



APPROPRIATIONS ALERT

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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS A 7-PERCENT INCREASE FOR CONGRESS H.R. 2918

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The Legislative Branch appropriations bill provides \$3.7 billion in new fiscal year 2010 budget authority [BA], and \$3.1 billion in outlays, reflecting an increase of \$236 million (7 percent) from the 2009 enacted level. But the figure is \$282 million below the legislative agency requests reflected in the President’s 2010 budget (which by law simply includes the agency requests without change). In accordance with long-standing practice – under which each chamber of Congress determines funding for its own activities, and the other concurs – the House bill does not include funding for the Senate; hence it is equal to its full 302(b) allocation, excluding Senate funding, as provided through the fiscal year 2010 budget resolution (S. Con. Res. 13).

The bill provides annual funding for Congress and its support agencies, including the Congressional Budget Office, the Joint Committee on Taxation, the Capitol Police, the Library of Congress, the Government Accountability Office, and the Architect of the Capitol.

Table 1: Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill
 (dollars in millions)

	2009 Enacted	302 (b) for 2010	H.R. 2918
Budget Authority	3,439	3,675	3,675
Outlays	3,428	3,812	3,810

Excludes emergencies and Senate funding.

Key components of the measure include the following:

- **House Operations.** The bill includes \$1.4 billion for the House of Representatives salaries and expenses account, an increase of \$74 million (6 percent) over 2009, and \$122 million below the request. This includes funding for House Leadership Offices (\$25 million) and Members’ Representational Allowances (\$660 million).
- **Congressional Budget Office (CBO).** H.R. 2918 provides \$45 million in BA for CBO, an increase of \$1 million (2 percent) over 2009, but \$1 million below CBO’s request.
- **Other Agencies.** Among other Legislative Branch agencies, the largest increases are for the Library of Congress (7 percent), the Capitol Police (6 percent), and the Government Accountability Office (5 percent).

- **Terminations/Reductions.** The Majority claims the bill saves \$199 million relative to the 2009 enacted level. Of this amount, however, \$172 million is from not assuming funding for the completion of one-time projects, rather than a reduction in base funding.

Table 2: Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill
(budget authority in millions of dollars)

	2009 Enacted	2010 Request ^a	2010 Reported	\$ Change 2009/Rept'd	% Change 2009/Rept'd
House of Representatives	1,301	1,497	1,375	74	6%
Senate	895	1,009	0	na	na
Capitol Police	306	410	325	19	6%
Congressional Budget Office	44	46	45	1	2%
Architect of the Capitol	519	747	529	10	2%
Library of Congress	606	656	646	40	7%
Government Printing Office	141	166	146	5	4%
Government Accountability Office	531	567	559	28	5%
Other	60	59	50	-10	-17%
Total	4,403	5,157	3,675	na	na
Total Minus Senate and Senate Buildings	3,439	4,072	3,675	236	7%

^a Reflects the amount requested by the Legislative Branch agencies.