

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2026

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Mr. VALADAO of California, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

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together with

MINORITY VIEWS

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The Committee on Appropriations submits the following report in explanation of the accompanying bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BILL

The Committee recommendation for fiscal year 2026 for the activities under the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Legislative Branch totals \$5,005,964,900.

These appropriations support the operations of the House of Representatives, the care and preservation of the historic buildings in which Congress works, and the various agencies that assist the legislative process.

In keeping with longstanding practice under which each chamber of Congress determines its housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the bill does not include funds for the Senate or Senate office buildings. Similarly, the Senate will consider a legislative branch appropriations bill that addresses Senate but not House funding.

The bill provides the legislative branch the ability to develop legislation to meet national needs, maintain and build analytical capacity to support oversight of government operations, address high-priority technology and security needs, and assist constituents in their dealings with government while also showing responsible fiscal restraint.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH-WIDE MATTERS

RESULTS, OVERSIGHT, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Committee on Appropriations of the House (hereinafter “the Committee”) recognizes that effective programs, projects, and activities must set transparent goals and measure progress toward those goals using tangible, data-driven methods.

The recommendation continues to prioritize the proper management of taxpayer dollars, including strong internal controls, reduced inefficiency, ineffectiveness, and waste, fraud, or abuse, and a focus on results, and customer service for all agencies under the jurisdiction of this Act. The Committee continues its focus on reducing unnecessary expenditures and expects the agencies funded by this Act to identify cost savings and efficiencies where possible.

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 measuring internal performance against those standards. The Committee notes the creation of the Agency Connection Center in the Longworth House Office Building and reminds agencies hosted within the center to maintain proper staffing and hours.

In addition, the Committee understands that, as the largest advertiser in the United States, the Federal government should work to ensure fair access to its advertising contracts for small, disadvantaged businesses and businesses owned by minorities and women. The Committee directs each agency under the jurisdiction of this Act to include the following information in its fiscal year 2027 budget justification: expenditures for fiscal year 2025 and expected expenditures for fiscal year 2026, respectively, for (1) all contracts for advertising services; and (2) contracts for the advertising services of (a) socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns (as defined in section 8(a)(4) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(4)), and (b) women- and minority-owned businesses disaggregated by race and gender.

REPROGRAMMING, NOTIFICATION, CONSULTATION, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Committee expects all agencies to notify the Committee of any significant departures from budget plans presented to the Committee in any of the agencies' budget justifications. The Committee recommendation grants limited reprogramming authorities to ensure that funds are devoted to the highest priorities, particularly due to changes in circumstances. Agencies funded through this bill are required to notify the Committee prior to any 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 full-time equivalents (FTE) or funds to create new organizational entities within the agency or to restructure entities that already exist.

In addition, the Committee must be notified of reprogramming actions that 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 Committees' reports are affected.

Prior to initial obligation or reallocation of funds, all congressional reprogramming notifications shall, to the maximum extent practicable, contain detailed information about the sources of the funds and why such funds are no longer intended to be used as previously justified. The Committee emphasizes that all reports are required to be completed in the timeframe noted in each respective directive. Moreover, the Committee expects that the conditions associated with funding appropriated by this Act shall be accomplished in the manner as directed in the report, consistent with congressional intent.

STAFFING DATA IN BUDGET DOCUMENTS

The Committee continues to direct the Legislative Branch agencies to include in their budget justifications data on FTE levels that would be supported by the associated request or enacted funding levels. The Committee also continues to expect the Legislative

Branch Financial Managers Council to coordinate plans for aligning FTE levels with the legislative branch agencies for consistency in reporting.

ZERO BASE BUDGETING

While the Committee continues to direct all agencies of the legislative branch to develop budget requests from a zero-base, the Committee is concerned that the zero-based budget documents still lack sufficient detail for making funding decisions. The Committee continues to see room for improvement and directs House agencies to work with the Committee to ensure budget documents contain the necessary information for meaningful savings.

CONGRESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LEGISLATIVE BRANCH CYBER AND PHYSICAL DATA SECURITY

The Committee continues to reiterate that legislative branch agencies should take proactive steps to protect critical Information Technology (IT) infrastructure to secure and protect their data or collections and to plan for disaster recovery. Consistent with the directive in the joint explanatory statement accompanying the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2023, agencies are encouraged to prioritize compliance to assure continuity of operations for the legislative branch.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The Committee notes the rapid development of artificial intelligence (AI) tools and the opportunity for this advanced technology to improve productivity and efficiency across all legislative branch agencies. The Committee emphasizes the high value potential that Large Language Models (LLMs), utilizing resources contained within agencies such as the Library of Congress (LOC), including Congressional Research Service (CRS), the Government Accountability Office (GAO), and even the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), could play in accelerating the knowledge, efficiency, and operation of each agency, as well as the entire Congress. The Committee encourages the LOC, CRS, GAO, and CBO to collaborate with the appropriate congressional entities on common policy standards, including privacy and security protections, and ways in which AI, including LLMs, may be integrated, developed, and shared among agencies funded within the Legislative Branch Appropriations bill.

TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$1,878,346,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	2,086,160,000
Committee recommendation	1,984,315,000
Change from enacted level	+105,969,000
Change from request	– 101,845,000

The committee recommends \$1,984,315,000 for the operations of the House of Representatives. The Committee recommendation funds the operations of the House of Representatives in a fiscally responsible manner, providing an increase of \$105,969,000 above fiscal year 2025. This funding allows Members to effectively serve

their constituents and supports the House in carrying out its legislative responsibilities.

HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$36,560,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	36,560,000
Committee recommendation	36,560,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$36,560,000 for salaries and expenses of staff in House Leadership offices, the same as the fiscal year 2025 enacted total.

The allocation by office follows:

Office of the Speaker	\$10,499,000
Office of the Majority Floor Leader	3,730,000
Office of the Majority Whip	3,099,000
Republican Conference	2,962,000
Office of the Minority Floor Leader	10,499,000
Office of the Minority Whip	2,809,000
Democratic Caucus	2,962,000

MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$850,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	910,421,000
Committee recommendation	850,000,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	− 60,421,000

The Committee recommends \$850,000,000 for the Members' Representational Allowance (MRA) to support the conduct of official and representational duties to the district from which Members of Congress are elected.

ALLOWANCE FOR COMPENSATION OF INTERNS IN MEMBER OFFICES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$20,638,800
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	20,638,800
Committee recommendation	20,638,800
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$20,638,800 for the compensation of interns who serve in the offices of House Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner. This recommendation maintains the intern allowance cap of \$46,800 per Member office.

ALLOWANCE FOR COMPENSATION OF INTERNS IN HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$586,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	586,000
Committee recommendation	586,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$586,000 for the compensation of interns who serve in the offices of House Leadership. This recommendation includes \$322,300 for the compensation of interns who serve in House Leadership offices of the majority, to be allocated among such offices by the Speaker of the House, and \$263,700 for the compensation of interns who serve in House Lead-

ership offices of the minority, to be allocated among such offices by the Minority Floor Leader.

ALLOWANCE FOR COMPENSATION OF INTERNS IN HOUSE STANDING,
SPECIAL AND SELECT COMMITTEE OFFICES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$2,600,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	2,600,000
Committee recommendation	2,600,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$2,600,000 for the compensation of interns who serve in the offices of House Standing, Special and Select Committees. This recommendation includes \$1,300,000 for the compensation of interns who serve in Committee offices of the majority, and \$1,300,000 for the compensation of interns who serve in Committee offices of the minority, to be allocated among such offices by the Chair, in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, of the Committee on House Administration.

ALLOWANCE FOR COMPENSATION OF INTERNS IN
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OFFICES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$463,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	463,000
Committee recommendation	463,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$463,000 for the compensation of interns who serve in the offices of the House Appropriations Committee. This recommendation includes \$231,500 for the compensation of interns who serve in Committee offices of the majority, and \$231,500 for the compensation of interns who serve in Committee offices of the minority, to be allocated by the Chair, in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, of the Committee on Appropriations.

COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$211,881,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	236,837,000
Committee recommendation	216,081,000
Change from enacted level	+4,200,000
Change from request	- 20,756,000

The Committee recommends \$216,081,000 in total for Committee Employees. This account includes funding for salaries and expenses of Committees including equipment, telecommunications, printing, contract services, and supplies. Included in the total is \$184,787,000 for Standing and Select Committees and \$31,294,000 for the Committee on Appropriations.

This account also makes available \$10,000,000 for committee room renovations.

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$320,227,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	370,199,000
Committee recommendation	361,603,000
Change from enacted level	+41,376,000
Change from request	- 8,596,000

The Committee recommends \$361,603,000, which is \$41,376,000 more than the enacted level for the salaries and expenses of House officers and employees, including the offices of the Clerk of the House, Sergeant at Arms, Chief Administrative Officer, Parliamentarian, and Legislative Counsel, among others.

The following is a summary of the funding allocation provided to each component of the account:

Office of the Clerk	\$48,992,000
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The Committee recommends \$48,992,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Clerk, an increase of \$7,537,000 from the fiscal year 2025 enacted total.

Identification Cards.—The Committee is aware that the number of essential House identification and access cards could be made more efficient. The Committee encourages the Office of the Clerk and the Sergeant at Arms (SAA) to continue to work toward a solution to streamline and standardize the current system.

Congressionally Mandated Reports.—The Committee recognizes the value of making statute-required reports more readily available and discoverable. The Committee looks forward to receiving the report, led by the Office of the Clerk and requested in House Report 118–555, describing the opportunities and challenges of making these required reports more accessible.

Legislative Branch Data Map and Management Plan.—The legislative branch is the creator and steward of invaluable information in the form of data that is utilized by Congress, federal agencies, and the public to ensure access to a historical record of legislative action. The Committee looks forward to receiving an inventory of data maps that exist across the House Clerk, Chief Administrative Office (CAO), and SAA as directed in House Report 118–555.

Closed Captioning of House Floor Proceedings.—The Committee understands that roughly 11 million Americans consider themselves deaf or have serious difficulty hearing. The Committee appreciates the efforts of the Office of the Clerk, CAO, and Office of Congressional Accessibility Services (OCAS) to provide live closed captioning of the House Floor proceedings, which can be accessed on a mobile device or in the House gallery. Further, the Committee encourages the respective offices to continue their efforts in broadening accommodations for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities.

Office of the Sergeant at Arms	\$40,606,000
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The Committee recommends \$40,606,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms. This amount is an increase of \$6,465,000 from fiscal year 2025.

Capitol Plaza Security.—The Committee is concerned about the current level of security measures across the Capitol campus, particularly when Members of Congress are travelling across the Capitol Plaza to vote. The Committee directs the SAA to provide a report to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Administration on additional ways to increase security protocols for Members of Congress.

Family Friendly Campus.—Not later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act, the SAA shall provide a report to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Admin-

istration providing recommendations on designated parking spaces for expectant mothers.

Member Office Safety Policy.—The Committee is aware that there is occasionally a need for Members to bar individuals from offices due to safety concerns. To address this need, the SAA is directed to submit a report to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Administration within 90 days after issuance of this report, identifying appropriate methods that the SAA's office could implement to address these concerns.

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer \$234,248,000

The Committee recommends \$234,248,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer. This amount is an increase of \$21,176,000 from the fiscal year 2025 enacted.

Artificial Intelligence.—The Committee notes the high level of interest among Members in AI, including appropriate privacy protocols and sufficient training for AI users. The Committee continues to look for ways in which the responsible use of AI can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of House operations. The CAO is directed, as part of their AI working group, to provide quarterly updates to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Administration on the progress of promoting AI within the House. The Committee reminds Members and staff that the CAO has established AI policies and calls on the CAO to continue to be responsive to Members interested in the implementation and training on AI.

Food Safety in House Dining Facilities.—The Committee underscores the importance of providing an accessible workplace for those with food allergies and celiac disease. The CAO should prioritize working with campus food service providers to ensure that food is available, prepared, stored, and labeled appropriately.

International Travel with House Devices.—The Committee is in receipt of the report ordered in House Report 118–120 calling on the CAO with advisement from the SAA to examine additional ways in which the House network and electronic devices may be kept even more secure during Member and staff international travel. The Committee appreciates the diligence of both the CAO and the SAA in working directly with Members and staff to provide temporary travel devices and important training sessions to educate them on best practices for ensuring device security and encourages all to utilize these resources.

Casework Assistance for Member Offices.—The Committee commends the ongoing efforts by the CAO to assist Member offices with casework through programs including the CAO Coaches, district office conferences, and the development of the Case Compass project to anonymize and aggregate constituent casework data. The Committee looks forward to continuing to receive updates about the progress of the Case Compass working group. The Committee also looks forward to receiving the report requested in House Report 118–555 in which the CAO is directed to further examine what additional assistance could be provided to Member offices to more effectively assist constituents with casework.

Office of the Whistleblower Ombuds	\$1,250,000
Office of the Inspector General	\$6,227,000
Office of General Counsel	\$2,079,000
Office of the Parliamentarian	\$2,404,000
Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House	\$4,998,000
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House	\$18,740,000

Legislative Counsel Member Portal.—The Committee appreciates the efforts underway as part of the Legislative Drafting Study to inform the possibility of the proposed House Office of Legislative Counsel (HOLC) portal. The Committee looks forward to receiving the report as outlined in House Report 118–555.

Office of Interparliamentary Affairs	\$994,000
Other authorized employees	\$1,065,000

ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$433,390,200
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	497,855,200
Committee recommendation	491,783,200
Change from enacted level	+58,393,000
Change from request	–6,072,000

The Committee recommends a total of \$491,783,200 for allowances and expenses.

The following table summarizes the funding allocation provided to each major component of the account:

Supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims	\$1,555,000
Official mail (Committees, administrative, and leadership offices)	\$190,000
Government Contributions	\$444,155,200
Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery	\$28,951,000
Transition Activities	\$10,000,000
Green and Gold Congressional Aide Program	\$4,122,000

Green and Gold Congressional Aide Program.—The Green and Gold program was established to create long-term employment opportunities for veterans and families of our fallen within the House of Representatives. The Committee recommendation provides the fiscal year 2026 requested amount of \$4,122,000. While the high average salary ensures these employment opportunities are competitive, the program continues to experience a decline in applications. The Committee encourages the CAO to work with the Committee on House Administration to potentially broaden the pool of applicants through programmatic changes, such as allowing active-duty spouses to be incorporated into the program and allowing Members to request extensions for participants.

Office of Congressional Conduct	\$1,810,000
Miscellaneous items	\$1,000,000

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MODERNIZATION INITIATIVES ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$2,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	10,000,000
Committee recommendation	4,000,000
Change from enacted level	+2,000,000
Change from request	–6,000,000

The Committee recommends \$4,000,000 for the Modernization Initiatives Account to help implement the recommendations of the Modernization Subcommittee within the Committee on House Ad-

ministration. The Committee believes that investing in these recommendations will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the House of Representatives so that it can better serve the American people. The account continues to be funded at an amount that is reflective of expenditure trends. The Committee reminds House entities that any future funding requirements for modernization projects, following initial funding from this account, should be included in their annual budget request.

The Committee continues to look forward to receiving and evaluating recommendations currently under review by the Modernization Subcommittee such as: co-sponsorship gathering tools, a constituent tour management tool, and AI initiatives.

Congressional Staff Directory.—The Committee appreciates the work that the CAO has accomplished to date on the Congressional Staff Directory and notes that the recommended CAO funding includes the requested funds to support their continued efforts on this project. The Committee continues to encourage other legislative branch entity participation and directs the CAO to keep the Committee apprised of this effort.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Section 110 continues to provide for unspent amounts remaining in the Members' Representational Allowances account to be used for deficit or debt reduction.

Section 111 continues a limitation on the amount available to lease vehicles.

Section 112 continues to allow cybersecurity assistance for the House of Representatives.

Section 113 modifies long-term lease requirements for the House of Representatives.

Section 114 provides for telecommunications expenses and assistant director salaries for the House Child Care Center.

Section 115 prohibits the purchase or use of certain technology.

JOINT ITEMS

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$4,283,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	4,283,000
Committee recommendation	4,283,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$4,283,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Joint Economic Committee (JEC), the same as the fiscal year 2025 enacted total.

The Joint Economic Committee was created by the Employment Act of 1946. The primary tasks of the Committee are to review economic conditions and to recommend improvements in economic policy. The Committee performs research and economic analysis and monitors and analyzes current economic, financial, and employment conditions.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$13,554,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	14,900,000
Committee recommendation	14,900,000
Change from enacted level	+1,346,000
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$14,900,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT), providing an increase of \$1,346,000 above fiscal year 2025.

The JCT operates under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and its predecessors dating to the Revenue Act of 1926. It has responsibility to (1) investigate the operation and effects of internal revenue taxes and the administration of such taxes, (2) investigate measures and methods for the simplification of such taxes, (3) make reports to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance (or to the House of Representatives and the Senate) on the results of such investigations and studies and to make recommendations, and (4) review any proposed refund or credit of income or estate and gift taxes or certain other taxes set forth in U.S. Code section 6405 in excess of \$2,000,000 (\$5,000,000 in the case of a C corporation). In addition to these functions that are specified in the Internal Revenue Code, the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the JCT to provide revenue estimates for all tax legislation considered by either the House or the Senate.

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$4,292,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	4,856,000
Committee recommendation	4,856,000
Change from enacted level	+564,000
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$4,856,000 for the Office of the Attending Physician (OAP). This amount is an increase of \$564,000 from the fiscal year 2025 enacted total and includes a reimbursement to the U.S. Navy for services including medical staff and equipment.

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$1,766,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	1,901,000
Committee recommendation	1,901,000
Change from enacted level	+135,000
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$1,901,000 for the operation of the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services, providing an increase of \$135,000 above fiscal year 2025.

The OCAS provides and coordinates a variety of services for individuals with disabilities including Members of Congress, staff, and visitors in the United States Capitol complex.

Accessibility Technology.—The Committee recognizes and values the important role the OCAS plays in providing equal opportunity for the public and congressional staff. The Committee directs OCAS

to work in coordination with the CAO's House Information Resources (HIR) to proactively monitor emerging technologies and applications commonly used by individuals with disabilities. OCAS and HIR are further directed to begin the internal review and approval process for such tools in advance of individual accommodation requests to ensure new technologies and applications are approved in a timely and efficient manner.

UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

SALARIES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$603,627,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	687,355,000
Committee recommendation	687,355,000
Change from enacted level	+83,728,000
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$687,355,000 for the personnel salaries, benefits, student loan repayment, and overtime requirements, to include the cost of overtime necessary for providing training of the U.S. Capitol Police (USCP).

The Committee notes that the timing of this report coincides with the selection of a new Chief of the U.S. Capitol Police. The Committee looks forward to working with the new Chief to carry out the primary mission of the Department to ensure the safety and security of the Capitol campus for the Members, staff, and the millions of visitors it receives each year. Central to this mission is the appropriate level of sworn officers and supporting civilian employees, and thus the recommendation provides the full request for sworn and civilians. The recommendation does not provide approval of the Department's proposed distribution of the new sworn positions. The Committee directs the Chief to confer with the Capitol Police Board to establish the appropriate assignments based on the core priorities of protecting Members of Congress and securing the Capitol complex.

Risk-Based Protections for Members of Congress.—The Committee continues to expect the Chief to continue working closely with the House and Senate Sergeants at Arms and local law enforcement partners on the USCP strategy for Members' protection within the National Capitol Region (NCR) while outside the Capitol Grounds and to educate Member offices on this topic. The Committee instructs the Chief to coordinate with the House and Senate Sergeants at Arms to direct patrols to buildings or locations where the Members tend to congregate in order to fulfill its mission under 2 U.S.C. 1966.

Overtime.—The Committee has supported significant increases in sworn personnel and continues to support the use of Contract Security Officers with the goal of decreasing the dangerous amount of overtime required of officers. Meanwhile, the Department has yet to demonstrate a corresponding decrease in the amount of overtime. The recommendation provides the same amount of funding for overtime as was provided in FY25. The Committee reminds the Department that its primary responsibility is to protect the Members and Capitol campus seven days per week throughout the year and that overtime should not be used for routine weekend staffing. Accordingly, the Department is directed to provide a report to the

Capitol Police Board and the Committee on Appropriations within two weeks of when 25%, 50%, and 75% of the total overtime funding has been expended. Such report shall include the total use of overtime by division, the justification for authorization of overtime, and any other information directed by the Capitol Police Board.

Civilian Staffing.—The recommendation provides funding to support the requested level of civilian employees. It is the expectation of the Committee that the Department will hire the requested number of civilian employees to properly support the work of the sworn force.

Budget Justification.—The Committee directs the Chief, in coordination with the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), to revise the Congressional Budget Justification to provide sufficient detail. The Committee directs the Chief to work directly with the Capitol Police Board in developing the parameters of the justification and the appropriate level of detail for submission.

Concept of Operations Plan.—The Committee is pleased that the USCP continues to implement its Concept of Operations Plan with the establishment of a Workforce Management Office (WMO). The Committee expects the Department to fully support the office with appropriate staffing and funding levels and directs sworn officials to promptly reply to requests for information and follow the WMO's guidance. The Committee looks forward to learning about the WMO's recommendations regarding staffing, overtime management, and cost savings. Additionally, the Committee encourages the new Chief to review the Concept of Operations Plan and report to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Administration within 60 days of the issuance of this report on his recommendations for implementation.

Merit-Based Bonuses.—Included in the recommendation are funds to support merit-based bonuses. It is the intent of the Committee that these funds be used to retain sworn personnel. When appropriate, these funds may be used for civilians when approved by the Capitol Police Board.

Crossing Guard.—The Committee directs the Department to provide a crossing guard at the intersection of New Jersey Avenue S.E. and C Street S.E., as well as at the intersection of New Jersey Avenue S.E. and D Street S.E., from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on days when the House is in session. The Committee defers to the Department in consultation with the Capitol Police Board as to the most cost-effective method for providing these positions.

Parking Regulations.—The Committee encourages the USCP to enforce parking regulations, in coordination with the SAA, along First Street S.E., issue violations in a timely manner and implement towing services when appropriate.

Motorized Devices.—The Committee notes the continued interest of Members, staff, and visitors to the Capitol campus in utilizing scooters as a form of transportation. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Capitol Police Board review the current motorized device policy, considering the safety and protection of the Capitol grounds and pedestrians.

Use of Grounds.—As instructed in House Report 117-389, the USCP should continue to forebear enforcement of 2 U.S.C. 1963 and the Traffic Regulations for the United States Capitol Grounds when encountering snow sleds on the grounds.

USCP Office of Inspector General.—The Committee includes no less than \$850,000 and supports no fewer than 15 FTE within the USCP Office of Inspector General (OIG).

GENERAL EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$202,846,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	280,404,000
Committee recommendation	203,546,000
Change from enacted level	+700,000
Change from request	– 76,858,000

The Committee recommends \$203,546,000 for general expenses to support the responsibilities for law enforcement, Capitol complex physical and technological security, dignitary protection, intelligence analysis, event management, hazardous material/devices, IT, and other specialized responses, as well as logistical and administrative support. Of the total, \$10,000,000 shall be available until September 30, 2030, for mutual aid reimbursements.

While the Committee supports resourcing the Department to meet its essential needs and fulfill its mission, it has chosen to reduce general expenses funding. The Capitol Police’s budget has seen a significant increase in recent years, which has been widely supported, but the Committee acknowledges that full execution of funding has been a challenge. The recommendation should not be taken as a lack of support for the Capitol Police or its mission, but rather in line with a requirement for prudent fiscal decisions.

Mutual Aid.—The recommendation includes \$10,000,000 in multi-year funds for mutual aid reimbursements. The Committee notes that while the Department requested multi-year funds at an annual average of \$5,000,000 per year, the recommendation includes double the amount. It is the intent of the Committee to provide multi-year mutual aid funds on an annual basis to ensure sufficient funding is available based on expenditure trends.

Fleet Management.—The Committee is concerned about the ever-increasing number of vehicles in the USCP fleet, especially home-to-work vehicles. The recommendation provides no funds for the purchase or lease of new home-to-work vehicles and directs the new Chief to review the current fleet and implement a pool-based policy for assigned on call officers. The Committee fails to see any value in home-to-work vehicles for civilian employees and expects to see a responsible reduction in the number of all home-to-work vehicles. The Committee directs the Department to submit a quarterly report on the reduction of the fleet.

Contractors.—The Committee notes the large number of contractors that the Department employs while falling short of civilian hiring goals. The Committee directs the USCP to explore opportunities to recruit and convert existing contractors to civilian FTEs within the requested number of civilian positions funded within this recommendation. The Committee directs the Department to submit a report, in consultation with the WMO, on the findings within 120 days of the issuance of this report.

Body-Worn Cameras.—The Committee commends the USCP for piloting a body-worn camera pilot program. Body-worn cameras can not only protect officers but will also aid in the protection of Members, staff, and the general public visiting the Capitol. The Com-

mittee looks forward to reviewing the interim report and its recommendations as directed in House Report 117–389.

Field Offices.—While offices were set up in strategic locations several years ago as a pilot program, upon review by the Capitol Police Board there has been insufficient return on investment for this program. At the advice of the Board, the recommendation does not include funding for continuation of this program. The Committee remains supportive of the work provided by the Special Assistant United States Attorneys (SAUSAs).

USCP Uniform Standards.—The Committee is aware of interest in affording the USCP the opportunity to utilize regionally representative headwear. The Committee recommends the Capitol Police Board review the uniform policies to consider potential flexibility.

USCP Office of the Inspector General Report Disclosure.—In response to previous House Reports, the Committee is encouraged that the Office of the Inspector General has begun making its reports publicly available whenever practicable and has started publishing reports on its website.

Wellness Programs for Law Enforcement.—The Committee appreciates the role of the Howard C. ‘Howie’ Liebengood Center for Wellness in carrying out a holistic wellness and resiliency program for the USCP workforce. The Committee is pleased with the information contained in the report directed in House Report 118–120 including the multiple programs the center offers and the level of engagement in which the workforce participates. It encourages the center to continue strengthening its support for PTSD and acute stress disorder challenges that can often arise among officers and staff engaged in security and protection work.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Section 116 requires authorization for international travel for training purposes.

Section 117 updates the reporting, appointment, and termination authority for senior personnel.

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE RIGHTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$8,150,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	8,593,902
Committee recommendation	8,350,000
Change from enacted level	+200,000
Change from request	– 243,902

The Committee recommends \$8,350,000 for salaries and expenses of the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights (OCWR). The Committee supports the positions and the resources needed to continue OCWR’s mandate to administer the Congressional Accountability Reform Act.

Consistent with Section 3(b) of H. Res. 5, One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, no funds are provided to facilitate House Resolution 1096, One Hundred Seventeenth Congress.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$70,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	75,757,000
Committee recommendation	72,000,000
Change from enacted level	+2,000,000
Change from request	– 3,757,000

The Committee recommends \$72,000,000 for salaries and expenses of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). The CBO is responsible for producing independent analyses of budgetary and economic issues to support the congressional budget process. Each year, the agency produces dozens of reports, including its outlook on the budget and economy, and hundreds of cost estimates for proposed legislation.

Enhanced Estimate Transparency.—The Committee recognizes the testimony of Phillip L. Swagel before the Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch on April 29, 2025, that focused on the CBO’s efforts to enhance transparency in estimate methodology and access to data. As such, the Committee encourages the CBO to release a section describing the basis of every cost estimate to be released at the same time as the cost estimate. This section would include, but is not limited to, the general approach, overview of methodology, time taken to complete the estimate, and one potential limit of the methodology.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

(EXCLUDING SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS)

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$691,510,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	1,113,218,000
Committee recommendation	701,358,000
Change from enacted level	+9,848,000
Change from request	– 411,860,000

The Committee recommends \$701,358,000 for the activities of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC). The recommendation is \$411,860,000 less than the request. (These totals do not include appropriations for Senate Office Buildings requested at \$223,296,000 which are traditionally left for consideration of the Senate.) The Architect is responsible for the maintenance, operation, development, and preservation of the United States Capitol complex. This includes mechanical and structural maintenance of the Capitol, congressional office buildings, the Library of Congress buildings, the United States Botanic Garden, the Capitol Power Plant, and other facilities, as well as the upkeep and improvement of the grounds surrounding the Capitol complex.

AOC Office of Inspector General.—The Committee includes no less than \$6,110,000 to support no fewer than 25 FTE within the AOC OIG.

The following table summarizes the allocation of funds by appropriation account:

Capital Construction and Operations	\$166,303,000
Capitol Building	68,560,000
Capitol Grounds	19,939,000
House Office Buildings	123,672,000
Capitol Power Plant	119,926,000
Library Buildings and Grounds	76,829,000
Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds and Security	74,910,000
Botanic Garden	21,392,000
Capitol Visitor Center	29,827,000

The Committee recommendation funds the operating expenses, less the Senate office building request, throughout these accounts.

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$152,507,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	176,233,000
Committee recommendation	166,303,000
Change from enacted level	+13,796,000
Change from request	–9,930,000

The Committee recommends \$166,303,000 for campus-wide architectural and engineering design; project, property, and construction management; financial management; procurement; personnel services; equipment; communications; and other central support activities of the AOC.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$166,303,000

Nursing Mothers Locations.—The Committee commends the AOC for its role in maintaining private areas for nursing mothers throughout the Capitol complex. The Committee encourages the Office of Attending Physician to make these services known to the congressional community.

CAPITOL BUILDING

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$48,688,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	83,650,000
Committee recommendation	68,560,000
Change from enacted level	+19,872,000
Change from request	–15,090,000

The Committee recommends \$68,560,000 for the operation, maintenance, and care of the U.S. Capitol and Capitol Visitor Center (CVC). Of the total, \$32,899,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2030.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$35,661,000
Projects:	
Minor Construction	6,000,000
Conservation of Fine and Architectural Art	599,000
Electrical Power Distribution System Replacement, Phase II & III	26,300,000

Wireless Connectivity.—The Committee recognizes the necessity for wireless connectivity throughout the Capitol complex. The Committee continues to urge the Architect to assess the feasibility of upgrading the wireless local area network to ensure the highest level of connectivity in all areas of the Capitol complex.

Recognition of Women in Congress.—The Committee continues to support the work of the Architect of the Capitol, the House Curator, and the Capital Historical Society to increase images of women in public spaces in Congress.

CAPITOL GROUNDS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$21,600,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	36,459,000
Committee Recommendation	19,939,000
Change from enacted level	– 1,661,000
Change from request	– 16,520,000

The Committee recommends \$19,939,000 for the care of the grounds surrounding the Capitol. Of the total, \$3,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2030.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$16,939,000
Project:	
Minor Construction	3,000,000

Road Conditions Surrounding the House Office Buildings.—To mitigate traffic and pedestrian safety concerns, the Committee continues to encourage the AOC to work with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to evaluate and improve road conditions to the roads immediately surrounding the House Office Buildings.

Bike Lanes.—The Committee continues to support the AOC's efforts in coordination with other relevant entities 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.

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$146,174,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	186,302,000
Committee recommendation	123,672,000
Change from enacted level	– 22,502,000
Change from request	– 62,630,000

The Committee recommends \$123,672,000 for the operation, maintenance, and care of the Rayburn, Cannon, Longworth, Ford, and O'Neill House Office Buildings, and the House underground garages. Of the total provided, \$32,140,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2030, and \$10,500,000 shall remain available for the House Historic Building Revitalization Fund for major House Office Building renovations until expended.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$81,032,000
Projects:	
Minor Construction	10,250,000
CAO Project Support	14,090,000
Emergency Generator and Backup Power Replacement Design, O'Neill & Ford	3,800,000
Elevator and Escalator Repair Program, HOB	4,000,000
House Historic Building Revitalization Fund	10,500,000

Cannon House Office Building Renewal.—In FY25 the Committee provided the funding necessary to complete the Cannon Building renewal and looks forward to the completion of the con-

struction project. The Committee expects the AOC to use lessons learned from this renewal project as it moves forward in planning for future building restoration and renewal projects.

The AOC is reminded of the administrative provision in the bill prohibiting funding for incentive or award payments to contractors for projects that are behind schedule or over budget.

Integrated Pest Management.—The Committee recognizes the importance of proactive pest management and mitigation to ensure a safe, healthy, and productive workplace and continues to support proactive pest control measures for the House Office Buildings.

House Office Building Pedestrian and Traffic Safety.—The Committee recognizes the importance transportation studies have on the safety of our roadways and pedestrian traffic and looks forward to receiving the report and briefing as directed in House Report 118–555.

Elevator Modernization.—The Committee continues to be concerned about the increased regularity of elevator outages in the House Office Buildings. The Committee appreciates the ongoing efforts of the AOC to continue modernizing the underlying systems.

CAPITOL POWER PLANT (CPP)

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$123,850,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	142,816,000
Committee recommendation	119,926,000
Change from enacted level	– 3,924,000
Change from request	– 22,890,000

The Committee recommends \$119,926,000 in direct appropriations for the operations of the Capitol Power Plant which is the centralized provider of utility services for the Capitol campus. Of the total, \$8,200,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2030. In addition, \$10,000,000 in offsetting collections is available from reimbursements for steam and chilled water.

Energy Resiliency and Efficiency.—The Committee recognizes the AOC’s Capitol Power Plant cogeneration project and the energy savings performance contracts at the Capitol, House, Senate, and Library of Congress have resulted in roughly \$200,000,000 in cost avoidance and serve as an important effort in grid resiliency and domestic renewable energy production. The AOC is encouraged to continue to address facility needs in an energy efficient and fiscally responsible manner and seek ways to increase Capitol campus resiliency and efficiency.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$111,726,000
Projects:	
Minor Construction	5,000,000
General Area Fire Alarm Upgrades, CPP	3,200,000

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$64,978,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	137,889,000
Committee recommendation	76,829,000
Change from enacted level	+11,851,000
Change from request	– 61,060,000

The Committee recommends \$76,829,000 for the care and maintenance of the Thomas Jefferson Building, James Madison Memorial Building, John Adams Building, Packard Campus, Ft. Meade Collection Storage Facility, National Library Services Facility, and the St. Cecilia Special Services Facilities Center. Of the total, \$37,200,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2030.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$39,629,000
Projects:	
Minor Construction	4,000,000
Elevator Reliability Upgrade Program, LBG	3,000,000
Fire Sprinkler System Replacement, Jefferson	30,200,000

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND SECURITY

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$85,207,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	112,930,000
Committee recommendation	74,910,000
Change from enacted level	– 10,297,000
Change from request	– 38,020,000

The Committee recommends \$74,910,000 for the maintenance, care and operation of buildings, grounds, and security enhancements of the United States Capitol Police and AOC security operations. Of the total, \$10,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2030.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$64,910,000
Projects:	
Minor Construction	10,000,000

Ongoing Security Projects.—The Committee has provided significant funding to the Architect of the Capitol for security projects over recent fiscal years that remains unexpended. Historically, the Office of the Chief Security Officer (OCSO) has struggled to complete these projects in a timely fashion; meanwhile, costs to complete these projects continue to increase. The Committee directs the OCSO to defer to the Capitol Police Board in determining security project priorities for the Capitol campus and reiterates the importance of executing these projects in a more timely manner.

BOTANIC GARDEN

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$20,506,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	206,392,000
Committee recommendation	21,392,000
Change from enacted level	+886,000
Change from request	– 185,000,000

The Committee recommends \$21,392,000 for the improvement, operation, care, and maintenance of the United States Botanic Garden (USBG) Conservatory; the National Garden; the Administration Building; the Bartholdi Park and Fountain; heritage and other plant collections; and the USBG Production Facility at DC Village. Of the total, \$5,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2030.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$16,392,000
Projects:	
Minor Construction	5,000,000

Collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).—The Committee continues to recognize the value of the USBG supporting the evolution of urban agriculture. The Committee encourages USBG to continue to collaborate with USDA to support the USBG’s efforts to host and serve as an educational and training location for local and national audiences.

Inclusion of Territory Species.—The Committee encourages the USBG to consider cultivating additional culturally significant U.S. Territory plant species.

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$28,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	30,547,000
Committee recommendation	29,827,000
Change from enacted level	+1,827,000
Change from request	– 720,000

The Committee recommends \$29,827,000 for the operations of the Capitol Visitor Center (CVC). The CVC was established to provide a secure public environment to welcome and manage the large number of visitors and to protect the Capitol, its occupants, and guests in an atmosphere of open access.

Dome Tour Transparency.—The Committee understands the special privilege afforded only to Members of Congress to schedule tours of the U.S. Capitol Dome. Due to the uniqueness of this opportunity and the volume of requests, it has become increasingly challenging for Member offices to reserve a Dome tour. The Committee looks forward to receiving the report as directed in House Report 118–555.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

Section 118 prohibits payment of bonuses to contractors behind schedule or over budget during fiscal year 2026.

Section 119 authorizes cooperative agreements for the purposes of the Capitol Grounds and Arboretum.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$852,158,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	901,323,000
Committee recommendation	767,623,900
Change from enacted level	– 87,534,100
Change from request	– 136,699,100

The Committee recommends \$767,623,900 for the activities of the Library of Congress (LOC). Established by Congress in 1800, the Library of Congress is the largest library in the world, with a collection of more than 170,000,000 print, audio, and video items in 470 languages. Among its major programs are acquisitions, preservation, administration of United States copyright laws by the Copyright Office, research and analysis of policy issues for the Congress by the Congressional Research Service, and administration of a na-

tional program to provide reading material to the blind and print disabled. The LOC maintains a significant number of collections and provides a range of services to libraries in the United States and abroad.

LOC Office of Inspector General.—The Committee includes no less than \$4,500,000 to support no fewer than 14 FTE within the LOC OIG.

The following table summarizes the allocation of funds by appropriation account:

Salaries and Expenses	\$501,902,900
Copyright Office	56,627,000
Congressional Research Service	141,093,000
National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled	68,001,000

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$592,411,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	625,327,000
Committee recommendation	501,902,900
Change from enacted level	– 93,508,100
Change from request	– 126,424,100

The Committee recommends \$501,902,900 for Salaries and Expenses. The recommendation makes the following amounts available until expended: \$10,360,000 for the Teaching with Primary Sources Program, \$1,546,000 for the Legislative Branch Financial Management System, \$150,000 for the Surplus Books Program, and \$4,379,000 for the Veterans History Project.

Preservation of the Collection.—As a means to preserve the LOC's literary and historical treasures, the Committee provides \$1,000,000 to continue the deacidification preservation program.

Archival Preservation of Central and Eastern European Collections.—The Committee recognizes the cultural contributions of the American diasporic groups from nations and communities of the former Soviet Union and its Republics and appreciates the value in preserving their histories and traditions. The Committee commends the important work the Library of Congress is doing to identify, collect, and archive stories, documents, and other historical materials from cultural and ethnic diasporas across Europe and requests the Library further strengthen its partnerships with museums, non-profits, and ethnic heritage centers across the country to collect additional stories, documents, and visual materials and recordings from families and institutions dedicated to Eastern and Central European historical collections, and encourages the Library to disseminate them for public use.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$57,537,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	63,427,000
Committee recommendation	56,627,000
Change from enacted level	– 910,000
Change from request	– 6,800,000

The Committee recommends \$56,627,000 in direct appropriations to the Copyright Office. An additional \$44,849,000 is made avail-

able from receipts for salaries and expenses for a total of \$101,476,000.

Copyright Modernization.—Few government bodies are more important to the growth of creativity and commercial artistic activity in our nation than the Copyright Office. The Committee continues to encourage the Copyright Office’s efforts to modernize its IT infrastructure to effectively serve its customers.

Copyright Expertise.—The Committee continues to support the Office’s use of funds to offer expertise on copyright matters to the executive branch, including participation in international discussions.

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$136,080,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	144,568,000
Committee recommendation	141,093,000
Change from enacted level	+5,013,000
Change from request	–3,475,000

The Committee recommends \$141,093,000 for salaries and expenses of Congressional Research Service (CRS), which supports Members and Committees in legislative, oversight, and representational functions by providing nonpartisan and confidential research and policy analysis. The organization provides an important service for Members and staff, publishing hundreds of reports annually and providing briefings on pertinent policy issues considered by Congress. The expert nonpartisan analysts at CRS keep Congress informed, contributing to intelligent and responsible policymaking.

Expanding the Congressional Liaison Directory.—Congressional constituent service staff rely on the Congressional Research Service’s online directory of approximately 200 congressional liaison offices to determine appropriate contacts for casework. The Committee is in receipt of the report directed in House Report 118–555 requesting CRS to examine the feasibility of expanding the legislative liaison list to include localized and regional agency contact information, as well as including agency policies regarding Privacy Act release forms in its directory. The Committee looks forward to engaging with CRS to further develop the parameters for expanding the liaison directory.

Continuing Education for Congressional Staff.—The Committee continues to be pleased with the success of the Congressional Legal Education Forum and provides \$1,000,000 to continue the program. Under CRS leadership the program provides introductory and advanced programs geared toward senior Congressional staff who have not attended law school, educating them on the legal fundamentals that inform Congress’s lawmaking and oversight functions.

NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$66,130,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	68,001,000
Committee recommendation	68,001,000
Change from enacted level	+1,871,000
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$68,001,000 for salaries and expenses of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS).

The NLS is a free braille and talking book library service for people with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a disability that prevents them from reading or holding the printed page. Through a national network of regional and sub-regional libraries, NLS circulates books and magazines in braille and audio formats, which are delivered by postage-free mail or are instantly downloadable.

BARD Modernization.—The Committee continues to support the modernization of Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) Infrastructure which distributes audio and electronic braille materials.

Braille eReader and Talking Book Machine Initiative.—The Committee continues to support the modernization of the Braille eReader and Talking Book Machine initiatives throughout NLS's nation-wide network of libraries.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

Section 120 limits to \$332,285,000 the amount that may be obligated during fiscal year 2026 from various reimbursements and revolving funds available to the Library of Congress.

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

The Government Publishing Office (GPO) publishes and disseminates Federal government publications to Congress, Federal agencies, Federal depository libraries, and the American public.

CONGRESSIONAL PUBLISHING

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$83,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	83,000,000
Committee recommendation	83,000,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$83,000,000 for Congressional Publishing. This account funds the costs of publishing congressional information products in both digital and print formats.

PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$37,388,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	42,852,000
Committee recommendation	42,852,000
Change from enacted level	+5,464,000
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$42,852,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents.

This appropriation primarily supports the cataloging and indexing of Federal Government publications (the results of which are now available online) and for operating the Federal Depository Library system and providing Federal documents to the network of 1,133 depository libraries nationwide.

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE BUSINESS OPERATIONS
REVOLVING FUND

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$11,611,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	9,525,000
Committee recommendation	9,525,000
Change from enacted level	-2,086,000
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$9,525,000 for the Government Publishing Office Business Operations Revolving Fund, which finances GPO's publishing operations.

This business-like fund is used to pay GPO's costs in performing or procuring from private-sector sources, congressional and agency publishing, information product procurement, and publication dissemination activities. The fund is reimbursed from payments from customer agencies, sales to the public, appropriations to the fund, and transfers from GPO's two annual appropriations.

GPO Office of Inspector General.—The Committee includes no less than \$6,899,000 to support no fewer than 25 FTE within the GPO OIG. The Committee continues to be pleased with the high-quality work produced by this office and appreciates their commitment to fiscal responsibility.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$811,894,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	933,979,000
Committee recommendation	415,370,000
Change from enacted level	-396,524,000
Change from request	-518,609,000

Established by the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) works for Congress by responding to requests for studies of Federal government programs and expenditures and may also initiate its own work. The Committee recommends \$415,370,000 in direct appropriations for GAO. In addition, \$35,424,000 is available in offsetting collections de-

rived from reimbursements for conducting financial audits of government corporations and the rental of space in the GAO building.

Agency Responsiveness to Congressional Inquires on Behalf of Constituents.—The Committee looks forward to receiving the report as directed in House Report 118–555 studying the current status of responsiveness to House of Representative office inquiries on behalf of constituents seeking assistance at select federal agencies.

Driving Implementation of Open GAO Recommendations.—GAO report recommendations have the potential to save billions of dollars and greatly improve government operations. The Committee believes that a way to increase recommendation implementation and hold agencies accountable for implementing them in a timely way is for GAO to establish a timeframe in which a recommendation should be able to be fully implemented. As such the Committee directs GAO to develop and implement a pilot to evaluate the efficacy of including implementation timeframes when it makes recommendations. Among other things, the pilot will examine whether including this information increases agencies' implementation rates and timeliness. GAO should brief the Committee on the results of this pilot and make recommendations of whether the pilot should be made permanent within two years of the start of the pilot. The Committee expects agencies to provide GAO the necessary information to develop implementation timeframes.

Eliminating Waste, Fraud, and Abuse.—The Committee continues to support GAO's efforts to identify and report on inefficiencies in federal programs. To strengthen this work, the Committee encourages GAO to enhance interagency data-sharing, promote government-wide coordination, and expand the implementation of GAO's recommendations. The Committee believes such partnerships can further reduce redundancy, improve program outcomes, and maximize the efficient use of taxpayer funds.

GAO Office of Inspector General.—The Committee includes no less than \$2,451,000 to support no fewer than 14 FTE within the GAO OIG. The Committee believes that independence between legislative branch OIGs and their respective reporting agencies is important and reminds the GAO that the budget and FTE amounts in the report are expected to be provided as a floor for the OIG to conduct its oversight mission. Additionally, the Committee is aware of the OIG's request to separate its budget from the agency and continues to request that the IG provide the Committee with a quarterly spend plan as the Committee considers this request.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

Section 121 limits the availability of funding related to civil action.

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$6,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	7,200,000
Committee recommendation	6,300,000
Change from enacted level	+300,000
Change from request	–900,000

The Committee recommends \$6,300,000 for salaries and expenses of the Congressional Office for International Leadership (COIL).

Congressional Oversight.—The Committee acknowledges COIL’s increased cooperation with oversight committees and appreciates their efforts to ensure their work is a reflection of the priorities of Congress.

JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Appropriation, fiscal year 2025	\$430,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2026	430,000
Committee recommendation	430,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$430,000 for salaries and expenses for the Stennis Center. The Center provides congressional staff training and development opportunities to promote and strengthen public service leadership in America.

TITLE II—GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Committee continues several provisions from prior years, including language regarding maintenance and care of private vehicles, fiscal year limitation, rates of compensation, and designation, consulting services, the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council, a limitation on transfers, guided tours of the Capitol, and a prohibition on certain operational expenses.

The Committee includes new provisions on prohibiting certain telecommunications equipment procurement, exempting the practice of medicine from the fiduciary relationship restrictions for a Member of Congress, prohibiting funding for diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, prohibiting funding for discriminatory actions against certain religious beliefs, continuing a freeze on cost of living adjustments, and a spending reduction account.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR 2025
AND BUDGET REQUESTS AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL FOR 2026
(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request
TITLE I - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH					
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES					
Payment to Widows and Heirs of Deceased Members of Congress.....	---	---	522	+522	+522
Salaries and Expenses					
House Leadership Offices					
Office of the Speaker.....	10,499	10,499	10,499	---	---
Office of the Majority Floor Leader.....	3,730	3,730	3,730	---	---
Office of the Minority Floor Leader.....	10,499	10,499	10,499	---	---
Office of the Majority Whip.....	3,099	3,099	3,099	---	---
Office of the Minority Whip.....	2,809	2,809	2,809	---	---
Republican Conference.....	2,962	2,962	2,962	---	---
Democratic Caucus.....	2,962	2,962	2,962	---	---
Total, House Leadership Offices.....	36,560	36,560	36,560	---	---

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR 2025
AND BUDGET REQUESTS AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL FOR 2026
(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request
Members' Representational Allowances					
Including Members' Clerk Hire, Official Expenses of Members, and Official Mail.....	850,000	910,421	850,000	---	-60,421
Allowance for Compensation of Interns					
House Member Offices.....	20,639	20,639	20,639	---	---
House Leadership Offices.....	586	586	586	---	---
House Standing, Special and Select Committee Offices..	2,600	2,600	2,600	---	---
House Appropriations Committee Office.....	463	463	463	---	---
Total, Allowance for Compensation of Interns....	24,288	24,288	24,288	---	---
Committee Employees					
Standing Committees, Special and Select.....	180,587	203,200	184,787	+4,200	-18,413
Committee on Appropriations (including studies and investigations).....	31,294	33,637	31,294	---	-2,343
Total, Committee Employees.....	211,881	236,837	216,081	+4,200	-20,756

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Salaries, Officers and Employees					
Office of the Clerk.....	41,455	48,992	48,992	+7,537	---
Office of the Sergeant at Arms.....	34,141	40,606	40,606	+6,465	---
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.....	213,072	243,184	234,248	+21,176	-8,936
Office of the Whistleblower Ombuds.....	1,250	1,250	1,250	---	---
Office of the Inspector General.....	5,512	6,227	6,227	+715	---
Office of General Counsel.....	1,987	2,079	2,079	+92	---
Office of the Parliamentarian.....	2,240	2,404	2,404	+164	---
Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House.....	3,900	4,998	4,998	+1,098	---
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House.....	14,671	18,400	18,740	+4,069	+340
Office of Interparliamentary Affairs.....	934	994	994	+60	---
Other authorized employees.....	1,065	1,065	1,065	---	---
Total, Salaries, Officers and Employees.....	320,227	370,199	361,603	+41,376	-8,596

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Allowances and Expenses					
Supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims.....	1,555	1,555	1,555	---	---
Official mail for committees, leadership offices, and administrative offices of the House.....	190	190	190	---	---
Government contributions.....	392,368	444,155	444,155	+51,787	---
Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery.....	27,264	28,951	28,951	+1,687	---
Transition activities.....	5,895	16,072	10,000	+4,105	-6,072
Green and Gold Congressional Aide Program.....	3,356	4,122	4,122	+766	---
Office of Congressional Ethics.....	1,762	1,810	1,810	+48	---
Miscellaneous items.....	1,000	1,000	1,000	---	---
Total, Allowances and Expenses.....	433,390	497,855	491,783	+58,393	-6,072
House Modernization Initiatives Account.....	2,000	10,000	4,000	+2,000	-6,000
Total, House of Representatives.....	1,878,346	2,086,160	1,984,837	+106,491	-101,323

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JOINT ITEMS					
Joint Economic Committee.....	4,283	4,283	4,283	---	---
Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.....	---	---	---	---	---
Joint Committee on Taxation.....	13,554	14,900	14,900	+1,346	---
Office of the Attending Physician					
Medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances.	4,292	4,856	4,856	+564	---
Office of Congressional Accessibility Services					
Salaries and expenses 1/.....	1,766	1,901	1,901	+135	---
Total, Joint Items.....	23,895	25,940	25,940	+2,045	---
CAPITOL POLICE					
Salaries.....	603,827	687,355	687,355	+83,728	---
General expenses.....	202,846	280,404	203,546	+700	-76,858
Total, Capitol Police.....	806,473	967,759	890,901	+84,428	-76,858
OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE RIGHTS					
Salaries and expenses.....	8,150	8,594	8,350	+200	-244

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CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses.....	70,000	75,757	72,000	+2,000	-3,757
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL (AOC)					
Capital Construction and Operations.....	152,507	176,233	166,303	+13,796	-9,930
Capitol building.....	48,888	83,650	68,560	+19,872	-15,090
Capitol grounds.....	21,600	36,459	19,939	-1,661	-16,520
House office buildings.....	146,174	175,802	113,172	-33,002	-62,630
House Historic Buildings Revitalization Fund.....	---	10,500	10,500	+10,500	---
Subtotal, AOC House Buildings.....	146,174	186,302	123,672	-22,502	-62,630
Capitol Power Plant.....	123,850	152,816	129,926	+6,076	-22,890
Spending from offsetting collections.....	---	-10,000	-10,000	-10,000	---
Subtotal, Capitol Power Plant.....	123,850	142,816	119,926	-3,924	-22,890
Library buildings and grounds.....	64,978	137,889	76,829	+11,851	-61,060
Capitol police buildings, grounds and security.....	85,207	112,930	74,910	-10,297	-38,020
Botanic Garden.....	20,506	206,392	21,392	+886	-185,000
Capitol Visitor Center.....	28,000	30,547	29,827	+1,827	-720
Total, Architect of the Capitol.....	691,510	1,113,218	701,358	+9,848	-411,860
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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS					
Salaries and expenses.....	592,411	625,327	501,903	-90,508	-123,424
Copyright Office, Salaries and expenses.....	103,128	108,276	101,476	-1,652	-6,800
Authority to spend receipts.....	-44,591	-44,849	-44,849	-258	---
Prior year unobligated balances.....	-1,000	---	---	+1,000	---
Subtotal, Copyright Office.....	57,537	63,427	56,627	-910	-6,800
Congressional Research Service, Salaries and expenses:					
Salaries and expenses.....	136,080	144,568	141,093	+5,013	-3,475
National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled					
Salaries and expenses.....	66,130	68,001	68,001	+1,871	---
Total, Library of Congress.....	852,158	901,323	767,624	-84,534	-133,699
GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE					
Congressional publishing.....	83,000	83,000	83,000	---	---
Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents, Salaries and expenses.....	37,388	42,852	42,852	+5,464	---
Government Publishing Office Business Operations Revolving Fund.....	11,611	9,525	9,525	-2,086	---
Total, Government Publishing Office.....	131,999	135,377	135,377	+3,378	---

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses.....	885,870	1,006,168	487,559	-398,311	-518,609
Offsetting collections.....	-73,976	-72,189	-72,189	+1,787	---
Total, Government Accountability Office.....	811,894	933,979	415,370	-396,524	-518,609
CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP FUND					
Payment to the Congressional Office for International Leadership (COIL) Fund.....	6,000	7,200	6,300	+300	-900
JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT					
Stennis Center for Public Service.....	430	430	430	---	---
Total, Title I, Legislative Branch.....	5,280,855	6,255,737	5,008,487	-272,368	-1,247,250

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TITLE II - GENERAL PROVISIONS					
Adjustments to Compensation (CBO estimate).....	-4,000	---	-3,000	+1,000	-3,000
Authority to Make Purchases of Materials and Services During Emergencies (Sec. 131).....	---	---	---	---	---
Ensuring AOC Employee Eligibility for Childcare Benefits, Consistent with Other Federal Agencies (Sec. 132).....	---	---	---	---	---
Total, Title II, General Provisions.....	-4,000	---	-3,000	+1,000	-3,000

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OTHER APPROPRIATIONS					
CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025 (P.L. 118-83)					
Payment to Widows and Heirs of Deceased Members of Congress.....	522	---	---	-522	---
Total, Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025	522	---	---	-522	---
DISASTER RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025 (P.L. 118-158)					
Government Accountability Office					
Salaries and Expenses - Stafford Act Disaster Program	10,000	---	---	-10,000	---
Auditing and Oversight (emergency).....					
Total, Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2025.....	10,000	---	---	-10,000	---
Total, Other Appropriations.....	10,522	---	---	-10,522	---

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Grand total.....					
Appropriations.....	5,287,377	6,255,737	5,005,487	-281,890	-1,250,250
Offsetting collections.....	(5,351,353)	(6,337,926)	(5,087,676)	(-263,677)	(-1,250,250)
	(-73,976)	(-82,189)	(-82,189)	(-8,213)	---
Emergency appropriations.....	(10,000)	---	---	(-10,000)	---
Adjustment for Emergency Funding.....	-10,000	---	---	+10,000	---