

AMENDMENTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL
FY2020

Full Committee Markup
House Appropriations Committee
May 9, 2019

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Managers' Amendment
Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2020
Offered by Chairman Tim Ryan

Amendments to the Bill

Page 13, insert after line 5 the following (and redesignate the succeeding subsection accordingly):

(b) Section 312(d)(2) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 2062(d)(2)) is amended by inserting after "similar benefits and programs" the following: "(including the subsidies provided on behalf of employees of the center as a result of reductions in the amount of tuition otherwise charged with respect to children of such employees under paragraph (4))".

Page 23, line 13, strike "\$2,587,000" and insert "\$3,587,000".

Amendments to the Report

Page 6, after the paragraph headed "Advertising Contracts" insert the following:

Performance Measures and Customer Service: The Committee believes that development of organizational priority goals and outcomes, such as performance outcome measures, output measures, and efficiency measures, is important for all agencies funded under this bill. The Committee also notes the importance of implementing proper customer service standards for agencies that provide direct services to the public. Development of these service standards should include identifying and surveying target customers and tracking internal performance against those standards.

Page 9, after the paragraph headed "Automating Co-Sponsorship of Bills" insert the following:

Facilitating Public Access to Legislative Information: The Committee encourages the Clerk of the House to explore ways to make the publication of legislative branch information as data more readily available to the public, which includes providing assistance to the public with finding and obtaining legislative data; supporting the annual Legislative Data and Transparency Conference; supporting the Bulk Data Task Force; and other duties as the House Clerk deems appropriate that promotes public or congressional access to legislative information as data.

Page 10, after the paragraph headed “Cloud Technologies” insert the following:

Digital Workspace Technologies: The Committee recognizes that the use of digital workspace technologies in Member offices can increase user productivity, enhance cybersecurity, and allow workforce flexibility for both Congressional staff and Members of Congress. The Committee encourages the exploration of multi-factor authentication solutions to strengthen the cybersecurity posture of all legislative offices, including strategies and programs that reduce the total life cycle costs of traditional legacy workspace infrastructure.

Page 28, strike the paragraph headed “Preservation” and insert the following:

Preservation: The Library’s extremely diverse collections require a range of preservation strategies, including assessment, treatment, reformatting, environmental storage and protective housing. The Committee considers mass deacidification to be an important part of a balanced preservation strategy and directs the Library to continue funding for mass deacidification at not less than the fiscal year 2019 level.

Page 28, in the paragraph headed “Veterans History Project” strike “\$2,587,000” and insert “\$3,587,000”.

Description of Managers' Amendment

1. Makes a technical correction to section 117 of the bill, relating to tuition discounts for employees of the House Child Care Center who also have children at the Center, to clarify that those discounts are funded through the Government Contributions account.
2. Increases by \$1 million the amount set aside for the Veterans History Project within the main Library of Congress account.
3. Adds or modifies report language on four issues.

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AMENDMENT TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

APPROPRIATIONS BILL

OFFERED BY MR. RYAN OF OHIO

Page 2, line 12, strike "\$1,331,725,000" and insert
"\$1,350,725,000".

Page 3, line 10, strike "\$602,291,000" and insert
"\$615,000,000".

Page 4, line 19, strike "\$133,074,000" and insert
"\$135,359,000".

Page 5, line 13, strike "\$243,730,000" and insert
"\$245,736,000".

Page 5, line 19, strike "\$31,728,000" and insert
"\$32,228,000".

Page 6, line 4, strike "\$162,802,000" and insert
"\$164,308,000".

Page 6, line 23, strike "\$288,543,000" and insert
"\$290,543,000".

Page 7, line 4, strike "\$260,000,000" and insert
"\$262,000,000".

Page 17, insert after line 10 the following: “(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)”.

Page 17, line 24, strike “\$114,704,000” and insert the following: “\$124,704,000: *Provided*, That \$10,000,000 of the funding provided shall be available until September 30, 2024 for transfer (in accordance with section 306 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1997; 2 U.S.C. 1862) in whole or in part to the other appropriations accounts of the Architect of the Capitol for high priority construction and renovation projects as well as project management and information technology needs: *Provided further*, That the Architect of the Capitol may not make such a transfer unless the Architect submits to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a spending plan for the funds which are to be transferred and the Committees approve the plan”.



Amendments to the Report

On pages 2 and page 7 of the report, change the description of the Members Representational Allowance to indicate that the increase will be sufficient to support a roughly 4.0 percent increase in the allowance (about \$55,000 per Member office) in 2020.

On page 19 of the report, insert the following after the paragraph with the heading “*Greening the Capitol*”:

Additional Needs Fund: The Committee provides \$10,000,000 in the Capital Construction and Operations account, made available until September 30, 2024, to be used for high priority needs of the Architect of the Capitol, which may include operating expenses needs such as additional project managers and information technology upgrades, as well as construction needs. The language permits transfer of this funding to other AOC accounts. Prior to obligation of this funding, the AOC is required to submit a spending plan to the Appropriations Committees for approval.

Change numbers accordingly throughout the report to correspond to the changes made in the bill language.

Description of Ryan Amendment

1. Increases the total funding for the House of Representatives by \$19,000,000, with the Members' Representational Allowances account increasing by \$12,709,000; the Standing and Select Committees account increasing by \$2,285,000; the Office of the Clerk increasing by \$500,000; the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer increasing by \$1,506,000; and Government Contributions increasing by \$2,000,000.

2. Increases the Capitol Construction and Operations account within the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) by \$10,000,000, available for a five-year period. These funds are to be used for high priority construction projects as well as project management and information technology needs, and may be transferred to other AOC accounts.