



# COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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## FY 2008 OMNIBUS SUMMARY: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH SUBCOMMITTEE

### Bill Total

<b>2007 Enacted:</b>	<b>\$ 3.9 billion</b>
<b>Request:</b>	<b>\$ 4.4 billion</b>
<b>Omnibus:</b>	<b>\$ 4.0 billion</b>

### KEY INVESTMENTS

**Capitol Police:** \$281 million, \$15 million above 2007 and \$18 million below the request.

**Architect of the Capitol:** \$414 million, \$36 million below 2007 and \$67 million below the request with a special emphasis on funding health, safety and security improvements. This includes:

- **Inspector General:** Creates a much needed Inspector General with 7 full time staff, to oversee the Architect of the Capitol to improve financial and management practices.
- **Green the Capitol Initiative:** \$3.9 million for new initiatives for the House including: shifting from coal to cleaner burning natural gas for heating needs, using 100% renewable wind power for electrical needs, an ethanol gas station for House automobiles, and energy efficient light bulbs.
- **Security Enhancements for Additional Office Space:** \$16 million for security enhancements to the former FDA building to allow required improvements to historic House Office Buildings.

**House of Representatives:** \$1.2 billion, \$38 million above 2007 and \$52 million below the request.

- **Members Representation Allowance:** \$580 million, \$25 million above 2007, for the annual budgets for Members Offices.
- **House Child Care Center:** \$1 million, to expand the center to meet growing demand.
- **Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:** \$2 million for the new panel.

**U.S. Senate:** \$832 million, \$28 million above 2007 and \$62 million below the request.

**Library of Congress:** \$562 million, \$54 million above 2007 and \$99 million below the request.

- **Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped:** \$67 million to provide services to blind and physically handicapped patrons and \$12.5 million for new digital talking books.

**Office of Compliance:** \$3.3 million, \$200,000 above 2007 and \$800,000 below the request, to oversee utility tunnel health and safety issues and to carry out the initial health and safety inspection of the Capitol Visitors Center.

**Government Accountability Office:** \$500 million, \$19 million above 2007 and \$23 million below the request to help rebuild personnel levels and improve Congressional oversight efforts.

**Congressional Budget Office:** \$37.3 million, \$2.1 million above 2007.

**Government Printing Office:** \$125 million, \$3 million above 2007 and \$57 million below the request.

Compare to the [House passed bill](#).