development was established on December 21, 2000 (Public Law 106–554) as a legislative branch entity. The fiscal year 2003 Consolidated Appropriation Resolution (Public Law 108–7) carried legislation (section 1401) changing the name to the Open World Leadership Center and expanding the mission of the program to include Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union including the Baltic States. The mission of the Center is to enable emerging political leaders of Russia and Newly Independent States at all levels of government to gain significant, first-hand exposure to the American free market economic system and the operation of American democratic institutions through visits to comparable governments and communities in the United States.

CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND
DEVELOPMENT

The John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development was created by Congress in 1988. The mandate of the Center is to promote and strengthen public service. The Committee recommends \$430,000, as authorized by 2 U.S.C. 1105, for the Center's congressional staff training and development programs.

TITLE II—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Included are several routine general provisions carried annually in the bill (secs. 201–208), as follows:

Section 201 bans the use of appropriated funds for service and maintenance of private vehicles, except under such regulations as may be promulgated by the House Administration Committee and the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, respectively.

Section 202 limits the availability for obligation of appropriations to the fiscal year for which it is expressly provided in the bill accompanying this report.

Section 203 provides that any pay rate and title designation for a staff position created in this Act, and not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of 1929, is to be made permanent law by this Act. Further, any pay rate and title change for a position provided for in the 1929 Act is to be made permanent law by this act and any changes in the official expenses of Members, officers, and committees, and in the clerk hire of the House and Senate are to be made permanent law by this Act.

Section 204 bans the use of funds for contracts unless such contracts are matters of public record and are available for public inspection.

Section 205 appropriates such sums as may be necessary for the payment of settlements and awards pursuant to Public Law 104–1.

Section 206 authorizes legislative branch entities participating in the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council [LBFMC] to finance the costs of the LBFMC.

Section 207 pertains to the House.

Section 208 prohibits unauthorized transfers of funds to other agencies.

Section 209 addresses legislative branch compensation limitations.

TITLE III—CONTINUITY OF REPRESENTATION

The Committee does not recommend inclusion of Title III of the House-passed bill, H.R. 2985.

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7, RULE XVI, OF THE
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Paragraph 7 of rule XVI requires that Committee reports on general appropriations bills identify, with particularity, each Committee amendment to the House bill “which proposes an item of appropriation which is not made to carry out the provisions of an existing law, a treaty stipulation, or an act or resolution previously passed by the Senate during that session.”

The Committee has recommended no such funding.

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7(C), RULE XXVI OF THE
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Pursuant to paragraph 7(c) of rule XXVI, on June 23, 2005, the Committee ordered reported, en bloc, H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, H.R. 2862, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title; and H.R. 2985, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, with amendments, each subject to further amendment and subject to the budget allocations, by a recorded vote of 28–0, a quorum being present. The vote was as follows:

Yeas

Nays

Chairman Cochran
Mr. Stevens
Mr. Specter
Mr. Domenici
Mr. Bond
Mr. McConnell
Mr. Burns
Mr. Shelby
Mr. Gregg
Mr. Bennett
Mr. Craig
Mrs. Hutchison
Mr. DeWine
Mr. Brownback
Mr. Allard
Mr. Byrd
Mr. Inouye
Mr. Leahy
Mr. Harkin

Ms. Mikulski
 Mr. Reid
 Mr. Kohl
 Mrs. Murray
 Mr. Dorgan
 Mrs. Feinstein
 Mr. Durbin
 Mr. Johnson
 Ms. Landrieu

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 12, RULE XXVI, OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Paragraph 12 of rule XXVI requires that Committee reports on a bill or joint resolution repealing or amending any statute or part of any statute include “(a) the text of the statute or part thereof which is proposed to be repealed; and (b) a comparative print of that part of the bill or joint resolution making the amendment and of the statute or part thereof proposed to be amended, showing by stricken-through type and italics, parallel columns, or other appropriate typographical devices the omissions and insertions which would be made by the bill or joint resolution if enacted in the form recommended by the Committee.”

In compliance with this rule, the following changes in existing law proposed to be made by the bill are shown as follows: existing law to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets; new matter is printed in italic; and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman.

TITLE 2—THE CONGRESS

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CHAPTER 3—COMPENSATION AND ALLOWANCES OF MEMBERS

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§ 39. Deductions for absence

The [Secretary of the Senate and the] Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives (upon certification by the Clerk of the House of Representatives)[, respectively, shall] *shall* deduct from the monthly payments (or other periodic payments authorized by law) of each Member or Delegate the amount of his salary for each day that he has been absent from the [Senate or] House[, respectively, unless], *unless* such Member or Delegate assigns as the reason for such absence the sickness of himself or of some member of his family.

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**CHAPTER 4—OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF SENATE
AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

§ 61h-6. Appointment of consultants by Majority Leader, Minority Leader, Secretary of Senate, and Legislative Counsel of Senate; compensation

(a) In general

The Majority Leader and the Minority Leader, are each authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of not more than [eight individual consultants] *nine individual consultants*, on a temporary or intermittent basis, at a daily rate of compensation not in excess of the per diem equivalent of the highest gross rate of annual compensation which may be paid to employees of a standing committee of the Senate. The President pro tempore of the Senate is authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of not more than two individual consultants, on a temporary or intermittent basis, at a daily rate of compensation not in excess of that specified in the first sentence of this subsection. The President pro tempore emeritus of the Senate is authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of one individual consultant, on a temporary or intermittent basis, at a daily rate of compensation not in excess of that specified in the first sentence of this subsection. The Secretary of the Senate is authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of not more than two individual consultants, on a temporary or intermittent basis, at a daily rate of compensation not in excess of the per diem equivalent of the highest gross rate of annual compensation which may be paid to employees of a standing committee of the Senate. The Legislative Counsel of the Senate (subject to the approval of the President pro tempore) is authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of not more than two consultants, on a temporary or intermittent basis, at a daily rate of compensation not in excess of that specified in the first sentence of this section. The provisions of sections 8344 and 8468 of title 5 shall not apply to any individual serving in a position under this authority. Expenditures under this authority shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the President pro tempore, President pro tempore emeritus, Majority Leader, Minority Leader, Secretary of the Senate, or Legislative Counsel of the Senate, as the case may be.

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**CHAPTER 30—OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
CAPITOL COMPLEX**

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**SUBCHAPTER V—HISTORICAL PRESERVATION AND FINE
ARTS**

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PART B—SENATE COMMISSION ON ART

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§ 2107. Conservation, restoration, replication, or replacement of items in United States Senate Collection

(a) Use of moneys in Senate contingent fund

Effective with the fiscal year ending September 30, [2004] 2005, and each fiscal year thereafter, subject to the approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, any unexpended and unobligated funds in the appropriation account for the “Secretary of the Senate” within the contingent fund of the Senate which have not been withdrawn in accordance with section 102a of this title, shall be available for the expenses incurred, without regard to the fiscal year in which incurred, 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 for the conservation, restoration, and replication or replacement, in whole or in part, of works of art, historical objects, documents, or material relating to historical matters for placement or exhibition within the Senate wing of the United States Capitol, any Senate Office Building, or any room, corridor, or other space therein. In the case of replication or replacement of such works, objects, documents, or material, the funds available under this subsection shall be available for any such works, objects, documents, or material previously contained within the Senate wing of the Capitol, or a work, object, document, or material historically accurate.

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§ 2108. Provisions relating to Senate Commission on Art

(a) * * *

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(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) of this section, for official activities of any advisory board established under subsection (b) of this section, [and for any purposes for which funds from the contingent fund of the Senate may be used under section 2107(a) of this title.] *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(a)), and for expenditures, not to exceed \$10,000 in any fiscal year, for meals and refreshments in Capitol facilities in connection with official activities of the Commission or other authorized programs or activities.*

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**TITLE 5—GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION AND
EMPLOYEES**

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PART III—EMPLOYEES

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SUBPART D—PAY AND ALLOWANCES

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CHAPTER 55—PAY ADMINISTRATION

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SUBCHAPTER VIII—SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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**§ 5584. Claims for overpayment of pay and allowances, and
of travel, transportation and relocation expenses
and allowances**

(a) * * *

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(g) **For the purpose of this section, “agency” means—**

- (1) an Executive agency;
- (2) the Government Printing Office;
- (3) the Library of Congress;
- (4) the Office of the Architect of the Capitol;
- (5) the Botanic Garden; **[and]**
- (6) *the Congressional Budget Office; and*

[(6)] (7) the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, the Federal Judicial Center, and any of the courts set forth in section 610 of title 28.

For purposes of this section, the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts shall be the head of the agency in the case of those entities set forth in **[paragraph (6)]** *paragraph* (7) of this subsection.

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**LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999,
PUBLIC LAW 105–275**

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TITLE I—CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. * * *

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SEC. 10. (a) The Committee on Appropriations is authorized in its discretion—

(1) * * *

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(5) to procure the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 and Senate Resolution 140, agreed to May 14, 1975), *except that any approval (and related reporting requirement) shall not apply*; and

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MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001, PUBLIC LAW 106-554

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DIVISION A

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For the Library of Congress, \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary salaries and expenses of the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program; and an additional \$75,000,000, to remain available until expended, for such purposes: *Provided*, That the portion of such additional \$75,000,000, which may be expended shall not exceed an amount equal to the matching contributions (including contributions other than money) for such purposes that: (1) are received by the Librarian of Congress for the program from non-Federal sources; and (2) are received before March 31, 2003: *Provided further*, That such program shall be carried out in accordance with a plan or plans approved by the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate: *Provided further*, That of the total amount appropriated, \$5,000,000 may be expended before the approval of a plan to develop such a plan, and to collect or preserve essential digital information which otherwise would be uncollectible: *Provided further*, That the balance in excess of such \$5,000,000 shall not be expended without approval in advance by the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate: *Provided further*, That the plan under this heading shall be developed by the Librarian of Congress jointly with entities of the Federal Government with expertise in telecommunications technology and electronic commerce policy (including the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy) and the National Archives and Records Administration, and with the participation of representatives of other Federal, research, and private libraries and institutions with expertise in the collection and maintenance of archives of digital materials (including the National Library of Medicine, the National Agricultural Library, the National Institute

of Standards and Technology, the Research Libraries Group, the Online Computer Library Center, and the Council on Library and Information Resources) and representatives of private business organizations which are involved in efforts to preserve, collect, and disseminate information in digital formats (including the Open e-Book Forum): *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, effective with the One Hundred Seventh Congress and each succeeding Congress the chair of the Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives shall serve as a member of the Joint Committee on the Library with respect to the Library's financial management, organization, budget development and implementation, and program development and administration, as well as any other element of the mission of the Library of Congress which is subject to the requirements of Federal law, *except that an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 of such additional \$75,000,000 shall remain available until expended and may be used for competitive grants to State governmental entities, without regard to any matching contribution requirement, to work cooperatively to collect and preserve at-risk digital State and local government information.*

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CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005, PUBLIC LAW 108-447

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DIVISION G—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

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CAPITOL POLICE

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

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SEC. 1002. LIMITATION ON CERTAIN HIRING AUTHORITY OF CAPITOL POLICE. Section 1006(b) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108-83; 117 Stat. 1023) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by inserting at the end “The Chief of Police may hire individuals under this subsection who are not submitted for selection under this subparagraph. All hirings under this subparagraph shall comply with the limitations under this paragraph for any fiscal year.”; and

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “(C) LIMITATION.—” and inserting “(C) LIMITATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004.—”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

(E) LIMITATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006.—During fiscal year 2006, the number of individuals hired under this subsection may not exceed—

(i) the number of Library of Congress Police employees who separated from service or transferred to a position other than a Library of Congress Police employee position during fiscal year 2005 for whom a corresponding hire was not made under this subsection; 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 during fiscal year 2006.

(E) *LIMITATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006.—During fiscal year 2006, the number of individuals hired under this subsection may not exceed—*

(i) the number of Library of Congress Police employees who separated from service or transferred to a position other than a Library of Congress Police employee position during fiscal years [2004 and 2005] for whom a corresponding hire was not made under this subsection; 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 during fiscal year 2006.

BUDGETARY IMPACT OF BILL

PREPARED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PURSUANT TO SEC.
308(a), PUBLIC LAW 93-344, AS AMENDED

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget authority		Outlays	
	Committee allocation	Amount of bill	Committee allocation	Amount of bill
Comparison of amounts in the bill with Committee allocations to its subcommittees of amounts in the Budget Resolution for 2006: Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch:				
Mandatory	118	118	117	¹ 117
Discretionary	3,904	3,834	3,870	¹ 3,830
Projection of outlays associated with the recommendation:				
2006				² 3,313
2007				424
2008				120
2009				32
2010 and future years				20
Financial assistance to State and local governments for 2006	NA		NA	

¹ Includes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

² Excludes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

NA: Not applicable.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006
[In thousands of dollars]

TITLE — LEGISLATIVE BRANCH	Fiscal year 2005 enacted	Fiscal year 2006 request	Fiscal year 2006 house	Fiscal year 2006 Senate	Senate versus enacted	Senate versus request	Senate versus house
SENATE							
Expense allowances:							
Vice President	20	20	.....	20	.....	.....	+ 20
President Pro Tempore of the Senate	40	40	.....	40	.....	.....	+ 40
Majority Leader of the Senate	40	40	.....	40	.....	.....	+ 40
Minority Leader of the Senate	40	40	.....	40	.....	.....	+ 40
Majority Whip of the Senate	10	10	.....	10	.....	.....	+ 10
Minority Whip of the Senate	10	10	.....	10	.....	.....	+ 10
President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the Senate	15	15	.....	15	.....	.....	+ 15
Chairman of the Majority Conference Committee	5	5	.....	5	.....	.....	+ 5
Chairman of the Minority Conference Committee	5	5	.....	5	.....	.....	+ 5
Chairman of the Majority Policy Committee	5	5	.....	5	.....	.....	+ 5
Chairman of the Minority Policy Committee	5	5	.....	5	.....	.....	+ 5
Subtotal, expense allowances	195	195	.....	195	.....	.....	+ 195
Representation allowances for the Majority and Minority Leaders	30	30	.....	30	.....	.....	+ 30
Total, Expense allowances and representation	225	225	.....	225	.....	.....	+ 225
Salaries, Officers and Employees							
Office of the Vice President	2,108	2,181	.....	2,181	+ 73	.....	+ 2,181
Office of the President Pro Tempore	561	582	.....	582	+ 21	.....	+ 582
Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus	163	290	.....	290	+ 127	.....	+ 290
Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders	3,808	4,340	.....	4,340	+ 532	.....	+ 4,340
Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips	2,556	2,644	.....	2,644	+ 88	.....	+ 2,644
Committee on Appropriations	13,301	13,758	.....	13,758	+ 457	.....	+ 13,758
Conference committees	2,826	2,940	.....	2,940	+ 114	.....	+ 2,940
Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority	702	728	.....	728	+ 26	.....	+ 728
Policy Committees	2,946	3,048	.....	3,048	+ 102	.....	+ 3,048

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006—Continued
[In thousands of dollars]

	Fiscal year 2005 enacted	Fiscal year 2006 request	Fiscal year 2006 house	Fiscal year 2006 Senate	Senate versus enacted	Senate versus request	Senate versus house
Salaries and Expenses							
House Leadership Offices							
Office of the Speaker	2,708	2,788	2,788	2,788	+ 80	.....	.....
Office of the Majority Floor Leader	2,027	2,089	2,089	2,089	+ 62	.....	.....
Office of the Minority Floor Leader	2,840	2,928	2,928	2,928	+ 88	.....	.....
Office of the Majority Whip	1,741	1,797	1,797	1,797	+ 56	.....	.....
Office of the Minority Whip	1,303	1,345	1,345	1,345	+ 42	.....	.....
Speaker's Office for Legislative Floor Activities	470	482	482	482	+ 12	.....	.....
Republican Steering Committee	881	906	906	906	+ 25	.....	.....
Republican Conference	1,500	1,548	1,548	1,548	+ 48	.....	.....
Republican Policy Committee .....	.....	307	307	307	+ 307	.....	.....
Democratic Steering and Policy Committee	1,589	1,945	1,945	1,945	+ 356	.....	.....
Democratic Caucus	792	816	816	816	+ 24	.....	.....
Nine minority employees	1,409	1,445	1,445	1,445	+ 36	.....	.....
Training and Program Development:							
Majority	290	290	290	290	.....	.....	.....
Minority	290	290	290	290	.....	.....	.....
Cloakroom Personnel:							
Majority	419	434	434	434	+ 15	.....	.....
Minority	419	434	434	434	+ 15	.....	.....
Subtotal, House Leadership Offices	18,678	19,844	19,844	19,844	+ 1,166	.....	.....
Members' Representational Allowances Including Members' Clerk Hire, Official Expenses of Members, and Official Mail							
Expenses	518,195	564,536	538,109	538,109	+ 19,914	- 26,427	.....
Committee Employees							
Standing Committees, Special and Select	113,499	117,913	117,913	117,913	+ 4,414	.....	.....
Committee on Appropriations (including studies and investigations)	24,726	25,668	25,668	25,668	+ 942	.....	.....

Subtotal, Committee employees	138,225	143,581	143,581	143,581	+ 5,356	.....	.....
Salaries, Officers and Employees							
Office of the Clerk	20,534	21,911	21,911	21,911	+ 1,377	.....	.....
Office of the Sergeant at Arms	5,879	6,284	6,284	6,284	+405	.....	.....
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer	111,645	119,804	116,971	116,971	+ 5,326	.....	.....
Office of the Inspector General	3,986	3,991	3,991	3,991	+ 5	.....	.....
Office for Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Operations	1,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	+ 4,000	.....	.....
Office of General Counsel	962	962	962	962	.....	.....	.....
Office of the Chaplain	155	161	161	161	+ 6	.....	.....
Office of the Parliamentarian	1,673	1,767	1,767	1,767	+ 94	.....	.....
Office of the Parliamentarian	(1,459)	(1,546)	(1,546)	(1,546)	(+ 87)	.....	.....
Compilation of precedents of the House of Representatives	(214)	(221)	(221)	(221)	(+ 7)	.....	.....
Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House	2,346	2,453	2,453	2,453	+ 107	.....	.....
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House	6,721	6,963	6,963	6,963	+ 242	.....	.....
Office of Interparliamentary Affairs	687	720	720	720	+ 33	.....	.....
Other authorized employees	156	161	161	161	+ 5	.....	.....
Technical Assistants, Office of the Attending Physician	(156)	(161)	.....	.....	(- 156)	.....	.....
Office of the Historian .....	.....	405	405	405	+ 405	.....	.....
Subtotal, Salaries, officers and employees	155,744	170,177	167,749	167,749	+ 12,005	- 2,428	.....
Allowances and Expenses							
Supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims	4,350	4,179	4,179	4,179	- 171	.....	.....
Official mail for committees, leadership offices, and administrative offices of the House	410	410	410	410	.....	.....	.....
Government contributions	203,900	214,422	214,422	214,422	+ 10,522	.....	.....
Miscellaneous items	690	703	703	703	+ 13	.....	.....
Capitol Visitor Center .....	.....	9,965	3,410	3,410	+ 3,410	- 6,555	.....
Subtotal, Allowances and expenses	209,350	229,679	223,124	223,124	+ 13,774	- 6,555	.....
Outlays .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, Salaries and expenses	1,040,192	1,127,817	1,092,407	1,092,407	+ 52,215	- 35,410	.....
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-13)	39,162	.....	.....	.....	- 39,162	.....	.....
Total, House of Representatives	1,079,516	1,127,817	1,092,407	1,092,407	+ 12,891	- 35,410	.....

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

	Fiscal year 2005 enacted	Fiscal year 2006 request	Fiscal year 2006 house	Fiscal year 2006 Senate	Senate versus enacted	Senate versus request	Senate versus house
JOINT ITEMS							
Joint Economic Committee	4,139	4,276	4,276	4,276	+137	.....	.....
Joint Committee on Taxation	8,366	8,781	8,781	8,781	+415	.....	.....
Office of the Attending Physician							
Medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances	2,508	2,545	2,545	2,545	+37	.....	.....
Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office	3,844	4,268	4,268	4,098	+254	—170	—170
Statements of Appropriations	30	30	30	30	.....	.....	.....
Total, joint items	18,887	19,900	19,900	19,730	+843	—170	—170
CAPITOL POLICE							
Salaries	201,812	230,191	210,350	222,600	+20,788	—7,591	+12,250
General expenses	39,657	59,948	29,345	42,000	+2,343	—17,948	+12,655
Total, Capitol Police	241,469	290,139	239,695	264,600	+23,131	—25,539	+24,905
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE							
Salaries and expenses	2,402	2,642	3,112	3,112	+710	+470	.....
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE							
Salaries and expenses	34,640	35,853	35,450	35,853	+1,213	.....	+403
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL							
General administration	79,704	76,982	77,002	76,522	—3,182	—460	—480
Capitol building	28,626	27,105	22,097	25,380	—3,246	—1,725	+3,283
Capitol grounds	15,118	7,801	7,723	7,061	—8,057	—740	—662
Senate office buildings	61,586	65,564	.....	67,004	+5,418	+1,440	+67,004
House office buildings	64,830	68,698	59,616	59,616	—5,214	—9,082	.....
Capitol Power Plant	60,744	65,755	65,185	65,317	+4,573	—438	+132
Offsetting collections	—4,365	—6,500	—6,600	—6,500	—2,135	.....	+100

Net subtotal, Capitol Power Plant	56,379	59,255	58,585	58,817	+ 2,438	- 438	+ 232
Library buildings and grounds	39,776	83,318	31,318	70,948	+ 31,172	- 12,370	+ 39,630
Capitol police buildings and grounds	9,906	34,959	16,830	10,031	+ 125	- 24,928	- 6,799
Botanic Garden	6,275	10,613	7,211	7,633	+ 1,358	- 2,980	+ 422
Capitol Visitor Center:							
CVC Project		36,900	36,900	41,900	+ 41,900	+ 5,000	+ 5,000
CVC Operations		35,285		2,300	+ 2,300	- 32,985	+ 2,300
Total, Capitol Visitor Center		72,185	36,900	44,200	+ 44,200	- 27,985	+ 7,300
Total, Architect of the Capitol	362,200	506,480	317,282	427,212	+ 65,012	- 79,268	+ 109,930
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS							
Salaries and expenses	381,593	409,079	388,144	397,285	+ 15,692	- 11,794	+ 9,141
Authority to spend receipts	- 6,299	- 6,350	- 6,350	- 6,350	- 51		
Subtotal, Salaries and expenses	375,294	402,729	381,794	390,935	+ 15,641	- 11,794	+ 9,141
Copyright Office, salaries and expenses	53,182	58,191	58,601	57,322	+ 4,140	- 869	- 1,279
Authority to spend receipts	- 33,209	- 30,657	- 35,946	- 34,622	- 1,413	- 3,965	+ 1,324
Subtotal, Copyright Office	19,973	27,534	22,655	22,700	+ 2,727	- 4,834	+ 45
Congressional Research Service, salaries and expenses	96,118	105,289	99,952	101,755	+ 5,637	- 3,534	+ 1,803
Books for the blind and physically handicapped, Salaries and expenses	53,977	55,243	54,049	64,172	+ 10,195	+ 8,929	+ 10,123
Total, Library of Congress	545,362	590,795	558,450	579,562	+ 34,200	- 11,233	+ 21,112
Rescission, Chapter 9, Division A, Misc Appropriations Act, 2001			- 15,500				+ 15,500
Total, Library of Congress	545,362	590,795	542,950	579,562	+ 34,200	- 11,233	+ 36,612
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE							
Congressional printing and binding	88,090	92,283	82,690	88,090		- 4,193	+ 5,400
Office of Superintendent of Documents							
Salaries and expenses	31,697	33,837	33,337	33,837	+ 2,140		+ 500
Government Printing Office Revolving Fund		5,000	1,200	5,000	+ 5,000		+ 3,800

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006—Continued
[In thousands of dollars]

	Fiscal year 2005 enacted	Fiscal year 2006 request	Fiscal year 2006 house	Fiscal year 2006 Senate	Senate versus enacted	Senate versus request	Senate versus house
Office of the Inspector General							
Total, Government Printing Office	119,787	131,120	117,227	126,927	+ 7,140	- 4,193	+ 9,700
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE							
Salaries and expenses	474,565	493,548	489,560	491,548	+ 16,983	- 2,000	+ 1,988
Offsetting collections	- 7,360	- 7,165	- 7,165	- 7,165	+ 195		
Total, Government Accountability Office	467,205	486,383	482,395	484,383	+ 17,178	- 2,000	+ 1,988
OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER							
Payment to the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund	13,392	14,000	14,000	14,000	+ 608		
STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE				430	+ 430	+ 430	+ 430
Stennis Center for Public Service							
Grand total	3,605,054	4,028,177	2,864,418	3,833,765	+ 228,711	- 194,412	+ 969,347
RECAPITULATION							
Senate	720,194	823,048		785,549	+ 65,355	- 37,499	+ 785,549
House of Representatives	1,079,516	1,127,817	1,092,407	1,092,407	+ 12,891	- 35,410	
Joint Items	18,887	19,900	19,900	19,730	+ 843	- 170	
Capitol Police	241,469	290,139	239,695	264,600	+ 23,131	- 25,539	+ 24,905
Office of Compliance	2,402	2,642	3,112	3,112	+ 710	+ 470	
Congressional Budget Office	34,640	35,853	35,450	35,853	+ 1,213		+ 403
Architect of the Capitol	362,200	506,480	317,282	427,212	+ 65,012	- 79,268	+ 109,930
Library of Congress	545,362	590,795	542,950	579,562	+ 34,200	- 11,233	+ 36,612
Government Printing Office	119,787	131,120	117,227	126,927	+ 7,140	- 4,193	+ 9,700
Government Accountability Office	467,205	486,383	482,395	484,383	+ 17,178	- 2,000	+ 1,988
Open World Leadership Center	13,392	14,000	14,000	14,000	+ 608		
Stennis Center for Public Service				430	+ 430	+ 430	+ 430

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