

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2027

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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, 2027, and for other purposes.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BILL

The Committee recommendation for fiscal year 2027 for the activities under the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Legislative Branch totals \$5,440,881,000.

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 with 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. To achieve greater transparency, all are expected to promptly notify the Committee in the event of a breach, technological or otherwise. 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. All agencies and supporting entities are reminded to ensure their employees perform their responsibilities in a nonpartisan manner at all times.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND CUSTOMER SERVICE

The Committee believes that development of organizational goals, such as performance outcomes, outputs, 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 iden-

tifying 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 2028 budget justification: expenditures for fiscal year 2026 and expected expenditures for fiscal year 2027, 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.

BUDGET JUSTIFICATIONS AND ZERO-BASE BUDGETING

The Committee continues to direct the legislative branch agencies and entities to include in their congressional budget justifications (CBJ) 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.

The Committee continues to maintain its longstanding directive to develop budget requests from a zero-base. The Committee remains concerned that the zero-based budget documents still lack sufficient detail for making funding decisions. The Committee sees significant room for improvement and directs all agencies and entities to work with the Committee to ensure budget documents contain the necessary information for meaningful savings. Budget submissions that are not zero-based will not be accepted.

Maintaining the independence of legislative branch OIGs from their respective reporting agencies is essential. Accordingly, each agency is expected to include, as a distinct section within its fiscal year 2028 budget justification, a detailed budget request for its OIG. Agencies are further directed to refrain from interfering with, or requiring prior approval for, any communication between their OIG and the Committee.

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. It appreciates the work of the Legislative Branch Chief Information Officers (CIO) Council and its AI Working Group on developing governance, as well as data and cybersecurity standards, among the agencies in this rapidly evolving space. The Committee encourages legislative branch agencies to expand their work in AI beyond building greater productivity efficiencies within each agency to that which can extend across all agencies to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Congress overall. The Committee requests bi-annual updates on these goals from the representatives of the CIO Council and its AI Working Group.

CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM REPORTING AND STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

The Committee recognizes the critical importance of robust cybersecurity practices across the Legislative Branch, particularly in light of persistent and evolving cyber threats. 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. To support consistent oversight and continuous improvement, the Committee directs each agency funded in this Act to submit a brief report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate within 180 days of enactment of this Act describing the status of its cybersecurity program. Each report shall include a high-level summary of the agency's cybersecurity strategy, governance structure, major initiatives, and resourcing; a description of which cybersecurity

frameworks or standards the agency uses to guide its program (e.g., NIST Cybersecurity Framework, NIST 800–53, FISMA metrics, etc.), and how the agency evaluates its maturity or progress; a brief summary of the agency’s top cybersecurity risks or focus areas for the coming year (e.g., endpoint security, identity management, cloud security, supply chain); and any unique cybersecurity challenges faced by the agency or organization.

REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE BRANCH CAPABILITIES

The Committee directs each agency, House officers, and officials to examine and evaluate their utilization of services provided by federal agencies outside of the Legislative Branch, as well as any cost savings associated with those services and estimate potential alternatives for shared services within the Legislative Branch. This evaluation should include accounting services provided by the National Finance Center and any potential alternatives. It shall be conducted under the guidance of and in coordination with the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Administration. Each agency shall deliver a full inventory of their information systems as well as their findings in writing to the committees six months after enactment of this Act.

PURCHASE OR LEASE OF VEHICLES

All agencies and House entities are reminded of the Buy American Act (BAA) and are encouraged to avoid sourcing from entities of concern, such as those affiliated with the Chinese Communist Party. The Committee notes that while the BAA allows for exceptions in certain circumstances, legislative branch entities must provide prior notification to the Committee when pursuing an exemption.

TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$2,083,055,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	2,219,275,000
Committee recommendation	2,108,445,000
Change from enacted level	+25,390,000
Change from request	– 110,830,000

The Committee recommends \$2,108,445,000 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 \$25,390,000 above fiscal year 2026. 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 2026	\$36,560,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	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 2026 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 2026	\$850,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	929,000,000
Committee recommendation	900,000,000
Change from enacted level	+50,000,000
Change from request	-29,000,000

The Committee recommends \$900,000,000 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. Maintaining a stable and experienced workforce across the legislative branch is critical to ensure the effective functioning of Congress and its support offices. High rates of staff turnover can have a negative impact on institutional knowledge, continuity of operations, and the ability of Members to perform their constitutional duties.

ALLOWANCE FOR COMPENSATION OF INTERNS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$24,287,800
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	24,287,800
Committee recommendation	24,287,800
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	0

The allocation by account follows:

Member Office Interns	\$20,638,800
Leadership Office Interns	\$586,000
Standing, Special, and Select Committee Interns	\$2,600,000
Appropriations Committee Interns	\$463,000

COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$216,081,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	244,887,000
Committee recommendation	216,081,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	-28,806,000

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 \$174,787,000 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 2026	\$460,603,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	489,657,000
Committee recommendation	453,913,000
Change from enacted level	- 6,690,000
Change from request	- 35,744,000

The Committee recommends \$453,913,000, which is \$6,690,000 less 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. Within the funds provided under this heading, House Officers are permitted, as necessary, to provide reasonable subsistence for staff incidental to in-person attendance, such as during unforeseen extended operational periods, when such support is directly related to sustaining essential functions.

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

Office of the Clerk	\$51,293,000
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The Committee recommends \$51,293,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Clerk, an increase of \$2,301,000 from the fiscal year 2026 enacted total.

Collaborative Legislative Drafting Study.—The Committee acknowledges receipt of the Collaborative Legislative Drafting Study, submitted by the offices of the Clerk and the House Office of Legislative Counsel (HOLC), and expresses strong support for the study's principal recommendations. Key recommendations include the creation of a centralized portal, allowing each office streamlined access to their legislative drafts and visibility into the status of their drafting requests. Additionally, the recommendations propose the adoption of a lightweight, browser-based editor to improve the collaboration experience for Members, Committees, and HOLC. The Committee continues to support House-wide initiatives that focus on Members' experiences, ensuring they have the necessary tools to carry out their constitutional duties, and commends the ongoing efforts between the office of the Clerk and HOLC.

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	\$127,281,000
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The Committee recommends \$127,281,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms (SAA). This amount is a decrease of \$13,325,000 from fiscal year 2026.

Member Security.—The Committee appreciates the work of the House Sergeant at Arms in implementing a new Member Security program in response to heightened threats to Members of Con-

gress. The Committee encourages the SAA to continue working with Members on these programs to ensure the safety of Members and their staff both in their home districts and Washington, DC. The Committee requests that the SAA provide quarterly briefings on Member usage of these programs.

Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) Renovations.—Requested funds for the essential SAA SCIF renovation are included in the Committee recommendation. The Sergeant at Arms is directed to lead and serve as the project manager for all House SCIF renovations. The Architect of the Capitol (AOC) is instructed to provide the necessary construction and infrastructure support.

Traffic Signals Evaluation.—The Committee requests SAA in coordination with the AOC and the District of Columbia Department of Transportation, to assess the feasibility of installing left and right turn signals on Independence Ave. at designated entry points to the House Office Buildings and Capitol Complex to improve safety and the flow of traffic.

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer \$237,812,000

The Committee recommends \$237,812,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer. This amount is an increase of \$4,564,000 from the fiscal year 2026 enacted.

Cybersecurity.—Cybersecurity remains a top priority for the Committee, and the CAO is to be commended for their tireless efforts to protect the House and for their leadership within the legislative branch. The Committee finds value in the insights and perspective of the SAA in cybersecurity matters and directs the CAO to consult with the SAA and report on ways the SAA can be incorporated into the current cybersecurity review processes. The CAO is directed to report their findings to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Administration within 60 days of issuance of this report.

Artificial Intelligence.—The Committee appreciates the continued interest among Members in AI. The Committee continues to support the responsible use of AI and the resulting efficiencies in House operations. The CAO is directed to continue to provide quarterly updates on the progress of 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.

The Committee further directs the CAO, within 180 days of enactment of this Act, to submit a report to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Administration detailing: a plan for potentially implementing a multi-tiered review process that matches assessment requirements with the risk profile of the tool or update under consideration, including expedited pathways for low-risk tools and updates to previously authorized platforms; target timelines for each tier of review; any organizational changes needed to achieve those timelines; and a plan to publicly post technology and cybersecurity requirements, procurement guidelines, and submission processes in a form accessible to Member offices and the public.

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 and catering service providers to ensure that food is available, prepared, stored, and labeled appropriately.

International Travel with House Devices.—The Committee continues to urge utilization of temporary travel devices and appreciates the diligence of both the CAO and the SAA in working directly with Members and staff to provide important training sessions to educate them on best practices for ensuring device security.

Wireless Connectivity.—The Committee recognizes the requirement for reliable wireless connectivity throughout the Capitol complex and urges the CAO to upgrade the network as needed to ensure the highest level of connectivity in all areas of the Capitol complex. Additionally, the CAO is directed to report within 90 days of issuance of this report, on the feasibility of creating a private wireless network for Members and staff to enhance the House’s cybersecurity posture.

Casework Assistance for Member Offices.—Casework assistance for constituents is an essential service provided by Members of Congress, and the Committee commends the ongoing efforts by the CAO to assist through valuable programs including the CAO Coaches, district office conferences, and the development of the Case Compass project to anonymize and aggregate constituent casework data.

Staff Gym Operations.—The Committee directs the CAO to assess the feasibility of increasing the availability of staff gym facilities, including any operations, staffing, and security considerations. Findings should be reported to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Administration within 60 days of issuance of this report.

Pricing and Competition in the House Office Supply Store.—The CAO is encouraged to review pricing and procurement practices for the House Office Supply Store and consider measures to ensure competitive pricing, including benchmarking against commercial suppliers where appropriate.

Office of the Whistleblower Ombuds	\$1,250,000
Office of the Inspector General	\$6,361,000
Office of General Counsel	\$2,120,000
Office of the Parliamentarian	\$2,450,000
Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House	\$4,085,000
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House	\$19,202,000
Office of Interparliamentary Affairs	\$994,000
Other authorized employees	\$1,065,000

ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$491,523,200
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	484,883,200
Committee recommendation	473,603,200
Change from enacted level	– 17,920,000
Change from request	– 11,280,000

The Committee recommends a total of \$473,603,200 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	\$2,955,000
Official mail (Committees, administrative, and leadership offices)	\$190,000
Government Contributions	\$420,994,200
Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery	\$29,341,000
Transition Activities	\$10,300,000
Green and Gold Congressional Aide Program	\$7,000,000
Office of Congressional Conduct	\$1,823,000
Miscellaneous items	\$1,000,000

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MODERNIZATION INITIATIVES ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$4,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	10,000,000
Committee recommendation	4,000,000
Change from enacted level	0
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 Administration. 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.

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 prohibits the purchase or use of certain technology.

JOINT ITEMS

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$4,283,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	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 2026 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 2026	\$14,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	15,540,000
Committee recommendation	14,770,000
Change from enacted level	+770,000
Change from request	-770,000

The Committee recommends \$14,770,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT), providing an increase of \$770,000 above fiscal year 2026.

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 2026	\$4,856,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	5,462,000
Committee recommendation	5,462,000
Change from enacted level	+606,000
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$5,462,000 for the Office of the Attending Physician (OAP). This amount is an increase of \$606,000 from the fiscal year 2026 enacted total and includes a reimbursement to the U.S. Navy for services including medical staff and equipment.

New Women's Services.—Included in the Committee recommendation is funding for full implementation of new primary women's services for Members of Congress.

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$1,819,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	1,845,000
Committee recommendation	1,845,000
Change from enacted level	+26,000
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$1,845,000 for the operation of the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services, providing an increase of \$26,000 above fiscal year 2026.

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 2026	\$653,422,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	733,584,000
Committee recommendation	708,584,000
Change from enacted level	+55,162,000
Change from request	–25,000,000

The Committee notes its continued strong support for the US Capitol Police (USCP) and the work the officers and staff perform every day to maintain a safe and secure environment for the Members of Congress, staff and visitors to the U.S. Capitol. Based on the agency’s historical data related to hiring trends and its capacity to onboard new officers and professional staff, the Committee recommends \$708,584,000 for the personnel salaries, benefits, student loan repayment, and overtime requirements. Further, the Committee endorses the agency’s increased emphasis on filling essential civilian positions to provide support and expertise to leadership and other offices throughout the organization.

Risk-Based Protections for Members of Congress.—The Committee expects 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 Members tend to congregate in order to fulfill the agency’s mission under 2 U.S.C. 1966.

Overtime.—The Committee continues to support significant increases in sworn personnel and 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 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 percent, 50 percent, and 75 percent 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.

Budget Justification.—The Committee commends the Chief and the office of the Chief Administrative Officer for working with the Capitol Police Board to improve their CBJ to provide the necessary level of detail. The Committee directs the Chief to continue to enhance the CBJ by providing greater transparency, operations data, and prioritization.

Workforce Management.—The Committee is pleased that the Workforce Management Office (WMO) continues to assess current and appropriate workloads of officers, overtime management, and cost savings. The Committee looks forward to receiving the timely receipt of this analysis.

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. The Committee recognizes the challenges of retaining officers in a competitive federal law enforcement environment and encourages the Chief to work with the Workforce Management Office and the Committee to develop proposals to strengthen retention programs. When appropriate, these funds may be used for civilians when approved by the Capitol Police Board.

Crossing Guard.—The Committee directs the Department to maintain 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 to ensure pedestrian safety. The Committee defers to the Department in consultation with the Capitol Police Board as to the most cost-effective method for providing these positions.

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 encourages the Capitol Police Board to continue its review of 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 sledders on the grounds.

USCP Office of Inspector General.—The Committee includes no less than \$850,000 and supports no fewer than 18 FTE within the USCP Office of Inspector General (OIG).

GENERAL EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$198,928,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	289,091,000
Committee recommendation	198,956,000
Change from enacted level	+28,000
Change from request	-90,135,000

The Committee recommends \$198,956,000 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.

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 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. Based upon this funding level, the Committee directs the Department to provide a spend plan developed with approval by the Capitol Police Board investing in the highest priority items within 30 days of enactment of this act.

Mutual Aid.—The Committee reaffirms support for the Department’s mutual aid program, which funds largescale event preparation and reimburses State and local law enforcement for Member protection off Capitol grounds and commends the Chief on his efforts in prioritizing this partnership program.

Contractors.—The Committee notes the large number of contractors that the Department employs while continuing to fall 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.

USCP Office of the Inspector General Report Disclosure.—The Committee appreciates the ongoing efforts of the U.S. Capitol Police Board and the Office of the Inspector General to make reports publicly available whenever practicable and publishing reports online.

Wellness Programs for Law Enforcement.—The Committee supports wellness and resiliency programs for the USCP workforce and urges continued focus on PTSD and stress challenges among officers and staff. The Committee looks forward to bi-annual updates from the Howard C. ‘Howie’ Liebengood Center for Wellness.

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE RIGHTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$8,350,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	9,081,045
Committee recommendation	8,500,000
Change from enacted level	+150,000
Change from request	-581,045

The Committee recommends \$8,500,000 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 2026	\$74,750,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	76,282,000
Committee recommendation	76,282,000
Change from enacted level	+1,532,000
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$76,282,000 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 CBO’s efforts to enhance transparency in estimate methodology and access to data. As such, the Committee continues to encourage 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 should 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.

Cost Estimates Involving Tribal Nations.—The Committee notes that cost estimates for legislation put forward by Congress are based on information from a wide variety of sources, including relevant federal agencies and affected parties. When programs involve funding to, or contracting with, tribal nations which entail government-to-government relationships, information from the relevant federal agencies and tribes is crucial. The Committee directs CBO to continue and expand its efforts to consult with tribal organizations and directly with tribes participating in self-determination demonstration or pilot projects prior to finalizing any cost estimates for authorizing legislation involving new, permanent, self-determination authorities. The Committee expects CBO to continue to incorporate information provided by tribes into its assessments.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

(EXCLUDING SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS)

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$689,281,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	1,408,826,000
Committee recommendation	689,191,000
Change from enacted level	–90,000
Change from request	–719,635,000

The Committee recommends \$689,191,000 for the activities of the Architect of the Capitol. The recommendation is \$719,635,000 less than the request. (These totals do not include appropriations for Senate Office Buildings requested at \$252,846,000 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.

Oversight of Major Capital Projects and Strategic Planning.—The Committee recognizes the importance of advancing critical projects across the Capitol campus. However, the Committee has serious and ongoing concerns regarding the AOC’s ability to deliver large-scale projects on schedule and within budget and to effectively implement the Capitol Complex Master Plan. As demonstrated by the Visitor Experience Master Plan and the Cannon Building Renewal, persistent delays and cost overruns point to systemic challenges in planning, design, project management, and execution that must be addressed.

The AOC is directed to promptly complete its Capitol Complex Master Plan and ensure that all projects are guided by a comprehensive, long-term strategy that promotes efficiency and cost-effectiveness. The AOC shall ensure that project proposals are developed in coordination with relevant stakeholders and that projects are planned across jurisdictions to minimize conflicts, avoid unforeseen costs, and improve execution.

The Committee directs the AOC to provide the following within 60 days of issuance of this report: (1) A description of current project management structures, internal controls, and oversight mechanisms, including recent improvements to design requirements and development, cost estimation, scheduling, and risk management. (2) A comprehensive review of the AOC’s project delivery process, including specific steps and performance metrics to reduce delays and cost overruns. (3) A summary of best practices and lessons learned being applied to the current master plan to strengthen efficiency and accountability.

Zero-Based Budget.—Long standing committee guidance requires zero-based budgets from all legislative branch agencies. The Architect’s fiscal year 2027 request failed to follow this guidance. Future budget submissions that are not zero-based will not be accepted.

Family Friendly Campus.—The Committee commends the AOC for its role in maintaining a family friendly campus which includes 35 family or single stall restrooms, 226 diaper changing stations, clean and private areas for nursing mothers, and parking for expectant mothers throughout the Capitol complex. The Committee directs the AOC to take steps to ensure these services are widely communicated to visitors and the congressional community.

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	\$159,450,000
Capitol Building	40,960,000
Capitol Grounds	19,385,000
House Office Buildings	153,597,000
Capitol Power Plant	138,707,000
Library Buildings and Grounds	44,563,000
Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds and Security	81,069,000
Botanic Garden	21,559,000
Capitol Visitor Center	29,901,000

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

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$159,450,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	193,151,000
Committee recommendation	159,450,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	- 33,701,000

The Committee recommends \$159,450,000 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	\$159,450,000

CAPITOL BUILDING

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$74,460,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	55,079,000
Committee recommendation	40,960,000
Change from enacted level	- 33,500,000
Change from request	- 14,119,000

The Committee recommends \$40,960,000 for the operation, maintenance, and care of the U.S. Capitol and Capitol Visitor Center (CVC). Of the total, \$6,599,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2031.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$34,361,000
Projects:	
Minor Construction	6,000,000
Conservation of Fine and Architectural Art	599,000

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

CAPITOL GROUNDS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$19,385,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	33,878,000
Committee recommendation	19,385,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	- 14,493,000

The Committee recommends \$19,385,000 for the care of the grounds surrounding the Capitol. Of the total, \$3,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2031.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$16,385,000
Project:	
Minor Construction	3,000,000

Road Conditions Surrounding the House Office Buildings.—To mitigate traffic and pedestrian safety concerns, the Committee con-

tinues 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 2026	\$111,887,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	434,627,000
Committee recommendation	153,597,000
Change from enacted level	+41,710,000
Change from request	–281,030,000

The Committee recommends \$153,597,000 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, \$45,100,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2031, and \$31,000,000 shall remain available until expended.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$77,497,000
Projects:	
Minor Construction	10,250,000
CAO Project Support	9,250,000
Mechanical System Replacement, Phase II, RHOB	21,600,000
Elevator and Escalator Repair Program, HOB	4,000,000
Building Heating Replacement, OHOB & FHOB	10,000,000
House Historic Building Revitalization Fund	21,000,000

Cannon House Office Building Renewal.—In FY25 the Committee provided the funding necessary to complete the Cannon Building renewal and looks forward to the expeditious completion of the construction project. Included in the closeout of this project, the AOC is expected to remove all construction related materials from Lot 1, repave, and return it to the SAA for parking no later than December 31, 2026.

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.

Rayburn House Office Building Renovation.—While strongly supporting the AOC’s recommendation to renovate the Rayburn House Office Building, the Committee is concerned about the integrity of the recommendations and the limited number of proposals provided. The AOC is directed to provide a third proposal with the goal of beginning the work to renew Rayburn as soon as possible, given the deteriorating conditions and increasing likelihood of a critical failure. The AOC is further directed to provide a plan to the Committee for the temporary relocation of Member offices and shared committee hearing rooms during the building renovation period from within the current legislative branch footprint to maximize all available space within 30 days of issuance of this report.

Additionally, the AOC is directed to create a Rayburn working group with campus stakeholders and provide written and in-person

briefings to the House Committee on Appropriations on a monthly basis.

Given the failure to properly justify the need and consult with appropriate stakeholders prior to making a recommendation and submitting a funding request, no funds have been provided for the requested parking garage at this time. The Committee looks forward to a thorough review of all available options and receiving a new proposal based on the input from all stakeholders.

Despite existing concerns, the Committee has provided funds to begin the investment in the Rayburn renovation. As noted in the bill text, use of these funds is dependent on approval from the Committee.

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 and escalator outages in the House Office Buildings. The Committee appreciates the ongoing efforts of the AOC to continue modernizing the underlying systems.

Restroom Facilities.—The Committee is concerned about the condition and cleanliness of restroom facilities within House Office Buildings. The Committee directs the Architect of the Capitol to ensure that restroom facilities are properly maintained and cleaned on a regular basis. The AOC is directed to brief the Committee within 60 days of issuance of this report regarding the current conditions of restroom facilities and steps being taken towards improvements.

Tire Pumps.—The Committee directs the AOC to assess the feasibility of installing and maintaining additional air tire pumps in House-controlled garages in consultation with the SAA, including identification of appropriate locations, projected costs, and maintenance requirements.

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$141,007,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	167,095,000
Committee recommendation	138,707,00
Change from enacted level	–2,300,000
Change from request	–28,388,000

The Committee recommends \$138,707,000 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, \$20,300,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2031. 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 \$206,000,000 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	\$118,407,000
Projects:	
Minor Construction	7,000,000
Pipe Expansion Joint Improvement, Y Tunnel	6,900,000
City Water Piping Replacement, WRP	6,400,000

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$56,563,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	184,476,000
Committee recommendation	44,563,000
Change from enacted level	- 12,000,000
Change from request	- 139,913,000

The Committee recommends \$44,563,000 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, \$6,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2031.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$38,563,000
Projects:	
Minor Construction	6,000,000

Visitor Experience Master Plan.—The LOC’s Visitor Experience Master Plan was intended to transform the visitor experience at the Library of Congress in advance of the America 250 celebrations. The Committee is deeply disappointed with the AOC’s failure to complete the Orientation Gallery, the main feature of the project, which is now delayed until July of 2027. In fiscal year 2024, Congress provided an additional \$30,000,000 due to cost overruns, with the agreement that the project would be completed on time and within the new budget. The continued delays on this high-profile project raise serious concerns about project execution and oversight. The Committee expects the AOC to take immediate and measurable steps to strengthen internal controls and scheduling practices to ensure accountability in the delivery of this major project.

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND SECURITY

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$75,069,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	238,973,000
Committee recommendation	81,069,000
Change from enacted level	+6,000,000
Change from request	- 157,904,000

The Committee recommends \$81,069,000 for the maintenance, care and operation of buildings, grounds, and security enhance-

ments of the United States Capitol Police and AOC security operations. Of the total, \$18,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2031.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$63,069,000
Projects:	
Minor Construction	12,000,000
HARP Project Management	6,000,000

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 consult with the appropriate SAA to determine security project priorities for the Capitol campus prior to presenting proposals to the Committee and reiterates the importance of executing these projects in a more timely manner.

BOTANIC GARDEN

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$21,559,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	70,141,000
Committee recommendation	21,559,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	-48,582,000

The Committee recommends \$21,559,000 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, 2031.

Item	Committee recommendation
Operating Expenses	\$16,559,000
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.

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$29,901,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	31,406,000
Committee recommendation	29,901,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	-1,505,000

The Committee recommends \$29,901,000 for the operations of the Capitol Visitor Center (CVC). The CVC was established to pro-

vide 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 Reservation Modernization.—The Committee appreciates the AOC’s ongoing efforts to develop an online reservations system for Dome tours. The AOC is directed to update the Committee on the status of this effort on a quarterly basis.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

Section 114 prohibits payment of bonuses to contractors behind schedule or over budget during fiscal year 2027.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$852,158,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	883,360,000
Committee recommendation	875,239,000
Change from enacted level	+23,081,000
Change from request	–8,121,000

The Committee recommends \$875,239,000 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 national 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.

Celebrating American Exceptionalism.—Recognizing the importance of celebrating America’s 250th Anniversary, the Committee supports the LOC’s efforts to highlight the exceptional nature of early American history. The Committee appreciates these efforts and looks forward to the new exhibition, The Declaration’s Promise: A Revolutionary Idea. This exhibit will explore the foundational principles of the Declaration of Independence and the impact of those principles on American history. The Aitken Bible (better known as the Bible of the Revolution) will be displayed along with countless other treasures of Americana from the LOC’s collections. The Library’s 2026 dynamic programming will offer an opportunity for all Americans to discover and learn more of our nation’s rich history.

Memorializing the Greatest Generation.—The Committee commends the LOC and the Veterans History Project (VHP) for their unwavering dedication to collecting, preserving, and honoring the stories of the brave men and women who are veterans of the United States military. Over the past 25 years, the LOC has archived over 122,000 veterans’ first-person narratives, including nearly 65,000 of those who served during WWII. This archive encompasses original materials from individuals in every congressional district and all U.S. territories. The Committee encourages the LOC to continue its substantial efforts to ensure public access to these accounts of the Greatest Generation.

Documenting America Initiative.—The Committee encourages the LOC, working with the Director of the American Folklife Center (AFC), to conduct a feasibility study on establishing a Documenting America Initiative. This effort is envisioned as supporting the preservation of contemporary Americans through oral history collections in the AFC. Potential recipients of this funding would be selected on a competitive basis, similar to established criteria of collecting programs administered by the Library.

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.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$592,411,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	615,731,000
Committee recommendation	607,954,000
Change from enacted level	+15,543,000
Change from request	– 7,777,000

The Committee recommends \$607,954,000 for Salaries and Expenses. The recommendation makes the following amounts available until expended: The Committee recommendation includes no less than \$17,500,000 to remain available until expended for Teaching with Primary Sources, Legislative Branch Financial Management System, Surplus Books Program, Veteran History Project, Lewis Houghton Civics and Democracy Initiative, and data storage and migration efforts.

Preservation of the Collection.—The Committee commends the Library for its work in preserving its physical collections and supports the LOC’s efforts to rebalance the funding provided for the chemical treatment to reduce acidity found in books and manuscripts vulnerable to acidic degradation. While the Committee expects the LOC to continue to prioritize long-term preservation of its physical collections with an emphasis on utilizing the environmentally optimized preservation storage facility, the LOC may continue utilizing up to \$1,000,000 in available funds for necessary deacidification purposes in fiscal year 2027.

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 2026	\$57,537,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	59,835,000
Committee recommendation	59,835,000
Change from enacted level	+2,298,000
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$59,835,000 in direct appropriations to the Copyright Office. An additional \$48,069,000 is made available from receipts for salaries and expenses for a total of \$107,904,000.

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 2026	\$136,080,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	140,053,000
Committee recommendation	139,709,000
Change from enacted level	+3,629,000
Change from request	– 344,000

The Committee recommends \$139,709,000 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.

Improving Digital Legislative Tracking.—The Committee believes that Congress.gov should provide a more complete picture of Member contributions in the legislative process. The Committee directs the LOC to implement the changes necessary to define, track, and display CRS-identified bill relationships on Congress.gov, including measures that CRS identifies as identical, similar, related, or contained in a separate measure whether in the current or future Congresses as appropriate. The Committee directs the Library to consult with the Office of the Clerk and other congressional data partners, including the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Administration.

Expanding the Congressional Liaison Directory.—Congressional constituent service staff continue to rely on the Congressional Research Service’s online directory of congressional liaison offices to determine appropriate contacts for casework. The Committee understands that CRS has continued to engage with interested stake-

holders on this topic and that potential pathways have been identified to augment the Congressional Liaison Directory. The Committee directs CRS to continue to engage on this issue and provide quarterly progress updates to the Committee.

Continuing Education for Congressional Staff.—The Committee continues to be pleased with the success of the Congressional Legal Education Forum and provides funding 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 2026	\$66,130,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	67,741,000
Committee recommendation	67,741,000
Change from enacted level	+1,611,000
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$67,741,000 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 115 limits to \$342,285,000 the amount that may be obligated during fiscal year 2027 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 2026	\$80,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	80,000,000
Committee recommendation	80,000,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$80,000,000 for Congressional Publishing. This account funds the costs of publishing congressional information products in both digital and print formats.

Committee Report Production.—The Committee notes with concern recent issues with GPO coordination and communication on standard committee productions. The Committee urges GPO to better coordinate expectations on deliverables during high volume or short production schedules. The Committee requests an update on these efforts in GPO’s next budget justification.

PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
DOCUMENTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$42,852,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	42,852,000
Committee recommendation	42,852,000
Change from enacted level	0
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 cataloguing 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 2026	\$9,148,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	9,148,000
Committee recommendation	9,148,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	0

The Committee recommends \$9,148,000 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 \$7,226,000 to support no fewer than 25 FTE within the GPO OIG.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$811,894,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	860,084,000
Committee recommendation	611,894,000
Change from enacted level	–200,000,000
Change from request	–248,190,000

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 \$611,894,000 in direct appropriations for GAO. In addition, \$50,263,000 is available in offsetting collections derived from reimbursements for conducting financial audits of government corporations and the rental of space in the GAO building.

Agency Responsiveness to Congressional Inquiries on Behalf of Constituents.—The Committee is in receipt of the report requested in House Report 118–555 studying responsiveness to Member inquiries on behalf of constituents seeking assistance from federal agencies. The Committee appreciates GAO’s efforts and encourages all federal agencies to respond to congressional inquiries in a timely manner.

Driving Implementation of Open GAO Recommendations.—As GAO report recommendations have the potential to save billions of dollars and greatly improve government operations, the Committee looks forward to receiving an update on the pilot requested in House Report 119–178.

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.

CBO Audit.—The Committee supports efforts to modernize and improve operational efficiency to assist Congress with budget and economic policy. GAO is directed to begin working with CBO to conduct an independent audit of CBO’s technology tools and develop a comparison of CBO projections with those produced by external organizations to evaluate the effectiveness and accuracy of the CBO’s forecasting models.

GAO Office of Inspector General.—The Committee includes \$4,236,000 to support 16 FTE within the GAO OIG.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

Section 116 limits the availability of funding related to civil action.

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Appropriation, fiscal year 2026	\$6,000,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	7,200,000
Committee recommendation	6,000,000
Change from enacted level	0
Change from request	-1,200,000

The Committee recommends \$6,000,000 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 2026	\$430,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2027	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, continues limitation on transfers, guided tours of the Capitol, a prohibition on certain operational expenses, prohibits certain telecommunications equipment procurement, continues a freeze on cost-of-living adjustments, and a spending reduction account.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REPORT REQUIREMENTS

The following materials are submitted in accordance with various requirements of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

DISSENTING VIEWS

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 3(a)(1) of House rule XIII and sec. 6(i) of the Committee Rules, the dissenting views of the minority party of the House of Representatives, are printed below:

[TO BE PROVIDED]

FULL COMMITTEE VOTES

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the House of Representatives, the results of each roll call vote on an amendment or on the motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and those against, are printed below:

[TO BE PROVIDED]

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF BUDGET AUTHORITY

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the following table compares the levels of new budget authority provided in the bill with the appropriate allocation under section 302(b) of the Budget Act.

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	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 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.....	---	---	174	+174	+174
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	---	---

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Members' Representational Allowances					
Including Members' Clerk Hire, Official Expenses of Members, and Official Mail.....	850,000	929,000	900,000	+50,000	-29,000
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.....	184,787	191,032	174,787	-10,000	-16,245
Hearing Room Renovations.....	---	19,655	10,000	+10,000	-9,655
Committee on Appropriations (including studies and investigations).....	31,294	34,200	31,294	---	-2,906
Total, Committee Employees.....	216,081	244,887	216,081	---	-28,806

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Salaries, Officers and Employees					
Office of the Clerk.....	48,992	51,789	51,293	+2,301	-496
Office of the Sergeant at Arms.....	140,606	147,281	127,281	-13,325	-20,000
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.....	233,248	253,060	237,812	+4,564	-15,248
Office of the Whistleblower Ombuds.....	1,250	1,250	1,250	---	---
Office of the Inspector General.....	6,227	6,361	6,361	+134	---
Office of General Counsel.....	2,079	2,120	2,120	+41	---
Office of the Parliamentarian.....	2,404	2,450	2,450	+46	---
Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House.....	4,998	4,085	4,085	-913	---
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House.....	18,740	19,202	19,202	+462	---
Office of Interparliamentary Affairs.....	994	994	994	---	---
Other authorized employees.....	1,065	1,065	1,065	---	---
Total, Salaries, Officers and Employees.....	460,603	489,657	453,913	-6,690	-35,744

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Allowances and Expenses					
Supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims.....	1,555	2,955	2,955	+1,400	---
Official mail for committees, leadership offices, and administrative offices of the House.....	190	190	190	---	---
Government contributions.....	444,155	420,994	420,994	-23,161	---
Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery.....	28,951	29,341	29,341	+390	---
Transition activities.....	9,740	18,056	10,300	+560	-7,756
Green and Gold Congressional Aide Program.....	4,122	10,524	7,000	+2,878	-3,524
Office of Congressional Conduct.....	1,810	1,823	1,823	+13	---
Miscellaneous items.....	1,000	1,000	1,000	---	---
Total, Allowances and Expenses.....	491,523	484,883	473,603	-17,920	-11,280
House Modernization Initiatives Account.....	4,000	10,000	4,000	---	-6,000
Total, House of Representatives.....	2,083,055	2,219,275	2,108,619	+25,564	-110,656

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JOINT ITEMS					
Joint Economic Committee.....	4,283	4,283	4,283	---	---
Joint Committee on Taxation.....	14,000	15,540	14,770	+770	-770
Office of the Attending Physician					
Medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances.	4,656	5,462	5,462	+606	---
Office of Congressional Accessibility Services					
Salaries and expenses 1/.....	1,819	1,845	1,845	+26	---
Total, Joint Items.....	24,958	27,130	26,360	+1,402	-770
CAPITOL POLICE					
Salaries.....	653,422	733,584	708,584	+55,162	-25,000
General expenses.....	198,928	289,091	198,956	+28	-90,135
Total, Capitol Police.....	852,350	1,022,675	907,540	+55,190	-115,135

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OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE RIGHTS					
Salaries and expenses.....	8,350	9,081	8,500	+150	-581
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses.....	74,750	76,282	76,282	+1,532	---
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL (AOC)					
Capital Construction and Operations.....	159,450	193,151	159,450	---	-33,701
Capitol building.....	74,460	55,079	40,960	-33,500	-14,119
Capitol grounds.....	19,385	33,878	19,385	---	-14,493
House office buildings.....	101,887	162,627	132,597	+30,710	-30,030
House Historic Buildings Revitalization Fund.....	10,000	272,000	21,000	+11,000	-251,000
Subtotal, AOC House Buildings.....	111,887	434,627	153,597	+41,710	-281,030
Capitol Power Plant.....	151,007	177,095	148,707	-2,300	-28,388
Spending from offsetting collections.....	-10,000	-10,000	-10,000	---	---
Subtotal, Capitol Power Plant.....	141,007	167,095	138,707	-2,300	-28,388

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Library buildings and grounds.....	56,563	184,476	44,563	-12,000	-139,913
Capitol police buildings, grounds and security.....	75,069	238,973	81,069	+6,000	-157,904
Botanic Garden.....	21,559	70,141	21,559	---	-48,582
Capitol Visitor Center.....	29,901	31,406	29,901	---	-1,505
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Total, Architect of the Capitol.....	689,281	1,408,826	689,191	-90	-719,635
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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS					
Salaries and expenses.....	592,411	615,731	607,954	+15,543	-7,777
Copyright Office, Salaries and expenses.....	102,386	107,904	107,904	+5,518	---
Authority to spend receipts.....	-44,849	-48,069	-48,069	-3,220	---
Subtotal, Copyright Office.....	57,537	59,835	59,835	+2,298	---
Congressional Research Service, Salaries and expenses: Salaries and expenses.....	136,080	140,053	139,709	+3,629	-344
National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled					
Salaries and expenses.....	66,130	67,741	67,741	+1,611	---
Total, Library of Congress.....	852,158	883,360	875,239	+23,081	-8,121
GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE					
Congressional publishing.....	80,000	80,000	80,000	---	---
Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents, Salaries and expenses.....	42,852	42,852	42,852	---	---
Government Publishing Office Business Operations Revolving Fund.....	9,148	9,148	9,148	---	---
Total, Government Publishing Office.....	132,000	132,000	132,000	---	---

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses.....	847,318	910,347	662,157	-185,161	-248,190
Offsetting collections.....	-35,424	-50,263	-50,263	-14,839	---
Total, Government Accountability Office.....	811,894	860,084	611,894	-200,000	-248,190
CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP FUND					
Payment to the Congressional Office for International Leadership (COIL) Fund.....	6,000	7,200	6,000	---	-1,200
JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT					
Stennis Center for Public Service.....	430	430	430	---	---
Total, Title I, Legislative Branch.....	5,535,226	6,646,343	5,442,055	-93,171	-1,204,288
TITLE II - GENERAL PROVISIONS					
Adjustments to Compensation (CBO estimate).....	-1,000	---	-2,000	-1,000	-2,000
Total, Title II, General Provisions.....	-1,000	---	-2,000	-1,000	-2,000

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OTHER APPROPRIATIONS					
CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, AGRICULTURE, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND EXTENSIONS ACT, 2026 (DIVISION A) (P.L. 119-37)					
Payment to Widows and Heirs of Deceased Members of Congress.....	522	---	---	-522	---
United States Capitol Police Mutual Aid Reimbursements	30,000	---	---	-30,000	---
Total, Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026.....	30,522	---	---	-30,522	---
CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026 (P.L. 119-75)					
Payment to Widows and Heirs of Deceased Members of Congress.....	174	---	---	-174	---
Total, Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2026	174	---	---	-174	---
Total, Other Appropriations.....	30,696	---	---	-30,696	---

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Grand total.....	5,584,922	6,646,343	5,440,055	-124,867	-1,206,288
Appropriations.....	(5,610,346)	(6,706,606)	(5,500,318)	(-110,028)	(-1,206,288)
Offsetting collections.....	(-45,424)	(-60,263)	(-60,263)	(-14,839)	---

BUDGETARY IMPACT OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS
BILL, 2027, PREPARED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL
BUDGET OFFICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 308(a) OF THE CONGRES-
SIONAL BUDGET ACT OF 1974

COMPARISON WITH BUDGET RESOLUTION

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the following table compares the levels of new budget authority provided in the bill with the appropriate allocation under section 302(b) of the Budget Act:

[TO BE PROVIDED]

FIVE-YEAR OUTLAY PROJECTIONS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII and section 308(a)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the following table contains five-year projections associated with the budget authority provided in the accompanying bill as provided to the Committee by the Congressional Budget Office:

[TO BE PROVIDED]

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII and section 308(a)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Congressional Budget Office has provided the following estimates of new budget authority and outlays provided by the accompanying bill for financial assistance to State and local governments:

[TO BE PROVIDED]

STATEMENT OF GENERAL PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following is a statement of general performance goals and objectives for which this measure authorizes funding:

The Committee on Appropriations considers program performance, including a program's success in developing and attaining outcome-related goals and objectives, in developing funding recommendations.

PROGRAM DUPLICATION

No provision of this bill establishes or reauthorizes a program of the Federal Government known to be duplicative of another Federal program, a program that was included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111-139, or a program related to a program identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(6) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following hearings were used to develop or consider the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, 2027:

The Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on March 6, 2026 entitled “Budget Hearing—Library of Congress & U.S. Government Publishing Office.” The Subcommittee received testimony from:

Mr. Robert R. Newlen, Acting Librarian of Congress
The Honorable Hugh Nathaniel Halpern, Director, U.S. Government Publishing Office.

The Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on March 17, 2026 entitled “Budget Hearing—United States Capitol Police.” The Subcommittee received testimony from:

Mr. Michael G. Sullivan, Chief, United States Capitol Police

The Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on March 17, 2026, entitled “Member Day.” The Subcommittee received testimony from:

The Honorable Jodey C. Arrington
The Honorable Sylvia R. Garcia
The Honorable Rashida Tlaib

At the conclusion of the Legislative Branch Subcommittee hearing on March 17, 2026, entitled “Member Day,” the Subcommittee accepted into the record testimony from public witnesses. The Subcommittee received testimony from:

Mr. Oman Awan, Founder, HillClimbers.org
Mr. James Burd, President & CEO, Preservation Technologies, L.P.

Mr. Joseph Eannello
Mr. Nick Hart, President & CEO, Data Foundation

Ms. Lorelei Kelly, Principal, Public Good Group

Mr. Dan Lips, Senior Fellow, Foundation for American Innovation

Mr. Kel McClanahan, Executive Director, National Security Counselors

Ms. Anne Meeker, Managing Director, POPVOX Foundation

Mr. Fritz Mulhauser

Dr. John D. Rackey, Associate Director, Bipartisan Policy Center

Mr. Daniel Schuman, Executive Director, American Governance Institute

Mr. Michael Stern

Ms. Danielle Stewart, Advisor for Congressional Initiatives, POPVOX Foundation

Mr. James H. Townsend, Director, Center for Oversight and Democracy

Mr. Sean Vitka, Executive Director, Demand Progress Action

Ms. Aubrey Wilson, Director of Government Innovation and Global Initiatives, POPVOX Foundation

Dr. Haiman Wong.

The Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on March 18, 2026 entitled “Budget Hearing—Government Accountability Office and Congressional Budget Office.” The Subcommittee received testimony from:

Ms. Orice Williams Brown, Acting Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office

Dr. Phillip L. Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

The Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on March 18, 2026 entitled “Budget Hearing—Architect of the Capitol.” The Subcommittee received testimony from:

Mr. Thomas E. Austin, Architect of the Capitol.

COMPLIANCE WITH RULE XIII, Cl. 3(d) (RAMSEYER RULE)

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italics, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

[TO BE PROVIDED]

CHANGES IN THE APPLICATION OF EXISTING LAW

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(1)(A) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted describing the effect of provisions in the accompanying bill that directly or indirectly change the application of existing law.

The bill includes a number of provisions which place limitations on the use of funds in the bill or change existing limitations and that might, under some circumstances, be construed as changing the application of existing law:

TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The bill includes a death gratuity for the beneficiary of Representative David A. Scott.

The bill provides that certain appropriation items remain available for more than one year, where programs or projects are continuing in nature under the provisions of authorizing legislation but for which that legislation does not specifically authorize such extended availability.

The bill includes several provisions which place limitations on or change or extend existing limitations, appropriations, or authorizations, and which under some circumstances might be construed as changing the application of existing law.

The bill provides expense allowances for House officers and continues the practice of providing official reception and representation allowances for officials of the Legislative Branch.

The bill includes language providing funds for the Family Room, the Superintendent of Garages, Office of Emergency Management, and preparing the Digest of Rules.

The bill authorizes disbursement of funds for various agencies.

The bill authorizes transfer authority between accounts for certain agencies in the bill.

The bill includes language allowing the use of funds for studies and examinations of executive agencies and temporary personnel services. Funds can also be available for reimbursement to agencies for services performed.

The bill includes language providing funds for House motor vehicles, interparliamentary receptions, and gratuities.

The bill requires unspent funds remaining in Members’ Representational Allowances to be used for deficit or debt reduction.

The bill includes language that places a limitation on the amount that a Member can spend on a leased vehicle per month.

The bill includes language requiring that any Federal agencies that are assisting the House with cybersecurity risks ensure the constitutional integrity of the separate branches of government.

The bill prohibits funds from being used to acquire technology equipment from a particular class of vendors.

The bill authorizes allowances for employees of the Office of the Attending Physician and provides reimbursement to the Department of the Navy.

The bill authorizes expenses of the Capitol Police for motor vehicles, communications and other equipment, uniforms, weapons, supplies, materials, training, medical services, forensic services, stenographic services, personal and professional services, the employee assistance program, the awards program, postage, communication services, travel advances, and relocation expenses.

The bill provides that the cost of Capitol Police basic training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers be paid by the Department of Homeland Security.

The bill allows the Architect of the Capitol to purchase or exchange, maintain, and operate one passenger motor vehicle.

The bill includes authorization allowing reimbursements for chilled water and steam provided to the Government Publishing Office, the Washington City Post Office, the Supreme Court, the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building, Union Station Complex, and the Folger Shakespeare Library to be credited to the AOC Capitol Power Plant appropriation and made available for obligation.

The bill allows the Architect of the Capitol to expend funds to maintain, care for, and operate the National Garden.

The bill prohibits paying bonuses for contractors who are behind schedule or over budget.

The bill establishes that the amount available for obligation by the Library of Congress is reduced by offsetting collections.

The bill provides specific funding for the Teaching with Primary Sources program, the Lewis-Houghton Civics and Democracy Initiative, the Surplus Books Program, the Veterans History Project, the Legislative Branch Financial Management System, and data storage and migration efforts.

The bill allows the Library of Congress to hire or purchase one passenger motor vehicle.

The bill allows funds from offsetting collections to be used for the Library's Copyright Office.

The bill includes language authorizing the expenditure of receipts, with the exception of salaries and benefits, for the administration of the Copyright Royalty Judges program.

The bill contains language which provides that no funds in the Congressional Research Service can be used to publish or prepare material to be issued by the Library of Congress unless approved by the appropriate Committee, with an exception.

The bill provides funds to provide newspapers to the blind and print disabled.

The bill contains language under the Library of Congress placing a limitation on obligations for Reimbursable and Revolving Fund activities.

The bill contains language restricting the use of funds appropriated to the Government Publishing Office for the permanent edition of the Congressional Record for individual Representatives and Senators, Resident Commissioners or Delegates, and language providing that appropriations recommended shall be available for the payment of obligations incurred under appropriations for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years, limiting the printing of certain documents to a time certain, and authorizing the transfer of unobligated balances.

The bill includes language authorizing the Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents to pay for printing certain publications in prior years for the depository library program. There is language authorizing the transfer of unexpended balances.

There is language authorizing the operation of the Government Publishing Office Revolving Fund, and which authorizes travel expenses for advisory councils, the purchase of not more than 12 passenger motor vehicles and that the revolving fund may be used to provide information in any format.

The bill includes language relating to the Government Accountability Office, authorizing the direct procurement of expert and consultant services under 5 U.S.C. 3109 at certain rates; authorizing the hire of one passenger motor vehicle, as required by 31 U.S.C. 1343; authorizing the Government Accountability Office to make advance payments in foreign countries in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3324; and providing certain benefits, including rental of living quarters in foreign countries. Appropriations are authorized for administrative expenses of any other member department or agency to finance an appropriate share of the costs of the National Intergovernmental Audit Forum or a Regional Intergovernmental Audit Forum.

The bill prohibits funds being used for civil actions regarding the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act without approval from Congress.

The bill includes language prohibiting the use of funds in the Act for the maintenance or care of private vehicles except for emergency assistance and cleaning as may be provided under regulations relating to parking facilities for the House issued by the Committee on House Administration and for the Senate by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

The bill requires that no part of the funds appropriated in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond fiscal year 2027 unless expressly so provided in this Act.

The bill requires that certain information regarding consulting services shall be a matter of public record.

The bill authorizes Legislative Branch entities to share the costs of the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council.

The bill limits the transfer of funds in this Act.

The bill prohibits funds in this Act being used to eliminate or restrict staff-led guided tours.

The bill prohibits funds from being used to maintain or establish a computer network unless the network blocks pornography.

The bill prohibits funds from being used to acquire telecommunications equipment from a particular class of vendors.

The bill includes language blocking the cost-of-living adjustment for Members of Congress.

The bill allows for a spending reduction.

APPROPRIATIONS NOT AUTHORIZED BY LAW

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(1)(B) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following table lists the appropriations in the accompanying bill which are not authorized by law for the period concerned:

The accompanying bill contains no appropriations not authorized by law.

TRANSFERS OF FUNDS

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following list includes the transfers included in the accompanying bill:

Within the Government Publishing Office, provisos in the appropriations for “Congressional Publishing” and “Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents, Salaries and Expenses” authorize transfer of unobligated or unexpended balances of expired discretionary funds appropriated under those headings for fiscal year 2027 to the “Government Publishing Office Business Operations Revolving Fund” account.

RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the bill contains no rescissions.

DISCLOSURE OF EARMARKS AND CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING ITEMS

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, neither the bill nor this report contains any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.