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 (Kingston)**

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, July 9th, subject to a closed rule.

Summary:

BY THE NUMBERS:

Budget Authority in Thousands of Dollars

	FY '03 Enacted	FY '04 Request	FY '04 House
Appropriations	2,695,712	2,989,531	2,699,688
<i>Emergency Spending</i>	37,758	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	2,733,470	2,989,531	2,699,688

Note: These figures do not include Senate-only items.

**Excluding Emergency Spending, the Committee bill is:
 \$4 million or 0.1% above last year; and
 \$290 million or 9.7% below the request.**

**Including Emergency Spending, the Committee bill is:
 \$34 million or 1.2% below last year; and
 \$290 million or 9.7% below the request.**

H.R. 2657 contains no funding rescissions.

LANGUAGE AND FUNDING OF NOTE:

Excess MRA Funds for Deficit Reduction: The bill continues language carried in previous years providing that excess funds in the Members Representation Allowance Account shall be used for deficit reduction.

Transfer Authority: Allows the transferring of Capitol Police funds between the “salaries” and the “general expenses” accounts for FY2004, upon approval of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. Also allows certain transfers between congressional printing accounts.

AOC Temporary Employees: None of the funds in this legislation could be used by the Architect of the Capitol to hire a temporary employee within a category of temporary employment that does not offer the same eligibility for benefits that is provided to temporary employees who are hired for more than one year (subject to certain exceptions).

SEC Audit Payments: The Comptroller General could accept payments from the Securities and Exchange Commission for the performance of any GAO audit of SEC financial statements.

FUNDING SUMMARIES:

Dollars in Thousands

	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2004	Cmte. Vs.	Cmte. Vs.	Cmte. Vs.	Cmte. Vs.
	Enacted	Request	Cmte	FY 2003	Request	FY 2003	Request
House of Representatives							
Office of the Speaker.....	1,979	2,048	2,048	69	0	3.49%	0.00%
Majority Leader.....	1,899	1,965	1,965	66	0	3.48%	0.00%
Minority Leader.....	2,309	2,390	2,390	81	0	3.51%	0.00%
Majority Whip.....	1,624	1,684	1,684	60	0	3.69%	0.00%
Minority Whip.....	1,214	1,259	1,259	45	0	3.71%	0.00%
Speaker Floor Activities.....	446	460	460	14	0	3.14%	0.00%
Republican Steering Cmte.....	834	862	862	28	0	3.36%	0.00%
Republican Conference.....	1,397	1,448	1,448	51	0	3.65%	0.00%
Democratic Steering & Policy Cmte.....	1,490	1,542	1,542	52	0	3.49%	0.00%
Democratic Caucus.....	741	768	768	27	0	3.64%	0.00%
Nine Minority Employees.....	1,337	1,380	1,380	43	0	3.22%	0.00%
Training & Development Programs.....	580	580	580	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Cloakroom Personnel.....	680	708	708	28	0	4.12%	0.00%
Subtotal House Leadership.....	16,530	17,094	17,094	564	0	3.41%	0.00%
Members' Representational Allowance (MRA).....	476,536	523,454	514,454	37,918	-9,000	7.96%	-1.72%
Standing Cmtes (except Appropriations).....	114,421	107,558	106,058	-8,363	-1,500	-7.31%	-1.39%
Appropriations Cmte.....	24,200	24,926	24,926	726	0	3.00%	0.00%
Office of the Clerk.....	20,032	19,387	18,632	-1,400	-755	-6.99%	-3.89%
Office of the Sergeant at Arms.....	5,097	6,471	5,471	374	-1,000	7.34%	-15.45%
Office of Chief Administrative Officer.....	105,363	123,053	113,141	7,778	-9,912	7.38%	-8.06%
Office of the Inspector General.....	3,947	4,147	3,847	-100	-300	-2.53%	-7.23%
Office of Emergency Preparedness.....	6,000	6,000	5,000	-1,000	-1,000	-16.67%	-16.67%

Office of the General Counsel.....	894	926	926	32	0	3.58%	0.00%
Office of the Chaplain.....	149	153	153	4	0	2.68%	0.00%
Office of the Parliamentarian.....	1,464	1,560	1,560	96	0	6.56%	0.00%
Office of the Law Revision Counsel.....	2,168	2,263	2,263	95	0	4.38%	0.00%
Office of the Legislative Counsel.....	5,852	6,233	6,233	381	0	6.51%	0.00%
Corrections Calendar Office.....	915	948	948	33	0	3.61%	0.00%
Other Authorized Employees.....	146	150	150	4	0	2.74%	0.00%
Supplies, materials, admin costs, tort claims.....	3,384	3,975	3,975	591	0	17.46%	0.00%
Official Mail.....	410	410	410	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Gov't Contributions.....	172,673	190,240	188,533	15,860	-1,707	9.18%	-0.90%
Misc Items.....	690	690	690	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total House of Representatives.....	960,871	1,039,638	1,014,464	53,593	-25,174	5.58%	-2.42%

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	Enacted	Request	Cmte	FY 2003	Request	FY 2003	Request
Joint Items							
Joint Economic Cmte.....	3,658	3,988	3,805	147	-183	4.02%	-4.59%
Joint Cmte on Taxation.....	7,593	8,112	8,112	519	0	6.84%	0.00%
Office of the Attending Physician.....	2,981	2,236	2,236	-745	0	-24.99%	0.00%
Capitol Police-- Salaries.....	174,533	218,268	189,913	15,380	-28,355	8.81%	-12.99%
Capitol Police-- General Expenses.....	27,917	72,242	21,917	-6,000	-50,325	-21.49%	-69.66%
<i>Capitol Police Emergency Funding.....</i>	<i>37,758</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-37,758</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-100.00%</i>	
Capitol Guide Service.....	3,035	3,511	3,511	476	0	15.68%	0.00%
Statements of Appropriations.....	30	30	30	0	0	0.00%	
Office of Compliance.....	2,157	2,518	2,255	98	-263	4.54%	-10.44%
Congressional Budget Office.....	31,892	33,993	33,820	1,928	-173	6.05%	-0.51%
Architect of the Capitol--Gen'l Admin.....	58,957	158,570	84,513	25,556	-74,057	43.35%	-46.70%
Capitol Building.....	32,985	52,368	23,307	-9,678	-29,061	-29.34%	-55.49%
Capitol Grounds.....	8,302	6,986	6,886	-1,416	-100	-17.06%	-1.43%
House Office Buildings.....	60,564	66,779	54,564	-6,000	-12,215	-9.91%	-18.29%
Capitol Power Plant, Net.....	124,300	102,517	81,543	-42,757	-20,974	-34.40%	-20.46%
Library of Congress Buildings & Grounds.....	37,277	47,108	34,750	-2,527	-12,358	-6.78%	-26.23%
Capitol Police Building and Grounds.....	63,885	2,970	3,308	-60,577	338	-94.82%	11.38%
Botanic Garden.....	6,063	10,919	6,062	-1	-4,857	-0.02%	-44.48%
Library of Congress Salaries & Expenses, Net.....	354,794	373,536	359,670	4,876	-13,866	1.37%	-3.71%
Copyright Office, Salaries and Expenses, Net.....	9,499	18,626	17,626	8,127	-1,000	85.56%	-5.37%
Congressional Research Service.....	88,250	96,267	93,590	5,340	-2,677	6.05%	-2.78%
Books for the Blind & Handicapped.....	50,632	51,706	51,706	1,074	0	2.12%	0.00%
Government Printing Office -- Congressional Printing....	89,557	91,111	91,111	1,554	0	1.74%	0.00%
Gov't Printing Office -- Salaries & Expenses.....	29,468	34,456	34,456	4,988	0	16.93%	0.00%
Gov't Printing Office Revolving Fund.....	0	10,000	5,000	5,000	-5,000		-50.00%
General Accounting Office.....	453,051	466,621	458,533	5,482	-8,088	1.21%	-1.73%
Payment to the Open World Leadership Ctr Trust Fund.	0	14,815	13,000	13,000	-1,815		-12.25%
Payment to Russian Leadership Development Trust.....	12,915	0	0	-12,915	0	-100.00%	
John Stennis Center.....	298	0	0	-298	0	-100.00%	
Congressional Awards Act.....	248	0	0	-248	0	-100.00%	

Committee Action: On July 1, 2003, the House Appropriations Committee reported the legislation to the full House.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

Constitutional Authority: The Appropriations Committee, in House Report 108-186, cites constitutional authority in Article I, Section 9, Clause 7 (“No money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in consequence of Appropriations made by law”).

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