



# COMMITTEES ON APPROPRIATIONS

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## FY2010 CONFERENCE SUMMARY: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

### Bill Total

2009 Enacted:	\$4.500 billion (includes Recovery Act and Supplemental funding)
2010 President's Request:	\$5.041 billion
House Passed:	\$3.674 billion (excludes Senate and Senate Office Buildings)
Senate Passed:	\$4.611 billion
<b>Conference Agreement:</b>	<b>\$4.656 billion</b>

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### KEY INVESTMENTS

**Legislative Branch conference total:** \$4.656 billion for operations of the legislative branch, an increase of \$155 million, or 3.5 percent, over the amounts appropriated for legislative branch agency operations in 2009.

**House of Representatives:** \$1.369 billion, \$68 million above 2009 and \$128 million below the request:

- **Members' Representational Allowance:** \$660 million to cover the annual budgets of Members Offices and account for the increased cost of providing constituent services. Language continues in the bill as in previous years mandating that any amounts not used will go back to the Treasury for deficit reduction.
- **Wounded Warrior:** \$2.5 million, derived from prior year appropriations, to continue the Wounded Warrior program, which provides employment opportunities for disabled veterans in House offices.
- **Continuity and Disaster Recovery:** \$25 million to build response capabilities to ensure that Members of the House can continue to govern and provide services for constituents after disasters.

**Senate:** \$926 million for operations of the Senate, an increase of \$31 million, or 3.4 percent over Fiscal Year 2009, and \$83 million below the request.

**Architect of the Capitol:** \$602 million, \$72 million above 2009 and \$43 million below the request, with a special emphasis on funding life safety and rehabilitation of critical infrastructure. The bill includes \$50 million for a new House Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund to more evenly spread out the cost of repairing and revitalizing the historic icon buildings of the U.S. House of Representatives.

**Congressional Budget Office:** \$45 million, \$1 million above 2009 and \$1.2 million below the request, including funds to build CBO's capacity to analyze health care, financial, and housing issues.

**Government Accountability Office:** \$557 million, \$26 million above 2009 and \$10.6 million below the request, allowing GAO to expand its staff to strengthen Congressional oversight efforts.

**Library of Congress:** \$643 million, \$36 million above 2009 and \$15 million below the request, including \$15 million to fund the first year of the Library's five year information technology initiative.

**Government Printing Office:** \$147 million, \$6 million above 2009 and \$19 million below the request, including \$7 million to continue the development of GPO's electronic system to improve access to U.S. government information.

**Capitol Police:** \$328.3 million, \$22 million above 2009 and \$82 million below the request, including funds to complete the Library of Congress Police merger. This funding level maintains the force at the fiscal year 2009 officer level of 1,799 positions and increases the police civilian staffing level to 444 positions.

**Office of Compliance:** \$4.4 million, \$300,000 above 2009 and \$100,000 below the request, allowing the Office of Compliance to maintain its current service levels and augment its staff.

**Open World:** \$12 million, \$1.9 million below 2009 and \$2.5 million below the request.

# Continuing Resolution

Highlights of the continuing resolution (CR) to allow continued government operations through October 31, 2009:

**Ongoing programs:** Under the CR, funding will continue at FY2009 levels for most programs in the 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act; the 2009 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act; and all supplemental appropriations for defense in fiscal year 2009.

**VA medical programs:** The Veterans Health Administration estimates it will treat more than 6.1 million patients in 2010, including more than 419,000 veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan (56,000 more than 2009). To ensure that the VA can provide our veterans the care they need, the CR allows three medical accounts - medical services, medical support and compliance, and medical facilities – to operate for the duration of the CR at a total annual rate of \$44.3 billion, \$3.85 billion above 2009.

**The Census:** To accommodate the ramping up of activities in preparation for the 2010 census, the CR allows the Census Bureau's periodic censuses and programs account to operate at an annual rate of \$7.065 billion, \$3.87 billion above 2009.

**ACORN:** None of the funds made available by the CR or any prior Act may be provided to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN), or any of its affiliates, subsidiaries, or allied organizations.

**Postal Service:** To cover a budget shortfall, the CR allows the Postal Service to reduce a payment designed to prefund retiree health benefits.

**Extended Authorizations:** The CR extends authorizations through October 31, 2009 for certain programs that would otherwise expire, including:

- Intelligence programs and counter-drug activities
- Guantanamo Bay restrictions
- Stop-loss payments to U.S. troops
- Child nutrition programs
- Surface and aviation transportation programs
- Housing programs, including the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund, the Government National Mortgage Association, HOPE VI, and FHA Home Equity Conversion Mortgages at a slightly reduced formula
- Flood insurance and pre-disaster mitigation programs
- Religious worker, physician, and investor visa programs
- E-verify
- The Chemical Facility Security Program
- The Ryan White Program

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