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DIVISION I - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

The following is an explanation of the effects of Division I, which makes appropriations for the Legislative Branch for fiscal year 2017. Unless otherwise noted, reference to the House and Senate reports are to House Report 114-594 and Senate Report 114-258. The language included in these reports should be complied with and carry the same emphasis as the language included in the explanatory statement, unless specifically addressed to the contrary in this explanatory statement. While repeating some report language for emphasis, this explanatory statement does not intend to negate the language referred to above unless expressly provided herein.

Reprogramming Guidelines: It is expected that all agencies notify the Committees on Appropriations of the House and the Senate of any significant departures from budget plans presented to the Committees in any agency's budget justifications. In particular, agencies funded through this bill are required to notify the Committees prior to each reprogramming of funds in excess of the lesser of 10 percent or \$750,000 between programs, projects or activities, or in excess of \$750,000 between object classifications (except for shifts within the pay categories, object class 11, 12, and 13 or as further specified in each agency's respective section). This includes cumulative reprogrammings that together total at least \$750,000 from or to a particular program, activity, or object classification as well as reprogramming FTEs or funds to create new organizational entities within the Agency or to restructure entities which already exist. The Committees desire 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.

Cybersecurity: In lieu of Senate report language pertaining to cybersecurity, the universe of information technology (IT) is an ever evolving, fast paced environment in

which the Federal Government operates. As such, this bill provides funding for additional technology infrastructure and security enhancements.

There is concern, however, that a lack of standard operating procedures and known best practices related to technological investments, especially in the area of cybersecurity, may lead to wasteful spending by the government. To that point, agencies involved in the Legislative Branch Cybersecurity Working Group (LBCWG) shall work to improve the overall cyber security posture of the Legislative Branch and are directed to complete an assessment of IT resiliency as developed by the LBCWG within 90 days of enactment of this act. These assessments will be provided to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate, and to each agency's authorizing oversight committee in both the House and Senate.

Additionally, this report directs the Library of Congress to conduct a study with a federally funded research and development corporation to assess the requirements and constraints in implementing multi-factor authentication for Legislative Branch agencies. This study will be provided to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate, Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, and the Committee on House Administration. This study must be completed prior to the Library executing on its multi-factor authentication request.

TITLE I

SENATE

The agreement includes \$871,176,081 for Senate operations. This item relates solely to the Senate, and is in accordance with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The agreement provides for unspent amounts remaining in Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account to be used for deficit or debt reduction and authority for transfer of funds.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The agreement includes \$1,189,050,766 for House operations. This item relates solely to the House, and is in accordance with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention.

Ford House Office Building Data Center Space: It is directed that any renovation plans for the data center space located in the Ford House Office Building commence no earlier than March 31, 2018 if those plans will impact data center operations of other Legislative Branch agencies. Accommodation should be given to affected agencies' funding and information technology needs in finalizing such plans.

House Food Service: There is concern with continued food service issues surrounding lack of food variety, consistent quality of service, and management challenges with the food services provider. It is known that additional cafeteria renovations and reconfigurations are needed in the near future; prior to moving forward with any significant renovations the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) in conjunction with the Architect of the Capitol should explore the feasibility of making available additional branded options to the House community. The findings should be reported to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Administration. Additionally, we are supportive of the CAO's recently developed food service quality assurance program. The CAO is encouraged to work with oversight committees to make recommendation on ways to improve food service based on the findings of the program. (S)

Cybersecurity Assistance: Cybersecurity is quickly emerging as one of the most important aspects of the House of Representatives' security platform. Evolving threats

and actors demand the House of Representatives, and the organizations under its jurisdiction, stay one step ahead. To that end, the House of Representatives' response capabilities may, in significant circumstances, dictate the need for additional support and assistance from the executive branch.

It is realized that the nature of the support and assistance provided by the executive branch is contingent on the threats and vulnerabilities experienced by the House of Representatives. It is intended that the Speaker, in consultation with the Minority Leader, outline the type of infrequent executive branch assistance that may be required, including resources provided by the House of Representatives, resources provided by the executive branch, actions and constraints on those resources necessary to protect the Separation of Powers, privileges under the Speech or Debate Clause of the Constitution, and other constitutionally-derived powers and rules including those enacted pursuant to the Rulemaking Clause of the Constitution.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The agreement provides for unspent amounts remaining in Members' Representational Allowances account to be used for deficit or debt reduction; prohibits the delivery of bills and resolutions; prohibits the delivery of printed copies of the Congressional Record; places a limitation on amount available to lease vehicles; places a limitation on print copies of the U.S. Code; prohibits delivery of reports of disbursements, daily calendars, and printed copies of the Congressional Pictorial Directory; allows USCP dignitary protection detail to travel overseas with Members of the Leadership; prohibits delivery of telephone directories, Budget of the United States Government and Federal Register; and cybersecurity assistance.

JOINT ITEMS

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The agreement includes \$4,203,000 for salaries and expenses.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

The agreement includes \$10,095,000 for salaries and expenses.

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

The agreement includes \$3,838,000.

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$1,429,000.

CAPITOL POLICE
SALARIES

The agreement includes \$325,300,000 for salaries of the Capitol Police. An obligation plan is no longer needed as required in House Report 114-594.

The increase includes full year funding for 24 hires added in FY2016 and half year costs of 72 hires expected to address implementation of additional screening and pre-screening at various building access points. The total staffing level is expected to be approximately 1,871 sworn and 372 civilian staff. No more than \$36,805,000 is recommended for overtime in fiscal year 2017, which includes funds to support the staffing of the Thomas P. O'Neill Federal Office Building. This provides for approximately 587,000 hours of additional duty.

The agreement does not include funds for USCP overtime for requirements associated with the restoration of the Cannon House Renewal Project, or any other major construction projects undertaken by the Architect of the Capitol, as those funds are provided to the AOC as part of the overall project costs for those major projects and are (AOC)

paid to the USCP on a reimbursable basis. It is expected the USCP to operate within the designated funding level for requirements associated with each project.

GENERAL EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$68,000,000 for general expenses of the Capitol Police.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The agreement provides for disposal of lost and found property and acceptance of property from other Federal agencies.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$3,959,000.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$46,500,000 for salaries and expenses.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The agreement authorizes senior level positions.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

The agreement includes \$617,887,000 for the activities of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC).

Construction Division: The Committees are aware of AOC's practice of employing its Construction Division employees as short-term, annual employees who do not have identical job protections and benefits available to permanent full-time employees.

Therefore, the AOC is directed to submit a report detailing the structure and operations of the Construction Division within 90 days of enactment. The report should include details on how the Construction Division's capabilities are integrated into AOC's project planning processes, how job security protections and other benefits are comparable to those extended to other AOC staff, how employment status affects workforce retention, AOC's dependence on outside contractors, and whether or not the Construction Division is still meeting the goals and purpose of its original creation.

Senate Restaurants: Concerns continue, as detailed in Senate Report 114-258, regarding findings that the food service provider for the Senate underpaid many of its employees by misclassifying their work duties, and that problems with contract compliance could continue. It is emphasized that the AOC shall follow all directives included in such report, particularly the directive for the AOC to consider all recourses in ensuring compliance and accountability with the contract. AOC is further directed to continue to consider all such recourses throughout the entire term of the contract if additional contract compliance problems arise. It is noted that the Government Accountability Office is conducting an audit of AOC's oversight of the Senate restaurant contract and that the AOC Inspector General has taken steps to incorporate AOC's restaurant contract management into its routine oversight.

It is noted that the Architect has committed, including in written correspondence to and meetings with Members of the United State Senate, to fully institute comprehensive reforms of the AOC's oversight of Senate restaurant contracts. Reforms include, but are not limited to: increasing the number of dedicated AOC staff to the oversight of restaurant contracts and ensuring such staff maintain a close and continuing connection to the Senate community; coordinating detailed, ongoing audits of employee wage rates and wage classifications; determining if areas of improvement to the contractor's pay administration practices exist so that information is readily available and

transparent to contract employees; facilitating training on applicable labor laws for both AOC staff and relevant contract staff; ensuring the contractor maintains a full-time, dedicated human resources manager on site; and ensuring specific improvements in contractor communications with its employees, including for communications to be available in multiple languages, as needed, and ensuring contractor employees have convenient access to report possible violations. It is expected that the reforms AOC has committed to will be fully instituted and formalized as standard operating procedures as soon as practicable. The AOC is directed to continue to immediately report all developments related to contractor oversight of Senate restaurants to both to the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS

The agreement includes \$92,957,000 for Capital Construction and Operations, of which \$1,368,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2021.

With respect to operations and projects, the following is agreed to:

Operating Budget:	\$91,589,000
Project Budget:	
1. New Legislative Call System Installation	1,368,000
Total, Capital Construction and Operations	\$92,957,000

CAPITOL BUILDING

The agreement includes \$32,584,000, for maintenance, care, and operation of the Capitol, of which \$8,584,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2021.

With respect to operations and projects, the following is agreed to:

Operating Budget:	\$24,000,000
Project Budget:	
1. Exterior Stone & Metal Preservation, West Facade, Phase III	5,582,000
2. Conservation of Fine and Architectural Art	502,000
3. Minor Construction	<u>2,500,000</u>
	8,584,000
Total, Capitol Building	\$32,584,000

CAPITOL GROUNDS

The agreement includes \$12,826,000 for the care and improvements of the grounds surrounding the Capitol, House and Senate office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant, of which \$2,946,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2021.

With respect to operations and projects, the following was agreed to:

Operating Budget:	\$9,880,000
Project Budget:	
1. Capitol Square Infrastructure Repair	946,000
2. Minor Construction	<u>2,000,000</u>
	2,946,000
Total, Capitol Grounds	\$12,826,000

Use of Grounds: It is understood the need to maintain safety and order on the Capitol grounds and the Capitol Police are commended for their efforts. Given the family-style neighborhood that the Capitol shares with the surrounding community it is expected the Capitol Police continue to forebear enforcement of 2 U.S.C. 1963 (“An act to protect the public property, turf, and grass of the Capitol Grounds from injury”) and

the Traffic Regulations for the United States Capitol Grounds when encountering snow sledders on the grounds.

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

The agreement includes \$88,406,000 for the maintenance, care and operation of the Senate office buildings, of which \$27,944,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2021.

Operating Budget:	\$60,462,000
Project Budget:	
1. Exterior Envelope Repair and Restoration, Phases IV and V, South and Southwest Facades, RSOB	14,439,000
2. Senate Underground Garage Renovations and Landscaping Restoration, Phase II	8,505,000
3. Minor Construction	<u>5,000,000</u>
	27,944,000
Total, Senate Office Buildings	\$88,406,000

Bike Lanes. The Architect of the Capitol is commended for its efforts to develop a safe and accessible street system to better connect all road users to the U.S. Capitol, Union Station, and the National Mall by making cost-effective improvements to Louisiana Avenue, Constitution Avenue, and 3rd Street Northwest. The plan, as approved by the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, would provide protected bike lanes on these roads to safely connect residents and tourists to Pennsylvania Avenue, the National Mall, the U.S. Capitol, Union Station, and the Metropolitan Branch Trail. As the AOC works during fiscal year 2017 to develop detailed specifications on these new bike lanes, the AOC should continue to coordinate with the District of Columbia Department of Transportation, consistent with the necessary approvals of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, to pursue completion of this project in a timely

manner. The AOC is also reminded to ensure close coordination with the Senate Sergeant At Arms and among AOC jurisdictions to minimize impact on other campus projects and priorities.

This item relates solely to the Senate and is in accordance with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements, and the other concurs without intervention.

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

The agreement includes \$185,731,000 for the basic and recurring needs of the House within the House Office Buildings account, of which \$61,404,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2021 and \$62,000,000 shall remain available until expended.

Operating Budget:	\$62,327,000
Project Budget:	
1. Garage Rehabilitation, Phase II, RHOB	30,789,000
2. Emergency Power Upgrades, RHOB & HUG's	19,955,000
3. CAO Project Support	3,660,000
4. Restoration & Renovation, CHOB	62,000,000
5. Minor Construction	<u>7,000,000</u>
	123,404,000
 Total, House Office Buildings (base program)	 \$185,731,000

House Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund: In addition to funding for core facility needs, the agreement includes \$17,000,000 for the Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund, to remain available until expended.

This item relates solely to the House and is in accordance with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements, and the other concurs without intervention.

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

In addition to the \$9,000,000 made available from receipts credited as reimbursements to this appropriation, the agreement includes \$86,646,000 for maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol Power Plant, of which \$9,505,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2021.

With respect to operations and projects, the following is agreed to:

Operating Budget:	\$86,141,000
Project Budget:	
1. Roof Replacement, PPBP and PPGP	3,805,000
2. Cogeneration Management Program	1,700,000
3. Minor Construction	<u>4,000,000</u>
	9,505,000
Subtotal, Capitol Power Plant	\$95,646,000
Offsetting Collections	<u>(9,000,000)</u>
Total, Capitol Power Plant	\$86,646,000

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The agreement includes \$47,080,000 for Library of Congress buildings and grounds, of which \$22,137,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2021.

With respect to operations and projects, the following is agreed to:

Operating Budget:	\$24,943,000
Project Budget:	
1. Garage Structural Repairs and Entry Improvements, JAB	8,722,000
2. Emergency Generator Replacement, TJB	4,901,000
3. Elevator Modernization, JMMB MC1-MC4, JAB 13-14	4,292,000
4. East and West Main Pavilion Roof Replacement, TJB	2,222,000
5. Minor Construction	<u>2,000,000</u>
	22,137,000
Total, Library Buildings and Grounds	\$47,080,000

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND SECURITY

The agreement includes \$20,033,000 for Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds, and Security, of which \$2,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2021.

With respect to operations and projects, the following is agreed to:

Operating Budget:	\$17,533,000
Project Budget:	
1. Minor Construction	<u>2,500,000</u>
Total, Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds, and Security	\$20,033,000

BOTANIC GARDEN

The agreement includes \$14,067,000 for salaries and expenses for the Botanic Garden, of which \$4,054,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2021.

With respect to operations and projects, the following is agreed to:

Operating Budget:	\$10,013,000
Project Budget:	
1. Production Facility Renewal	1,954,000
2. Minor Construction	<u>2,100,000</u>
	4,054,000
Total, Botanic Garden	\$14,067,000

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

The agreement includes \$20,557,000 for the Capitol Visitor Center.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The agreement prohibits payments of bonuses to contractors behind schedule or over budget; prohibits expenditure of funds for scrims for projects performed by the Architect of the Capitol; establishes a Flag Office Revolving Fund; provides expired funds for unemployment compensation payments; directs the Architect of the Capitol to establish and follow formal procedures for suspension and debarment of contractors; and provides the Architect of the Capitol authority to operate shuttle service between the House Office Buildings jurisdiction and the U.S. Capitol.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Subject Headings: In lieu of report language related to the Library of Congress' subject headings, the Library of Congress is directed to make publicly available its process for changing or adding subject headings. It is expected that the Library use a process to change or add subject headings that is clearly defined, transparent, and allows input from stakeholders including those in the congressional community. The process should consider appropriate sources of common terminology used to refer to a concept, including current statutory language and other legal reference sources; and other sources, such as reference materials; websites; and, titles in the Library of Congress' collection.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$450,667,000 in direct appropriations and authority to spend receipts of \$6,350,000.

This amount includes \$6,563,000 for information technology security enhancements, \$1,348,000 for digital collections management, \$4,039,000 for shelving replacement in the Law Library's collection storage areas, \$1,888,000 for the Veterans History Project and \$8,444,000 for the Teaching with Primary Sources program.

Primary Computing Facility: In lieu of House report pertaining to the Library of Congress' Primary Computing Facility (PCF), the Library's current PCF built in the 1970's, can no longer provide a sufficient level of data center reliability and resiliency. The Library has conducted a review of the necessary requirements and has assessed numerous options to remediate the deficiencies of its current PCF. \$20,000,000 is being provided to move forward with this important initiative. Once fully developed the Library's Chief Information Officer shall provide a time-line and plan on the Library's transition out of its current PCF to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate.

Digital Collections Management: The agreement supports language included in Senate Report 114-258 and reiterates the need for the Library to develop an efficient, organization-wide system for acquiring, managing, and sharing digital materials. It is critical for the Library to have a comprehensive digital collection management plan in place that centralizes and builds on current expertise, staffing, and funding. The Committees look forward to considering future funding requests for additional FTE's to add to current resources supporting digital collections as details for such plans are finalized.

eReader Program: The importance of having accessible reading material to U.S. citizens and residents who are unable to read printed material due to blindness or physical limitations is recognized. In 2016 Congress authorized the National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) to provide readers for electronic braille (Public Law 114-219). This new authority is consistent with a 2016 Government Accountability Office report requested by the House Committee on Appropriations, which found that NLS could provide braille materials in a modern and potentially more cost-effective way by distributing braille eReaders to NLS patrons. In addition to the new authority NLS continues its mission of providing materials in audio and braille formats and players for talking books.

It is encouraging that NLS is moving forward to implement the braille eReader program. There is support for the Library's current approach to, within existing funds and in cooperation with an educational organization for the blind, pilot the introduction of braille eReaders, and, with information learned from the pilot, work with the network of participating NLS libraries to scale the braille eReader program up so that it can deliver the increased accessibility that Congress intended.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$23,098,000 in direct appropriations to the Copyright Office. An additional \$39,548,000 is made available from receipts for salaries and expenses and \$6,179,000 is available from prior year unobligated balances.

Modernization: In lieu of direction provided in House Report 114-595 and Senate Report 114-258, the agreement provides the following with regard to the Copyright Office.

The House and Senate Committees on Appropriations fully understand and support the U.S. Copyright Office as it moves toward modernization in order to provide quality services and adapt to the continuously evolving copyright marketplace. In support of these efforts, the Copyright Office's authority to spend receipts has been increased and it is expected that the additional funds made available will be used towards the modernization effort.

As a necessary part of providing quality services, the need for a robust information technology modernization effort within the Copyright Office to support the growth of creativity and commercial artistic activity in our nation and to effectively serve users and copyright owners in the 21st century is recognized. Various legislative proposals exist with the regard to the Copyright Office and this agreement takes no position on larger systemic changes being considered. Given the importance of the copyright system to the creative community, the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate are committed to improving the IT systems as broader discussions are being had by relevant Congressional authorizing committees.

Last year the ~~the~~ Copyright Office was required to provide a plan on necessary IT upgrades to the Copyright Office and to seek public comments on efforts to modernize. A provisional report was received on February 29, 2016. However, the report did not include the level of detail or collaboration with the Library's Chief Information Officer (CIO) as expected. Therefore, the Copyright Office is directed, in collaboration with the Library's CIO, to modify the plan to include potential opportunities for shared efficiencies and cost-savings as well as ways the Library's CIO Office can support the Copyright Office in its overall modernization efforts. This report should also include any new funding strategies based on the comments received from the public regarding

changes in fee structures. This modified plan is to be provided to the Committees on Appropriations of both the House and the Senate within 90 days.

Without prejudice to the proposals on where the Copyright Office appropriately sits organizationally, it is recognized that there must be integration with the Library of Congress given it is currently a part of the Library. It is expected that the Copyright Office consult with the Library of Congress' CIO on its modified IT plan and ~~expects to see~~ use of shared services, where practicable, reflected in the plan. However, with regard to copyright specific IT systems and larger Copyright issues, it is expected that the Library continue to defer to the expertise of the Register of Copyrights. (should be

Copyright Expertise: The Copyright Office has offered its expertise on copyright matters to the Executive Branch, including participation in international discussions, and ~~expects~~ the Office to continue that important role. (is expected

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$107,945,234 for salaries and expenses.

Congressional Research Service Modernization: It is recognized that the Congressional Research Service (CRS) adhered to direction included in Senate Report 114-258 to examine ways in which the internal structure of the organization may be improved to meet the challenges of the ever-changing Congressional environment. The Director of CRS has already provided a verbal progress report on this internal examination to the Committees and will keep the Committees apprised of any structural changes moving forward. This obviates the need for a written report.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$50,248,000 for salaries and expenses.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The agreement includes provisions regarding reimbursable and revolving funds carried in prior years and establishes a National Collection Stewardship Fund.

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE CONGRESSIONAL PUBLISHING (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement includes \$79,736,000 for authorized publishing, printing and binding for the Congress.

PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS SALARIES AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement includes \$29,500,000.

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE ↵ BUSINESS OPERATIONS REVOLVING FUND

The agreement includes \$7,832,000.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$544,505,919 in direct appropriations for salaries and expenses of the Government Accountability Office (GAO). In addition, \$23,350,000 is available from offsetting collections.

In lieu of the directives to the GAO contained in the House and Senate reports, this explanatory statement addresses matters on which the House and Senate concur and action by the GAO is requested.

Technology Assessment: GAO's work is recognized in the area of technology assessment, since being tasked with this responsibility in 2002. GAO has produced highly technical and scientific reports in response to Congressional requests and statutory requirements. These reports have included technology assessments (TA), and other reports to Congress that incorporate analysis of scientific, technological and engineering issues in their evaluations of federal programs. GAO has also produced best practice guides for use across government on the topics of lifecycle cost estimating, project scheduling, and technology readiness assessment. GAO's work in these areas is led by GAO's Center for Science, Technology, and Engineering (CSTE).

GAO's CSTE provides wide-ranging technical expertise across all of GAO's areas of work, including support to various studies of federal programs with science and technology elements, such as cybersecurity, nuclear and environmental issues, and major technical systems acquisitions, among others. Also noted the work of CSTE's e-Security laboratory and Cost Engineering Sciences groups which conduct computer and network security evaluations and advanced operations research analyses (including cost, schedule, and technical performance), respectively. (is

GAO has provided direct support to the Congress via congressional testimony, review of draft legislation, and the adoption of various report recommendations by Executive Branch agencies. GAO is commended for providing key direct technical support to various congressional committees on technology-focused topics such as the U.S. Capitol Police radio systems acquisition.

It is noted that GAO is using rigorous methods in its technical reports, including engaging key external technical experts via group meetings conducted in partnership with the National Academies, cost-benefit analysis, risk analysis, technology maturity assessment, and scenario-based trend identification. (.

Given the persistent and growing demand for this technical work, the Comptroller General is commended for his strategic initiative to build the scientific and technical capacity within GAO and encouraging further growth as the work portfolio requires. GAO is encouraged to continue a communication effort with Congress to ensure lawmakers are aware of these services.

OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND

The agreement includes \$5,600,000.

JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The agreement includes \$430,000.

TITLE II – GENERAL PROVISIONS

The agreement continues provisions related to maintenance and care of private vehicles; fiscal year limitations; rates of compensation and designation; consulting services; costs of the LBFMC; limitation on transfers; guided tours of the Capitol; and computer network activity.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017
 (Amounts in Thousands)

	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2017 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2016	Final Bill vs. Request

TITLE I - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH					
SENATE					
Expense allowances:					
Vice President.....	19	19	19	---	---
President Pro Tempore of the Senate.....	38	38	38	---	---
Majority Leader of the Senate.....	40	40	40	---	---
Minority Leader of the Senate.....	40	40	40	---	---
Majority Whip of the Senate.....	10	10	10	---	---
Minority Whip of the Senate.....	10	10	10	---	---
Chairman of the Majority Conference Committee.....	5	5	5	---	---
Chairman of the Minority Conference Committee.....	5	5	5	---	---
Chairman of the Majority Policy Committee.....	5	5	5	---	---
Chairman of the Minority Policy Committee.....	5	5	5	---	---
Subtotal, expense allowances.....	177	177	177	---	---
Representation Allowances for the Majority and Minority Leaders.....	28	28	28	---	---
Total, Expense allowances and representation....	205	205	205	---	---

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017
(Amounts in Thousands)

	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2017 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2016	Final Bill vs. Request
Salaries, Officers and Employees					
Office of the Vice President.....	2,417	2,474	2,417	---	-57
Office of the President Pro Tempore.....	723	741	723	---	-18
Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders.....	5,256	5,378	5,256	---	-122
Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips.....	3,359	3,439	3,359	---	-80
Committee on Appropriations.....	15,142	15,142	15,142	---	---
Conference committees.....	3,316	3,396	3,316	---	-80
Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority.....	817	839	817	---	-22
Policy committees.....	3,386	3,466	3,386	---	-80
Office of the Chaplain.....	437	448	437	---	-11
Office of the Secretary.....	24,772	25,339	24,772	---	-567
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper.....	69,000	72,500	70,900	+1,900	-1,600
Offices of the Secretaries for the Majority and Minority.....	1,762	1,804	1,810	+48	+6
Agency contributions and related expenses.....	48,797	51,294	49,952	+1,155	-1,342
Total, Salaries, officers and employees.....	179,184	186,260	182,287	+3,103	-3,973
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate					
Salaries and expenses.....	5,409	5,842	5,809	+400	-33
Office of Senate Legal Counsel					
Salaries and expenses.....	1,120	1,144	1,120	---	-24

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017
(Amounts in Thousands)

	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2017 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2016	Final Bill vs. Request

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: Expense allowances.....	28	28	28	---	---
Contingent Expenses of the Senate					
Inquiries and investigations.....	133,265	135,799	133,265	---	-2,534
Expenses of United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control.....	508	520	508	---	-12
Secretary of the Senate	8,750	10,250	10,250	+1,500	---
Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.....	130,000	128,535	126,535	-3,465	-2,000
Miscellaneous items.....	21,390	20,870	20,870	-520	---
Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account.....	390,000	445,933	390,000	---	-55,933
Official Mail Costs					
Expenses.....	300	300	300	---	---

Total, Contingent expenses of the Senate.....	684,213	742,207	681,728	-2,485	-60,479
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Total, Senate	870,159	935,686	871,177	+1,018	-64,509

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES					
Payment to Widows and Heirs of Deceased Members of Congress (FY16 PL 114-53, Sec.143)(FY17 PL 114-223, Sec.142)1/.....	174	---	174	---	+174
Salaries and Expenses					
House Leadership Offices					
Office of the Speaker.....	6,645	6,645	6,645	---	---
Office of the Majority Floor Leader.....	2,180	2,180	2,180	---	---
Office of the Minority Floor Leader.....	7,114	7,114	7,114	---	---
Office of the Majority Whip.....	1,887	1,887	1,887	---	---
Office of the Minority Whip.....	1,460	1,460	1,460	---	---
Republican Conference.....	1,505	1,505	1,505	---	---
Democratic Caucus.....	1,487	1,487	1,487	---	---
Subtotal, House Leadership Offices.....	22,278	22,278	22,278	---	---
Members' Representational Allowances Including Members' Clerk Hire, Official Expenses of Members, and Official Mail					
Expenses.....	554,318	554,318	562,632	+8,314	+8,314

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Committee Employees					
Standing Committees, Special and Select.....	123,903	127,053	127,053	+3,150	---
Committee on Appropriations (including studies and investigations).....	23,271	23,271	23,271	---	---
Subtotal, Committee employees.....	147,174	150,324	150,324	+3,150	---
Salaries, Officers and Employees					
Office of the Clerk.....	24,981	26,411	26,268	+1,287	-143
Office of the Sergeant at Arms.....	14,827	15,571	15,505	+678	-66
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.....	117,165	117,165	117,165	---	---
Office of the Inspector General.....	4,742	4,987	4,963	+221	-24
Office of General Counsel.....	1,413	1,451	1,444	+31	-7
Office of the Parliamentarian.....	1,975	2,010	1,999	+24	-11
Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House.....	3,120	3,182	3,167	+47	-15
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House.....	8,353	8,979	8,979	+626	---
Office of Interparliamentary Affairs.....	814	814	814	---	---
Other authorized employees.....	1,142	1,186	1,183	+41	-3
Subtotal, Salaries, officers and employees.....	178,532	181,756	181,487	+2,955	-269

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Allowances and Expenses					
Supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims.....	3,625	3,625	3,625	---	---
Official mail for committees, leadership offices, and administrative offices of the House.....	190	190	190	---	---
Government contributions.....	251,629	251,630	245,334	-6,295	-6,296
Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery.....	16,217	16,217	16,217	---	---
Transition activities.....	2,084	2,084	2,084	---	---
Wounded Warrior program.....	2,500	2,500	2,500	---	---
Office of Congressional Ethics	1,467	1,667	1,658	+191	-9
Miscellaneous items.....	720	720	720	---	---
Subtotal, Allowances and expenses.....	278,432	278,633	272,328	-6,104	-6,305
Total, House of Representatives (discretionary).....	1,180,734	1,187,309	1,189,049	+8,315	+1,740
Total, House of Representatives (mandatory).....	174	---	174	---	+174
JOINT ITEMS					
Joint Economic Committee.....	4,203	4,203	4,203	---	---
Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies of 2017.....	1,250	---	---	-1,250	---
Joint Committee on Taxation.....	10,095	11,540	10,095	---	-1,445

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Office of the Attending Physician					
Medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances.	3,784	3,838	3,838	+54	---
Office of Congressional Accessibility Services					
Salaries and expenses.....	1,400	1,429	1,429	+29	---
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Total, Joint items.....	20,732	21,010	19,565	-1,167	-1,445
CAPITOL POLICE					
Salaries.....	309,000	333,128	325,300	+16,300	-7,828
General expenses.....	66,000	76,460	68,000	+2,000	-8,460
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Total, Capitol Police.....	375,000	409,588	393,300	+18,300	-16,288
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE					
Salaries and expenses.....	3,959	4,315	3,959	---	-356
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses.....	46,500	47,637	46,500	---	-1,137

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ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL (AOC)					
Capital Construction and Operations.....	91,589	103,650	92,957	+1,368	-10,693
Capitol building.....	46,737	44,010	32,584	-14,153	-11,426
Capitol grounds.....	11,880	13,083	12,826	+946	-257
Senate office buildings.....	84,221	88,406	88,406	+4,185	---
House of Representatives buildings:					
House office buildings.....	174,962	189,528	185,731	+10,769	-3,797
House Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund	10,000	10,000	17,000	+7,000	+7,000
Capitol Power Plant.....	103,722	114,765	95,646	-8,076	-19,119
Offsetting collections.....	-9,000	-9,000	-9,000	---	---
Subtotal, Capitol Power Plant.....	94,722	105,765	86,646	-8,076	-19,119
Library buildings and grounds.....	40,689	65,959	47,080	+6,391	-18,879
Capitol police buildings, grounds and security.....	25,434	37,513	20,033	-5,401	-17,480
Botanic Garden.....	12,113	15,081	14,067	+1,954	-1,014
Capitol Visitor Center.....	20,557	21,306	20,557	---	-749
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Total, Architect of the Capitol.....	612,904	694,301	617,887	+4,983	-76,414

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS					
Salaries and expenses.....	425,971	479,235	457,017	+31,046	-22,218
Authority to spend receipts.....	-6,350	-6,350	-6,350	---	---
Subtotal, Salaries and expenses.....	419,621	472,885	450,667	+31,046	-22,218
Copyright Office, Salaries and expenses.....	58,875	74,026	68,825	+9,950	-5,201
Authority to spend receipts.....	-35,777	-39,548	-39,548	-3,771	---
Prior year unobligated balances.....	---	-6,147	-6,179	-6,179	-32
Subtotal, Copyright Office.....	23,098	28,331	23,098	---	-5,233
Congressional Research Service, Salaries and expenses.	106,945	114,408	107,945	+1,000	-6,463
Books for the blind and physically handicapped, Salaries and expenses.....	50,248	51,591	50,248	---	-1,343
Total, Library of Congress.....	599,912	667,215	631,958	+32,046	-35,257

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GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE					
Congressional publishing	79,736	79,736	79,736	---	---
Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents, Salaries and expenses.....	30,500	29,500	29,500	-1,000	---
Government Publishing Office Business Operations Revolving Fund	6,832	7,832	7,832	+1,000	---
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Total, Government Publishing Office	117,068	117,068	117,068	---	---
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses.....	556,450	591,175	567,856	+11,406	-23,319
Offsetting collections.....	-25,450	-23,350	-23,350	+2,100	---
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Total, Government Accountability Office.....	531,000	567,825	544,506	+13,506	-23,319
OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND					
Payment to the Open World Leadership Center (OWLC) Trust Fund.....	5,600	5,800	5,600	---	-200

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JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT					
Stennis Center for Public Service.....	430	430	430	---	---
GENERAL PROVISIONS					
AOC Working Capital Fund (CBO estimate).....	---	1,000	---	---	-1,000
Scorekeeping adjustment (CBO estimate) 2/.....	-1,000	---	-1,000	---	-1,000
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Grand total.....	4,363,172	4,659,184	4,440,173	+77,001	-219,011
Discretionary.....	(4,362,998)	(4,659,184)	(4,439,999)	(+77,001)	(-219,185)
Mandatory 1/.....	(174)	---	(174)	---	(+174)
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Stennis Center for Public Service.....	430	430	430	---	---
General Provisions 2/.....	-1,000	1,000	-1,000	---	-2,000
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