

109th CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2985

## CONFERENCE REPORT

[TO ACCOMPANY H. R. 2985]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2985) “making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes”, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

Amendment numbered 1:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 1, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter inserted, insert:

### *TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH*

#### *APPROPRIATIONS*

##### *SENATE*

##### *EXPENSE ALLOWANCES*

*For expense allowances of the Vice President, \$20,000; the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, \$40,000; Majority Leader of the Senate, \$40,000; Minority Leader of the*

*Senate, \$40,000; Majority Whip of the Senate, \$10,000; Minority Whip of the Senate, \$10,000; President Pro Tempore emeritus, \$15,000; Chairmen of the Majority and Minority Conference Committees, \$5,000 for each Chairman; and Chairmen of the Majority and Minority Policy Committees, \$5,000 for each Chairman; in all, \$195,000.*

*REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES FOR THE MAJORITY AND  
MINORITY LEADERS*

*For representation allowances of the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate, \$15,000 for each such Leader; in all, \$30,000.*

*SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES*

*For compensation of officers, employees, and others as authorized by law, including agency contributions, \$147,120,000, which shall be paid from this appropriation without regard to the following limitations:*

*OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT*

*For the Office of the Vice President, \$2,181,000.*

*OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE*

*For the Office of the President Pro Tempore, \$582,000.*

*OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS*

*For the Office of the President Pro Tempore emeritus, \$290,000.*

*OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS*

*For Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders,  
\$4,340,000.*

*OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS*

*For Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips,  
\$2,644,000.*

*COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS*

*For salaries of the Committee on Appropriations,  
\$13,758,000.*

*CONFERENCE COMMITTEES*

*For the Conference of the Majority and the Conference  
of the Minority, at rates of compensation to be fixed by the  
Chairman of each such committee, \$1,470,000 for each  
such committee; in all, \$2,940,000.*

*OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES OF THE CONFERENCE OF  
THE MAJORITY AND THE CONFERENCE OF THE MINORITY*

*For Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the  
Majority and the Conference of the Minority, \$728,000.*

*POLICY COMMITTEES*

*For salaries of the Majority Policy Committee and the  
Minority Policy Committee, \$1,524,000 for each such com-  
mittee; in all, \$3,048,000.*

*OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN*

*For Office of the Chaplain, \$354,000.*

*OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY*

*For Office of the Secretary, \$20,866,000.*

*OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER*

*For Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper,  
\$56,700,000.*

*OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND  
MINORITY*

*For Offices of the Secretary for the Majority and the  
Secretary for the Minority, \$1,584,000.*

*AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS AND RELATED EXPENSES*

*For agency contributions for employee benefits, as au-  
thorized by law, and related expenses, \$37,105,000.*

*OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF THE SENATE*

*For salaries and expenses of the Office of the Legisla-  
tive Counsel of the Senate, \$5,437,000.*

*OFFICE OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL*

*For salaries and expenses of the Office of Senate  
Legal Counsel, \$1,306,000.*

*EXPENSE ALLOWANCES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SEN-  
ATE, SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE  
SENATE, AND SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND  
MINORITY OF THE SENATE*

*For expense allowances of the Secretary of the Senate,  
\$6,000; Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate,  
\$6,000; Secretary for the Majority of the Senate, \$6,000;  
Secretary for the Minority of the Senate, \$6,000; in all,  
\$24,000.*

*CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE*  
*INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS*

*For expenses of inquiries and investigations ordered by the Senate, or conducted under paragraph 1 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, section 112 of the Supplemental Appropriations and Rescission Act, 1980 (Public Law 96–304), and Senate Resolution 281, 96th Congress, agreed to March 11, 1980, \$119,637,000.*

*EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE CAUCUS ON*  
*INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL*

*For expenses of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, \$520,000.*

*SECRETARY OF THE SENATE*

*For expenses of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, \$1,980,000.*

*SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE*

*For expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, \$142,000,000, which shall remain available until September 30, 2010.*

*MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS*

*For miscellaneous items, \$17,000,000, of which up to \$500,000 shall be made available for a pilot program for mailings of postal patron postcards by Senators for the purpose of providing notice of a town meeting by a Senator in a county (or equivalent unit of local government) at which the Senator will personally attend: Provided,*

*That any amount allocated to a Senator for such mailing shall not exceed 50 percent of the cost of the mailing and the remaining cost shall be paid by the Senator from other funds available to the Senator.*

*SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE  
ACCOUNT*

*For Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account, \$350,000,000.*

*OFFICIAL MAIL COSTS*

*For expenses necessary for official mail costs of the Senate, \$300,000.*

*ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS*

*SEC. 1. GROSS RATE OF COMPENSATION IN OFFICES OF SENATORS. Effective on and after October 1, 2005, each of the dollar amounts contained in the table under section 105(d)(1)(A) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1968 (2 U.S.C. 61-1(d)(1)(A)) shall be deemed to be the dollar amounts in that table, as adjusted by law and in effect on September 30, 2005, increased by an additional \$50,000 each.*

*SEC. 2. CONSULTANTS. With respect to fiscal year 2006, the first sentence of section 101(a) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1977 (2 U.S.C. 61h-6(a)) shall be applied by substituting "nine individual consultants" for "eight individual consultants".*

*SEC. 3. UNITED STATES SENATE COLLECTION. Section 316 of Public Law 101–302 (2 U.S.C. 2107) is amended in the first sentence of subsection (a) by striking “2005” and inserting “2006”.*

*SEC. 4. SENATE COMMISSION ON ART. Section 3(c)(2) of Public Law 108–83 (2 U.S.C. 2108(c)(2)) is amended by striking “and for any purposes” through the period and inserting “for any purposes for which funds from the contingent fund of the Senate may be used under section 316(a) of Public Law 101–302 (2 U.S.C. 2107(a)), and for expenditures, not to exceed \$10,000 in any fiscal year, for meals and refreshments in Capitol facilities in connection with official activities of the Commission or other authorized programs or activities.”.*

*SEC. 5. ABSENCES. Section 40 of the Revised Statutes (2 U.S.C. 39) is amended by—*

- (1) striking “Secretary of the Senate and the”;*
- (2) striking “, respectively, shall” and inserting “shall”;*
- (3) striking “Senate or”;* and
- (4) striking “, respectively, unless” and inserting “, unless”.*

*SEC. 6. MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN CONSULTANT REQUIREMENT. Section 10(a)(5) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999 (2 U.S.C. 72d) is amended by*

*inserting “, except that any approval (and related reporting requirement) shall not apply” after “May 14, 1975”.*

## *HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

### *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

*For salaries and expenses of the House of Representatives, \$1,100,907,000, as follows:*

#### *HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES*

*For salaries and expenses, as authorized by law, \$19,844,000, including: Office of the Speaker, \$2,788,000, including \$25,000 for official expenses of the Speaker; Office of the Majority Floor Leader, \$2,089,000, including \$10,000 for official expenses of the Majority Leader; Office of the Minority Floor Leader, \$2,928,000, including \$10,000 for official expenses of the Minority Leader; Office of the Majority Whip, including the Chief Deputy Majority Whip, \$1,797,000, including \$5,000 for official expenses of the Majority Whip; Office of the Minority Whip, including the Chief Deputy Minority Whip, \$1,345,000, including \$5,000 for official expenses of the Minority Whip; Speaker’s Office for Legislative Floor Activities, \$482,000; Republican Steering Committee, \$906,000; Republican Conference, \$1,548,000; Republican Policy Committee, \$307,000; Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, \$1,945,000; Democratic Caucus, \$816,000; nine minority employees, \$1,445,000; training and program develop-*



*ment—majority, \$290,000; training and program development—minority, \$290,000; Cloakroom Personnel—majority, \$434,000; and Cloakroom Personnel—minority, \$434,000.*

*MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES  
INCLUDING MEMBERS' CLERK HIRE, OFFICIAL EXPENSES  
OF MEMBERS, AND OFFICIAL MAIL*

*For Members' representational allowances, including Members' clerk hire, official expenses, and official mail, \$542,109,000.*

*COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES*

*STANDING COMMITTEES, SPECIAL AND SELECT*

*For salaries and expenses of standing committees, special and select, authorized by House resolutions, \$117,913,000: Provided, That such amount shall remain available for such salaries and expenses until December 31, 2006.*

*COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS*

*For salaries and expenses of the Committee on Appropriations, \$25,668,000, including studies and examinations of executive agencies and temporary personal services for such committee, to be expended in accordance with section 202(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 and to be available for reimbursement to agencies for services performed: Provided, That such amount shall remain*

*available for such salaries and expenses until December 31, 2006.*

*SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES*

*For compensation and expenses of officers and employees, as authorized by law, \$172,249,000, including: for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Clerk, including not more than \$13,000, of which not more than \$10,000 is for the Family Room, for official representation and reception expenses, \$21,911,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, including the position of Superintendent of Garages, and including not more than \$3,000 for official representation and reception expenses, \$6,284,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, \$121,471,000, of which \$7,806,000 shall remain available until expended; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Inspector General, \$3,991,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Operations, \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended; for salaries and expenses of the Office of General Counsel, \$962,000; for the Office of the Chaplain, \$161,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Parliamentarian, including the Parliamentarian and \$2,000 for preparing the Digest of Rules, \$1,767,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House, \$2,453,000; for sala-*

*ries and expenses of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House, \$6,963,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, \$720,000; for other authorized employees, \$161,000; and for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Historian, \$405,000.*

#### *ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES*

*For allowances and expenses as authorized by House resolution or law, \$223,124,000, including: supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims, \$4,179,000; official mail for committees, leadership offices, and administrative offices of the House, \$410,000; Government contributions for health, retirement, Social Security, and other applicable employee benefits, \$214,422,000; supplies, materials, and other costs relating to the House portion of expenses for the Capitol Visitor Center, \$3,410,000, to remain available until expended; and miscellaneous items including purchase, exchange, maintenance, repair and operation of House motor vehicles, interparliamentary receptions, and gratuities to heirs of deceased employees of the House, \$703,000.*

#### *CHILD CARE CENTER*

*For salaries and expenses of the House of Representatives Child Care Center, such amounts as are deposited in the account established by section 312(d)(1) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1992 (2 U.S.C. 2112),*

*subject to the level specified in the budget of the Center, as submitted to the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.*

*ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION*

*SEC. 101. (a) REQUIRING AMOUNTS REMAINING IN MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES TO BE USED FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION OR TO REDUCE THE FEDERAL DEBT. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any amounts appropriated under this Act for "HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—SALARIES AND EXPENSES—MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES" shall be available only for fiscal year 2006. Any amount remaining after all payments are made under such allowances for fiscal year 2006 shall be deposited in the Treasury and used for deficit reduction (or, if there is no Federal budget deficit after all such payments have been made, for reducing the Federal debt, in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury considers appropriate).*

*(b) REGULATIONS.—The Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives shall have authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this section.*

*(c) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term "Member of the House of Representatives" means a Representative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.*

*JOINT ITEMS*

*For Joint Committees, as follows:*

*JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE*

*For salaries and expenses of the Joint Economic Committee, \$4,276,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.*

*JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION*

*For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Taxation, \$8,781,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.*

*For other joint items, as follows:*

*OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN*

*For medical supplies, equipment, and contingent expenses of the emergency rooms, and for the Attending Physician and his assistants, including: (1) an allowance of \$2,175 per month to the Attending Physician; (2) an allowance of \$725 per month each to four medical officers while on duty in the Office of the Attending Physician; (3) an allowance of \$725 per month to two assistants and \$580 per month each not to exceed 11 assistants on the basis heretofore provided for such assistants; and (4) \$1,834,000 for reimbursement to the Department of the Navy for expenses incurred for staff and equipment assigned to the Office of the Attending Physician, which shall be advanced and credited to the applicable appropriation*

*or appropriations from which such salaries, allowances, and other expenses are payable and shall be available for all the purposes thereof, \$2,545,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.*

*CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE AND SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE*

*For salaries and expenses of the Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office, \$4,098,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate: Provided, That no part of such amount may be used to employ more than 58 individuals: Provided further, That the Capitol Guide Board is authorized, during emergencies, to employ not more than two additional individuals for not more than 120 days each, and not more than 10 additional individuals for not more than 6 months each, for the Capitol Guide Service.*

*STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS*

*For the preparation, under the direction of the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives, of the statements for the first session of the 109th Congress, showing appropriations made, indefinite appropriations, and contracts authorized, together with a chronological history of the regular appropriations bills as required by law, \$30,000, to be paid to the persons des-*

*ignated by the chairmen of such committees to supervise the work.*

### *CAPITOL POLICE*

#### *SALARIES*

*For salaries of employees of the Capitol Police, including overtime, hazardous duty pay differential, and Government contributions for health, retirement, social security, professional liability insurance, and other applicable employee benefits, \$217,456,000, to be disbursed by the Chief of the Capitol Police or his designee.*

#### *GENERAL EXPENSES*

*For necessary expenses of the Capitol Police, including motor vehicles, communications and other equipment, security equipment and installation, 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, relocation of instructor and liaison personnel for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and not more than \$5,000 to be expended on the certification of the Chief of the Capitol Police in connection with official representation and reception expenses, \$32,000,000, to be disbursed by the Chief of the Capitol Police or his designee: Provided, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the cost*

*of basic training for the Capitol Police at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for fiscal year 2006 shall be paid by the Secretary of Homeland Security from funds available to the Department of Homeland Security.*

*ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS*

*(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

*SEC. 1001. TRANSFER AUTHORITY. Amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2006 for the Capitol Police may be transferred between the headings “SALARIES” and “GENERAL EXPENSES” upon the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives.*

*SEC. 1002. MOUNTED HORSE UNIT. (a) The United States Capitol Police may not operate a mounted horse unit during fiscal year 2006 or any succeeding fiscal year.*

*(b) Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Chief of the Capitol Police shall transfer to the Chief of the United States Park Police the horses, equipment, and supplies of the Capitol Police mounted horse unit which remain in the possession of the Capitol Police as of such date.*

*SEC. 1003. ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT ACT. (a) Section 103(h)(1)(A)(i)(I) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App. 103(h)(1)(A)(i)(I)) is amended by insert-*



ing “United States Capitol Police,” after “Architect of the Capitol,”.

(b) *The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to reports filed under the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 for calendar year 2005 and each succeeding calendar year.*

*SEC. 1004. INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE. (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.—There is established in the United States Capitol Police the Office of the Inspector General (hereafter in this section referred to as the “Office”), headed by the Inspector General of the United States Capitol Police (hereafter in this section referred to as the “Inspector General”).*

*(b) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—*

*(1) APPOINTMENT.—The Inspector General shall be appointed by, and under the general supervision of, the Capitol Police Board. The appointment shall be made in consultation with the Inspectors General of the Library of Congress, Government Printing Office, and the Government Accountability Office. The Capitol Police Board shall appoint the Inspector General without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of integrity and demonstrated ability in accounting, auditing, financial analysis, law, man-*

agement analysis, public administration, or investigations.

(2) *TERM OF SERVICE.*—*The Inspector General shall serve for a term of 5 years, and an individual serving as Inspector General may be reappointed for not more than 2 additional terms.*

(3) *REMOVAL.*—*The Inspector General may be removed from office prior to the expiration of his term only by the unanimous vote of all of the voting members of the Capitol Police Board, and the Board shall communicate the reasons for any such removal to the Committee on House Administration, the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration and the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and of the Senate.*

(4) *SALARY.*—*The Inspector General shall be paid at an annual rate equal to \$1,000 less than the annual rate of pay in effect for the Chief of the Capitol Police.*

(5) *DEADLINE.*—*The Capitol Police Board shall appoint the first Inspector General under this section not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

(c) *DUTIES.*—

(1) *APPLICABILITY OF DUTIES OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT.*—

*The Inspector General shall carry out the same duties and responsibilities with respect to the United States Capitol Police as an Inspector General of an establishment carries out with respect to an establishment under section 4 of the Inspector General Act of 1978, (5 U.S.C. App. 4), under the same terms and conditions which apply under such section.*

(2) *SEMIANNUAL REPORTS.*—*The Inspector General shall prepare and submit semiannual reports summarizing the activities of the Office in the same manner, and in accordance with the same deadlines, terms, and conditions, as an Inspector General of an establishment under section 5 (other than subsection (a)(13) thereof) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, (5 U.S.C. App. 5). For purposes of applying section 5 of such Act to the Inspector General, the Chief of the Capitol Police shall be considered the head of the establishment. The Chief shall, within 30 days of receipt of a report, report to the Capitol Police Board, the Committee on House Administration, the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, and the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-*

*representatives and of the Senate consistent with section 5(b) of such Act.*

*(3) INVESTIGATIONS OF COMPLAINTS OF EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS.—*

*(A) AUTHORITY.—The Inspector General may receive and investigate complaints or information from an employee or member of the Capitol Police concerning the possible existence of an activity constituting a violation of law, rules, or regulations, or mismanagement, gross waste of funds, abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to the public health and safety, including complaints or information the investigation of which is under the jurisdiction of the Internal Affairs Division of the Capitol Police as of the date of the enactment of this Act.*

*(B) NONDISCLOSURE.—The Inspector General shall not, after receipt of a complaint or information from an employee or member, disclose the identity of the employee or member without the consent of the employee or member, unless required by law or the Inspector General determines such disclosure is otherwise unavoidable during the course of the investigation.*

(C) *PROHIBITING RETALIATION.*—*An employee or member of the Capitol Police who has authority to take, direct others to take, recommend, or approve any personnel action, shall not, with respect to such authority, take or threaten to take any action against any employee or member as a reprisal for making a complaint or disclosing information to the Inspector General, unless the complaint was made or the information disclosed with the knowledge that it was false or with willful disregard for its truth or falsity.*

(4) *INDEPENDENCE IN CARRYING OUT DUTIES.*—*Neither the Capitol Police Board, the Chief of the Capitol Police, nor any other member or employee of the Capitol Police may prevent or prohibit the Inspector General from carrying out any of the duties or responsibilities assigned to the Inspector General under this section.*

(d) *POWERS.*—

(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Inspector General may exercise the same authorities with respect to the United States Capitol Police as an Inspector General of an establishment may exercise with respect to an establishment under section 6(a) of the Inspector Gen-*

*eral Act of 1978, (5 U.S.C. App. 6(a)), other than paragraphs (7) and (8) of such section.*

(2) *STAFF.*—

(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Inspector General may appoint and fix the pay of such personnel as the Inspector General considers appropriate. Such personnel may be appointed without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, regarding appointments in the competitive service, and may be paid without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates, except that no personnel of the Office (other than the Inspector General) may be paid at an annual rate greater than \$500 less than the annual rate of pay of the Inspector General under subsection (b)(4).*

(B) *EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.*—*The Inspector General may procure temporary and intermittent services under section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, at rates not to exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of such title.*

(C) *INDEPENDENCE IN APPOINTING STAFF.*—No individual may carry out any of the duties or responsibilities of the Office unless the individual is appointed by the Inspector General, or provides services procured by the Inspector General, pursuant to this paragraph. Nothing in this subparagraph may be construed to prohibit the Inspector General from entering into a contract or other arrangement for the provision of services under this section.

(D) *APPLICABILITY OF CAPITOL POLICE PERSONNEL RULES.*—None of the regulations governing the appointment and pay of employees of the Capitol Police shall apply with respect to the appointment and compensation of the personnel of the Office, except to the extent agreed to by the Inspector General. Nothing in the previous sentence may be construed to affect subparagraphs (A) through (C).

(3) *EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.*—The Chief of the Capitol Police shall provide the Office with appropriate and adequate office space, together with such equipment, supplies, and communications facilities and services as determined by the Inspector General to be necessary for the operation of the Office, and

*shall provide necessary maintenance services for such office space and the equipment and facilities located therein.*

*(e) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—*

*(1) TRANSFER.—To the extent that any office or entity in the Capitol Police prior to the appointment of the first Inspector General under this section carried out any of the duties and responsibilities assigned to the Inspector General under this section, the functions of such office or entity shall be transferred to the Office upon the appointment of the first Inspector General under this section.*

*(2) NO REDUCTION IN PAY OR BENEFITS.—The transfer of the functions of an office or entity to the Office under paragraph (1) may not result in a reduction in the pay or benefits of any employee of the office or entity, except to the extent required under subsection (d)(2)(A).*

*(f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall be effective upon enactment of this Act.*

*(g) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 108(b)(2)(D) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001, Public Law 106–554 (2 U.S.C. 1903(b)(2)(D)) is amended to read as follows:*



“(D) Prepare annual financial statements for the Capitol Police, and such financial statements shall be audited by the Inspector General of the Capitol Police or by an independent public accountant, as determined by the Inspector General.”.

*SEC. 1005. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS. (a) IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 60 days after the last day of each semiannual period, the Chief of the Capitol Police shall submit to Congress, with respect to that period, a detailed, itemized report of the disbursements for the operations of the United States Capitol Police.

*(b) CONTENTS.*—The report required by subsection (a) shall include—

(1) the name of each person or entity who receives a payment from the Capitol Police and the amount thereof;

(2) a description of any service rendered to the Capitol Police, together with service dates;

(3) a statement of all amounts appropriated to, or received or expended by, the Capitol Police and any unexpended balances of such amounts for any open fiscal year; and

(4) such additional information as may be required by regulation of the Committee on House Ad-

*ministration of the House of Representatives or the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.*

*(c) PRINTING.—Each report under this section shall be printed as a House document.*

*(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with respect to the semiannual periods of October 1 through March 31 and April 1 through September 30 of each year, beginning with the semiannual period in which this section is enacted.*

*SEC. 1006. CAPITOL POLICE AND TRANSFER OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS POLICE. (a) LIMITATION ON CERTAIN HIRING AUTHORITY OF CAPITOL POLICE.—Section 1006(b)(3) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108–83; 117 Stat. 1023), as amended by section 1002 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2005 (2 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 108–447; 118 Stat. 3179), is further amended by adding after subparagraph (D), the following:*

*“(E) LIMITATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006.—*

*During fiscal year 2006, the number of individuals hired under this subsection may not exceed—*

*“(i) the number of Library of Congress Police employees who separated from service*

*or transferred to a position other than a Library of Congress Police employee position during fiscal year 2005 for whom a corresponding hire was not made under this subsection; and*

*“(ii) the number of Library of Congress Police employees who separate from service or transfer to a position other than a Library of Congress Police employee position during fiscal year 2006.”*

*(b) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—The Memorandum of Understanding between the Library of Congress and the Capitol Police entered into on December 12, 2004, shall remain in effect through fiscal year 2006, subject to such modifications as may be made in accordance with the modification and dispute resolution provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding.*

*SEC. 1007. (a) WAIVING REPAYMENT OF CERTAIN OVERTIME COMPENSATION PAID INCORRECTLY.—Except as provided in subsection (b), any individual to whom overtime compensation was paid under section 1009 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2003 (Public Law 108–7; 117 Stat. 359), in violation of the restrictions applicable to the payment of such compensation under section 1009(b) of such Act shall not be required to repay the*

*compensation, but only to the extent the compensation was paid for services provided prior to June 15, 2005.*

*(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to any officer or employee of the United States Capitol Police whose annual rate of pay is specified in statute and is not established under the schedule of rates of basic pay established and maintained by the Capitol Police Board.*

## **OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE**

### **SALARIES AND EXPENSES**

*For salaries and expenses of the Office of Compliance, as authorized by section 305 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1385), \$3,112,000, of which \$780,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2007: Provided, That the Executive Director of the Office of Compliance may, within the limits of available appropriations, dispose of surplus or obsolete personal property by interagency transfer, donation, or discarding: Provided further, That not more than \$500 may be expended on the certification of the Executive Director of the Office of Compliance in connection with official representation and reception expenses.*

*CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE*

*SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

*For salaries and expenses necessary for operation of the Congressional Budget Office, including not more than \$3,000 to be expended on the certification of the Director of the Congressional Budget Office in connection with official representation and reception expenses, \$35,450,000.*

*ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION*

*SEC. 1100. (a) PERMITTING WAIVER OF CLAIMS FOR OVERPAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES.—Section 5584(g) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (5);*

*(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (6) and inserting “; and”; and*

*(3) by inserting immediately after paragraph (6) the following new paragraph:*

*“(7) the Congressional Budget Office.”.*

*(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2006 and each succeeding fiscal year.*

*ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL*

*GENERAL ADMINISTRATION*

*For salaries for the Architect of the Capitol, and other personal services, at rates of pay provided by law; for sur-*

*veys and studies in connection with activities under the care of the Architect of the Capitol; for all necessary expenses for the general and administrative support of the operations under the Architect of the Capitol including the Botanic Garden; electrical substations of the Capitol, Senate and House office buildings, and other facilities under the jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol; including furnishings and office equipment; including not more than \$5,000 for official reception and representation expenses, to be expended as the Architect of the Capitol may approve; for purchase or exchange, maintenance, and operation of a passenger motor vehicle, \$76,812,000.*

#### *CAPITOL BUILDING*

*For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol, \$23,352,000, of which \$8,300,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2010.*

#### *CAPITOL GROUNDS*

*For all necessary expenses for care and improvement of grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant, \$7,511,000.*

#### *SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS*

*For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of Senate office buildings; and furniture and furnishings to be expended under the control and su-*

*pervision of the Architect of the Capitol, \$67,004,000, of which \$15,745,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2010.*

#### *HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS*

*For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the House office buildings, \$59,616,000, of which \$20,922,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2010.*

#### *CAPITOL POWER PLANT*

*For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol Power Plant; lighting, heating, power (including the purchase of electrical energy) and water and sewer services for the Capitol, Senate and House office buildings, Library of Congress buildings, and the grounds about the same, Botanic Garden, Senate garage, and air conditioning refrigeration not supplied from plants in any of such buildings; heating the Government Printing Office and Washington City Post Office, and heating and chilled water for air conditioning for the Supreme Court Building, the Union Station complex, the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building and the Folger Shakespeare Library, expenses for which shall be advanced or reimbursed upon request of the Architect of the Capitol and amounts so received shall be deposited into the Treasury to the credit of this appropriation,*

*\$58,685,000, of which \$1,600,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2010: Provided, That not more than \$6,600,000 of the funds credited or to be reimbursed to this appropriation as herein provided shall be available for obligation during fiscal year 2006.*

*LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS*

*For all necessary expenses for the mechanical and structural maintenance, care and operation of the Library buildings and grounds, \$68,763,000, of which \$42,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2010.*

*CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS*

*For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of buildings and grounds of the United States Capitol Police, \$14,902,000, of which \$5,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2010.*

*BOTANIC GARDEN*

*For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Botanic Garden and the nurseries, buildings, grounds, and collections; and purchase and exchange, maintenance, repair, and operation of a passenger motor vehicle; all under the direction of the Joint Committee on the Library, \$7,633,000: Provided, That this appropriation shall not be available for construction of the National Garden: Provided further, That of the amount made available under this heading, the Architect may obli-*



*gate and expend such sums as may be necessary for the maintenance, care and operation of the National Garden established under section 307E of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1989 (2 U.S.C. 2146), upon vouchers approved by the Architect or a duly authorized designee.*

#### *CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER*

*For an additional amount for the Capitol Visitor Center project, \$41,900,000, to remain available until expended, and in addition, \$2,300,000 for Capitol Visitor Center operation costs: Provided, That the Architect of the Capitol may not obligate any of the funds which are made available for the Capitol Visitor Center project without an obligation plan approved by the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives.*

#### *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS*

*SEC. 1201. (a) Section 108 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991 (2 U.S.C. 1849), is amended in subsection (b), by striking “8 positions” and inserting “9 positions”.*

*(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to pay periods beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

*SEC. 1202. (a) Section 905 of the 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery From and Re-*

*sponse To Terrorist Attacks on the United States (2 U.S.C. 1819) is amended—*

*(1) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e); and*

*(2) by inserting after subsection (c) the following new subsection:*

*“(d) In the case of a building or facility acquired through purchase pursuant to subsection (a), the Architect of the Capitol may enter into or assume a lease with another person for the use of any portion of the building or facility that the Architect of the Capitol determines is not required to be used to carry out the purposes of this section, subject to the approval of the entity which approved the acquisition of such building or facility under subsection (b).”.*

*(b) The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to leases entered into on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

## *LIBRARY OF CONGRESS*

### *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

*(INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)*

*For necessary expenses of the Library of Congress not otherwise provided for, including development and maintenance of the Library’s catalogs; custody and custodial care of the Library buildings; special clothing; cleaning, laun-*

*dering and repair of uniforms; preservation of motion pictures in the custody of the Library; operation and maintenance of the American Folklife Center in the Library; preparation and distribution of catalog records and other publications of the Library; hire or purchase of one passenger motor vehicle; and expenses of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board not properly chargeable to the income of any trust fund held by the Board, \$395,754,000, of which not more than \$6,000,000 shall be derived from collections credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 2006, and shall remain available until expended, under the Act of June 28, 1902 (chapter 1301; 32 Stat. 480; 2 U.S.C. 150) and not more than \$350,000 shall be derived from collections during fiscal year 2006 and shall remain available until expended for the development and maintenance of an international legal information database and activities related thereto: Provided, That the Library of Congress may not obligate or expend any funds derived from collections under the Act of June 28, 1902, in excess of the amount authorized for obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: Provided further, That the total amount available for obligation shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are less than \$6,350,000: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$13,972,000 shall remain available until ex-*

*pended for the partial acquisition of books, periodicals, newspapers, and all other materials including subscriptions for bibliographic services for the Library, including \$40,000 to be available solely for the purchase, when specifically approved by the Librarian, of special and unique materials for additions to the collections: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, not more than \$12,000 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official representation and reception expenses for the Overseas Field Offices: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$5,860,000 shall remain available until expended for the digital collections and educational curricula program under section 1306 of this Act: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$600,000 shall remain available until expended, and shall be transferred to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission for carrying out the purposes of Public Law 106–173, of which \$10,000 may be used for official representation and reception expenses of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$11,078,000 shall remain available until expended for partial support of the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$250,000 shall be used to provide a grant to the*

*Middle Eastern Text Initiative for translation and publishing of middle eastern text: Provided further, That no funds made available under this heading may be expended inconsistently with the provisions and intent of section 1006 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108–83), as amended, and the memorandum of understanding between the Library of Congress and the Capitol Police entered into on December 12, 2004: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$300,000 shall be available to the University of South Carolina for the Cooperative Preservation and Conservation project for the Movietone Newsreel collection: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$400,000 shall be available to the University of Mississippi American Music Archives: Provided further, That of the amounts made available under this heading in chapter 9 of division A of the Miscellaneous Appropriations Act, 2001 (Public Law 106–554; 114 Stat. 2763A–194), \$6,858,000 are rescinded.*

#### *COPYRIGHT OFFICE*

##### *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

*For necessary expenses of the Copyright Office, \$58,601,000, of which not more than \$30,481,000, to remain available until expended, shall be derived from collections credited to this appropriation during fiscal year*

*2006 under section 708(d) of title 17, United States Code: Provided, That the Copyright Office may not obligate or expend any funds derived from collections under such section, in excess of the amount authorized for obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: Provided further, That not more than \$5,465,000 shall be derived from collections during fiscal year 2006 under sections 111(d)(2), 119(b)(2), 802(h), 1005, and 1316 of such title: Provided further, That the total amount available for obligation shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are less than \$35,946,000: Provided further, That not more than \$100,000 of the amount appropriated is available for the maintenance of an "International Copyright Institute" in the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress for the purpose of training nationals of developing countries in intellectual property laws and policies: Provided further, That not more than \$4,250 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official representation and reception expenses for activities of the International Copyright Institute and for copyright delegations, visitors, and seminars: Provided further, That notwithstanding any provision of chapter 8 of title 17, United States Code, any amounts made available under this heading which are attributable to royalty fees and payments received by the Copyright Office pursuant to sec-*

*tions 111, 119, and chapter 10 of such title may be used for the costs incurred in the administration of the Copyright Royalty Judges program.*

*CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE*

*SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

*For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of section 203 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 166) and to revise and extend the Annotated Constitution of the United States of America, \$100,916,000: Provided, That no part of such amount may be used to pay any salary or expense in connection with any publication, or preparation of material therefor (except the Digest of Public General Bills), to be issued by the Library of Congress unless such publication has obtained prior approval of either the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives or the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.*

*BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED*

*SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

*For salaries and expenses to carry out the Act of March 3, 1931 (chapter 400; 46 Stat. 1487; 2 U.S.C. 135a), \$54,449,000, of which \$16,231,000 shall remain available until expended: Provided, That of the total amount appropriated, \$400,000 shall remain available until expended to reimburse the National Federation of the*

*Blind for costs incurred in the operation of its “NEWSLINE” program.*

*ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS*

*SEC. 1301. INCENTIVE AWARDS PROGRAM. Of the amounts appropriated to the Library of Congress in this Act, not more than \$5,000 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official representation and reception expenses for the incentive awards program.*

*SEC. 1302. REIMBURSABLE AND REVOLVING FUND ACTIVITIES. (a) IN GENERAL.—For fiscal year 2006, the obligational authority of the Library of Congress for the activities described in subsection (b) may not exceed \$109,943,000.*

*(b) ACTIVITIES.—The activities referred to in subsection (a) are reimbursable and revolving fund activities that are funded from sources other than appropriations to the Library in appropriations Acts for the legislative branch.*

*(c) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—During fiscal year 2006, the Librarian of Congress may temporarily transfer funds appropriated in this Act, under the heading “LIBRARY OF CONGRESS” under the subheading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” to the revolving fund for the FEDLINK Program and the Federal Research Program established under*



*section 103 of the Library of Congress Fiscal Operations Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–481; 2 U.S.C. 182c): Provided, That the total amount of such transfers may not exceed \$1,900,000: Provided further, That the appropriate revolving fund account shall reimburse the Library for any amounts transferred to it before the period of availability of the Library appropriation expires.*

*SEC. 1303. NATIONAL DIGITAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM. The Miscellaneous Appropriations Act, 2001 (enacted into law by section 1(a)(4) of Public Law 106–554, 114 Stat. 2763A–194) is amended in the first proviso under the subheading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading “LIBRARY OF CONGRESS” in chapter 9 of division A by adding at the end “, except that an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 of such additional \$75,000,000 shall remain available until expended and may be used for competitive grants to State governmental entities, without regard to any matching contribution requirement, to work cooperatively to collect and preserve at-risk digital State and local government information”.*

*SEC. 1304. UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES. Funds made available for the Library of Congress under this Act are available for transfer to the Department of State as remittance for a fee charged by the Department*

*for fiscal year 2006 for the maintenance, upgrade, or construction of United States diplomatic facilities only to the extent that the amount of the fee so charged is equal to or less than the unreimbursed value of the services provided during fiscal year 2006 to the Library of Congress on State Department diplomatic facilities.*

*SEC. 1305. PARLIAMENTARY DEVELOPMENT. (a) Section 208 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1996 (Public Law 104–53; 109 Stat. 532), is hereby repealed.*

*(b) The amendment made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act or October 1, 2005, whichever occurs earlier.*

*SEC. 1306. INCORPORATION OF DIGITAL COLLECTIONS INTO EDUCATIONAL CURRICULA. (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Library of Congress Digital Collections and Educational Curricula Act of 2005”.*

*(b) PROGRAM.—The Librarian of Congress shall administer a program to teach educators and librarians how to incorporate the digital collections of the Library of Congress into educational curricula.*

*(c) EDUCATIONAL CONSORTIUM.—In administering the program under this section, the Librarian of Congress may—*

(1) *establish an educational consortium to support the program; and*

(2) *make funds appropriated for the program available to consortium members, educational institutions, and libraries.*

(d) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section for fiscal year 2006 and each fiscal year thereafter.*

*SEC. 1307. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Library of Congress Inspector General Act of 2005”.*

(b) *OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.—There is an Office of Inspector General within the Library of Congress which is an independent objective office to—*

(1) *conduct and supervise audits and investigations (excluding incidents involving violence and personal property) relating to the Library of Congress;*

(2) *provide leadership and coordination and recommend policies to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness; and*

(3) *provide a means of keeping the Librarian of Congress and the Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the*

*administration and operations of the Library of Congress.*

*(c) APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL; SUPERVISION; REMOVAL.—*

*(1) APPOINTMENT AND SUPERVISION.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—There shall be at the head of the Office of Inspector General, an Inspector General who shall be appointed by the Librarian of Congress without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of integrity and demonstrated ability in accounting, auditing, financial analysis, law, management analysis, public administration, or investigations. The Inspector General shall report to, and be under the general supervision of, the Librarian of Congress.*

*(B) AUDITS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND REPORTS.—The Librarian of Congress shall have no authority to prevent or prohibit the Inspector General from—*

- (i) initiating, carrying out, or completing any audit or investigation;*
- (ii) issuing any subpoena during the course of any audit or investigation; or*
- (iii) issuing any report.*

(2) *REMOVAL.*—*The Inspector General may be removed from office by the Librarian of Congress. The Librarian of Congress shall, promptly upon such removal, communicate in writing the reasons for any such removal to each House of the Congress.*

(d) *DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AUTHORITY, AND REPORTS.*—

(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Sections 4, 5 (other than subsections (a)(13), 6(a) (other than paragraphs (7) and (8) thereof), and 7 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) shall apply to the Inspector General of the Library of Congress and the Office of such Inspector General and such sections shall be applied to the Library of Congress and the Librarian of Congress by substituting—*

(A) “*Library of Congress*” for “*establishment*”; and

(B) “*Librarian of Congress*” for “*head of the establishment*”.

(2) *EMPLOYEES.*—*The Inspector General, in carrying out the provisions of this section, is authorized to select, appoint, and employ such officers and employees (including consultants) as may be necessary for carrying out the functions, powers, and duties of the Office of Inspector General subject to the provi-*

*sions of law governing selections, appointments, and employment in the Library of Congress.*

*(e) TRANSFERS.—All functions, personnel, and budget resources of the Office of Investigations of the Library of Congress are transferred to the Office of Inspector General.*

*(f) INCUMBENT.—The individual who serves in the position of Inspector General of the Library of Congress on the date of enactment of this Act shall continue to serve in that position, subject to removal in accordance with this section.*

*(g) REFERENCES.—References in any other Federal law, Executive order, rule, regulation, or delegation of authority, or any document of or relating to the Inspector General of the Library of Congress shall be deemed to refer to the Inspector General of the Library of Congress as set forth under this section.*

*(h) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall be effective upon enactment of this Act.*

### *GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE*

### *CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING*

#### *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

*For authorized printing and binding for the Congress and the distribution of Congressional information in any format; printing and binding for the Architect of the Capitol; expenses necessary for preparing the semimonthly and*

*session index to the Congressional Record, as authorized by law (section 902 of title 44, United States Code); printing and binding of Government publications authorized by law to be distributed to Members of Congress; and printing, binding, and distribution of Government publications authorized by law to be distributed without charge to the recipient, \$88,090,000: Provided, That this appropriation shall not be available for paper copies of the permanent edition of the Congressional Record for individual Representatives, Resident Commissioners or Delegates authorized under section 906 of title 44, United States Code: Provided further, That this appropriation shall be available for the payment of obligations incurred under the appropriations for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years: Provided further, That notwithstanding the 2-year limitation under section 718 of title 44, United States Code, none of the funds appropriated or made available under this Act or any other Act for printing and binding and related services provided to Congress under chapter 7 of title 44, United States Code, may be expended to print a document, report, or publication after the 27-month period beginning on the date that such document, report, or publication is authorized by Congress to be printed, unless Congress reauthorizes such printing in accordance with section 718 of title 44, United States Code: Provided fur-*

*ther, That any unobligated or unexpended balances in this account or accounts for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years may be transferred to the Government Printing Office revolving fund for carrying out the purposes of this heading, subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate.*

*OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS*

*SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

*(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

*For expenses of the Office of Superintendent of Documents necessary to provide for the cataloging and indexing of Government publications and their distribution to the public, Members of Congress, other Government agencies, and designated depository and international exchange libraries as authorized by law, \$33,337,000: Provided, That amounts of not more than \$2,000,000 from current year appropriations are authorized for producing and disseminating Congressional serial sets and other related publications for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 to depository and other designated libraries: Provided further, That any unobligated or unexpended balances in this account or accounts for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years may be transferred to the Government Printing Office revolving fund for carrying out the purposes of this heading, subject*



*to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate.*

*GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND*

*For payment to the Government Printing Office Revolving Fund, \$2,000,000 for workforce retraining: Provided, That the Government Printing Office may make such expenditures, within the limits of funds available and in accordance with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 9104 of title 31, United States Code, as may be necessary in carrying out the programs and purposes set forth in the budget for the current fiscal year for the Government Printing Office revolving fund: Provided further, That not more than \$5,000 may be expended on the certification of the Public Printer in connection with official representation and reception expenses: Provided further, That the revolving fund shall be available for the hire or purchase of not more than 12 passenger motor vehicles: Provided further, That expenditures in connection with travel expenses of the advisory councils to the Public Printer shall be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of title 44, United States Code: Provided further, That the revolving fund shall be available for temporary or intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not*

*more than the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such title: Provided further, That the revolving fund and the funds provided under the headings “OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS” and “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” together may not be available for the full-time equivalent employment of more than 2,621 workyears (or such other number of workyears as the Public Printer may request, subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate): Provided further, That activities financed through the revolving fund may provide information in any format: Provided further, That not more than \$10,000 may be expended from the revolving fund in support of the activities of the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission established by Public Law 107–202.*

#### **GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE**

##### **SALARIES AND EXPENSES**

*For necessary expenses of the Government Accountability Office, including not more than \$12,500 to be expended on the certification of the Comptroller General of the United States in connection with official representation and reception expenses; temporary or intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not more than the daily*

*equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of such title; hire of one passenger motor vehicle; advance payments in foreign countries in accordance with section 3324 of title 31, United States Code; benefits comparable to those payable under sections 901(5), (6), and (8) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4081(5), (6), and (8)); and under regulations prescribed by the Comptroller General of the United States, rental of living quarters in foreign countries, \$482,395,000: Provided, That not more than \$5,104,000 of payments received under section 782 of title 31, United States Code, shall be available for use in fiscal year 2006: Provided further, That not more than \$2,061,000 of reimbursements received under section 9105 of title 31, United States Code, shall be available for use in fiscal year 2006: Provided further, That this appropriation and appropriations for administrative expenses of any other department or agency which is a member of the National Intergovernmental Audit Forum or a Regional Intergovernmental Audit Forum shall be available to finance an appropriate share of either Forum's costs as determined by the respective Forum, including necessary travel expenses of non-Federal participants: Provided further, That payments hereunder to the Forum may be cred-*

*ited as reimbursements to any appropriation from which costs involved are initially financed.*

**OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST  
FUND**

*For a payment to the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund for financing activities of the Open World Leadership Center under section 313 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001 (2 U.S.C. 1151), \$14,000,000.*

**JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE  
TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

*For payment to the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Development Trust Fund established under section 116 of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development Act (2 U.S.C. 1105), \$430,000.*

**TITLE II—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**SEC. 201. MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES.** *No part of the funds appropriated in this Act shall be used 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 of Representatives issued by the Committee on House Administration and for the Senate issued by the Committee on Rules and Administration.*

*SEC. 202. FISCAL YEAR LIMITATION. No part of the funds appropriated in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond fiscal year 2006 unless expressly so provided in this Act.*

*SEC. 203. RATES OF COMPENSATION AND DESIGNATION. Whenever in this Act any office or position not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of 1929 (46 Stat. 32 et seq.) is appropriated for or the rate of compensation or designation of any office or position appropriated for is different from that specifically established by such Act, the rate of compensation and the designation in this Act shall be the permanent law with respect thereto: Provided, That the provisions in this Act for the various items of official expenses of Members, officers, and committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, and clerk hire for Senators and Members of the House of Representatives shall be the permanent law with respect thereto.*

*SEC. 204. CONSULTING SERVICES. The expenditure of any appropriation under this Act for any consulting service through procurement contract, under section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, shall be limited to those contracts where such expenditures are a matter of public record and available for public inspection, except where otherwise provided under existing law, or under existing Executive order issued under existing law.*

*SEC. 205. AWARDS AND SETTLEMENTS. Such sums as may be necessary are appropriated to the account described in subsection (a) of section 415 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1415(a)) to pay awards and settlements as authorized under such subsection.*

*SEC. 206. COSTS OF LBFMC. Amounts available for administrative expenses of any legislative branch entity which participates in the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council (LBFMC) established by charter on March 26, 1996, shall be available to finance an appropriate share of LBFMC costs as determined by the LBFMC, except that the total LBFMC costs to be shared among all participating legislative branch entities (in such allocations among the entities as the entities may determine) may not exceed \$2,000.*

*SEC. 207. LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE. The Architect of the Capitol, in consultation with the District of Columbia, is authorized to maintain and improve the landscape features, excluding streets and sidewalks, in the irregular shaped grassy areas bounded by Washington Avenue, SW on the northeast, Second Street SW on the west, Square 582 on the south, and the beginning of the I-395 tunnel on the southeast.*

*SEC. 208. LIMITATION ON TRANSFERS. None of the funds made available in this Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government, except pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority provided in, this Act or any other appropriation Act.*

*TITLE III—CONTINUITY IN REPRESENTATION*

*SEC. 301. Section 26 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (2 U.S.C. 8) is amended—*

*(1) by striking “The time” and inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the time”; and*

*(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:*

*“(b) SPECIAL RULES IN EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES.—*

*“(1) IN GENERAL.—In extraordinary circumstances, the executive authority of any State in which a vacancy exists in its representation in the House of Representatives shall issue a writ of election to fill such vacancy by special election.*

*“(2) TIMING OF SPECIAL ELECTION.—A special election held under this subsection to fill a vacancy shall take place not later than 49 days after the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces*

*that the vacancy exists, unless, during the 75-day period which begins on the date of the announcement of the vacancy—*

*“(A) a regularly scheduled general election for the office involved is to be held; or*

*“(B) another special election for the office involved is to be held, pursuant to a writ for a special election issued by the chief executive of the State prior to the date of the announcement of the vacancy.*

*“(3) NOMINATIONS BY PARTIES.—If a special election is to be held under this subsection, the determination of the candidates who will run in such election shall be made—*

*“(A) by nominations made not later than 10 days after the Speaker announces that the vacancy exists by the political parties of the State that are authorized by State law to nominate candidates for the election; or*

*“(B) by any other method the State considers appropriate, including holding primary elections, that will ensure that the State will hold the special election within the deadline required under paragraph (2).*

*“(4) EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES.—*



“(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*In this subsection, ‘extraordinary circumstances’ occur when the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that vacancies in the representation from the States in the House exceed 100.*

“(B) *JUDICIAL REVIEW.*—*If any action is brought for declaratory or injunctive relief to challenge an announcement made under subparagraph (A), the following rules shall apply:*

“(i) *Not later than 2 days after the announcement, the action shall be filed in the United States District Court having jurisdiction in the district of the Member of the House of Representatives whose seat has been announced to be vacant and shall be heard by a 3-judge court convened pursuant to section 2284 of title 28, United States Code.*

“(ii) *A copy of the complaint shall be delivered promptly to the Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

“(iii) *A final decision in the action shall be made within 3 days of the filing of such action and shall not be reviewable.*

“(iv) *The executive authority of the State that contains the district of the Member of the House of Representatives whose seat has been announced to be vacant shall have the right to intervene either in support of or opposition to the position of a party to the case regarding the announcement of such vacancy.*

“(5) *PROTECTING ABILITY OF ABSENT MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS TO PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL ELECTIONS.—*

“(A) *DEADLINE FOR TRANSMITTAL OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS.—In conducting a special election held under this subsection to fill a vacancy in its representation, the State shall ensure to the greatest extent practicable (including through the use of electronic means) that absentee ballots for the election are transmitted to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters (as such terms are defined in the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) not later than 15 days after the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that the vacancy exists.*

“(B) *PERIOD FOR BALLOT TRANSIT TIME.*—  
*Notwithstanding the deadlines referred to in paragraphs (2) and (3), in the case of an individual who is an absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter (as such terms are defined in the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act), a State shall accept and process any otherwise valid ballot or other election material from the voter so long as the ballot or other material is received by the appropriate State election official not later than 45 days after the State transmits the ballot or other material to the voter.*

“(6) *APPLICATION TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND TERRITORIES.*—*This subsection shall apply—*

“(A) *to a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress in the same manner as it applies to a Member of the House of Representatives; and*

“(B) *to the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, and the United States Virgin Islands in the same manner as it applies to a State, except that a vacancy in the representation from any such jurisdiction in the House shall not be taken*

*into account by the Speaker in determining whether vacancies in the representation from the States in the House exceed 100 for purposes of paragraph (4)(A).*

*“(7) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING FEDERAL ELECTION LAWS.—Nothing in this subsection may be construed to affect the application to special elections under this subsection of any Federal law governing the administration of elections for Federal office (including any law providing for the enforcement of any such law), including, but not limited to, the following:*

*“(A) The Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973 et seq.), as amended.*

*“(B) The Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ee et seq.), as amended.*

*“(C) The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff et seq.), as amended.*

*“(D) The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg et seq.), as amended.*

*“(E) The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), as amended.*

*“(F) The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.), as amended.*

*“(G) The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15301 et seq.), as amended.”.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment Numbered 2:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 2, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

Delete the matter stricken, delete the matter inserted, and strike all beginning on page 2, line 5, down through and including page 8, line 12 of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 2985.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment Numbered 3:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 3, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

Delete the matter stricken, delete the matter inserted, and strike all beginning on page 24, line 12, down through and including page 24, line 16 of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 2985.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment Numbered 4:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 4, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

Delete the matter stricken, delete the matter inserted, and strike all beginning on page 41, line 10, down through and including page 43, line 24 of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 2985.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment Numbered 5:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 5.

And the Senate agree to the same.