

AMENDMENTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL
FY2021

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House Appropriations Committee
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Managers' Amendment

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2021

Offered by Chairman Tim Ryan

Amendments to the Report

Page 11, after the paragraph headed, "*Pay Comparability and Disparities*", insert:

Intern Diversity: The Committee is concerned about diversity among interns. The Committee notes that Congressional internships are often prerequisites to full-time staff positions. Therefore, the Committee directs the CAO to examine and administer regular studies of demographic and pay information for interns and provide these reports concurrently with future budget submissions.

Page 14, at the end of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion section, insert the following paragraph:

Committee Internships: The Committee recognizes that internships often serve as the gateway for careers in Congressional offices or even as Members of Congress. Unpaid internships raise barriers to participating that are steepest for the economically disadvantaged and members of historically underrepresented groups. Paid internships may make the House even more representative. Progress has been made by providing paid internships in Member and leadership offices, but given the importance of committees to the legislative process, the Committee recognizes that the case for providing funding for paid internships for committees may be at least equally as strong. The Committee requests that the CAO and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion prepare options for providing paid internships for majority and minority staff at the committee and/or subcommittee level. This report should be presented to the Committee on Appropriations and to the Committee on House Administration no later than 120 days after the enactment of this Act.

On page 33, in the second paragraph under the header, "*Preservation*", insert after the second sentence:

The Library should consult with the Committees about its choice of organization prior to finalizing the contract.

Page 34, after the paragraph headed "*National Film and Sound Preservation*", insert:

Rare Books and Special Collections.—The Committee commends the Library of Congress on its continued excellence and the strength of its rare books and special collections. Many are world-renowned, including the publications and materials relating to magic contained in the Harry Houdini Collection. The Committee encourages the complete digitization of this important collection, and others that are similar to it, and encourages the publication online of the Library's digitized collection. Wherever prioritization decisions must be made with respect to the digitizing of materials contained in the Library's vast magic collections, the Committee encourages the consultation with practitioners in order to determine which of the materials are most important to the magic community. The Committee also encourages a public display of valued portions of the collection, again in consultation with practicing magicians.