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Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008

(H.R. 2764; Public Law 110-161)

**DIVISION H—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008**

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[CLERK'S NOTE: Six sections which precede division A in the Consolidated Appropriations Act apply to all divisions of the Act, including this one. The text of these sections is as follows:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008”.

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

[Text omitted for purposes of this note]

SEC. 3. REFERENCES.

Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference to “this Act” contained in any division of this Act shall be treated as referring only to the provisions of that division.

SEC. 4. EXPLANATORY STATEMENT.

The explanatory statement regarding the consolidated appropriations amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2764, printed in the House section of the Congressional Record on or about December 17, 2007 by the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations of the House, shall have the same effect with respect to the allocation of funds and implementation of divisions A through K of this Act as if it were a joint explanatory statement of a committee of conference.

SEC. 5. EMERGENCY DESIGNATIONS.

Any designation in any division of this Act referring to this section is a designation of an amount as an emergency requirement and necessary to meet emergency needs pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of section 204 of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008.

SEC. 6. STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The following sums in this Act are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

Reproduced below is the text of division H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (H.R. 2764; P.L. 110–161) as presented to the President for signature.]

LEGISLATIVE TEXT, DIVISION H

DIVISION H—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2008

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, \$158,457,000, 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, \$2,316,000.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

For the Office of the President Pro Tempore, \$620,000.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS

For the Office of the President Pro Tempore emeritus, \$309,000.

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

For Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders, \$4,796,000.

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS

For Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips, \$2,912,000.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

For salaries of the Committee on Appropriations, \$14,161,000.

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, \$1,587,000 for each such committee; in all, \$3,174,000.

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, \$778,000.

POLICY COMMITTEES

For salaries of the Majority Policy Committee and the Minority Policy Committee, \$1,620,000 for each such committee; in all, \$3,240,000.

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

For Office of the Chaplain, \$379,000.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

For Office of the Secretary, \$22,388,000.

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER

For Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, \$60,600,000.

OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY

For Offices of the Secretary for the Majority and the Secretary for the Minority, \$1,684,000.

AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS AND RELATED EXPENSES

For agency contributions for employee benefits, as authorized by law, and related expenses, \$41,100,000.

OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF THE SENATE

For salaries and expenses of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate, \$6,280,000.

OFFICE OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

For salaries and expenses of the Office of Senate Legal Counsel, \$1,439,000.

EXPENSE ALLOWANCES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, 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, \$129,000,000.

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, \$2,000,000.

SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

For expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, \$142,389,000, which shall remain available until September 30, 2012.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

For miscellaneous items, \$17,528,000, 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, \$375,704,000.

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, 2007, 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, 2007, increased by an additional \$50,000 each.

SEC. 2. PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS OF THE SENATE. Section 7(e) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2003 (2 U.S.C. 32b note) is amended by striking “and the 109th Congress” and inserting “, the 109th Congress, and the 110th Congress”.

SEC. 3. OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE MAJORITY AND THE CONFERENCE OF THE MINORITY. (a) IN GENERAL.—Upon the written request of the Secretary of the Conference of the Majority or the Secretary of the Conference of the Minority, the Secretary of the Senate shall transfer from the appropriations account appropriated under the subheading “OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE MAJORITY AND THE CONFERENCE OF THE MINORITY” under the heading “SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES” such amount as the Secretary of the Conference of the Majority or the Secretary of the Conference of the Minority shall specify to the appropriations account under the heading “MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS” within the contingent fund of the Senate.

(b) AUTHORITY TO INCUR EXPENSES.—The Secretary of the Conference of the Majority or the Secretary of the Conference of the Minority may incur such expenses as may be necessary or appropriate. Expenses incurred by the Secretary of the Conference of the Majority or the Secretary of the Conference of the Minority shall be paid from the amount transferred under subsection (a) by the Secretary of the Conference of the Majority or the Secretary of the Conference of the Minority and upon vouchers approved by the Secretary of the Conference of the Majority or the Secretary of the Conference of the Minority, as applicable.

(c) AUTHORITY TO ADVANCE SUMS.—The Secretary of the Senate may advance such sums as may be necessary to defray expenses incurred in carrying out subsections (a) and (b).

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply to fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter.

SEC. 4. UNIFORM LIMITATION ON GROSS COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES OF COMMITTEES. (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 105(e) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1968 (2 U.S.C. 61–1(e)) is amended by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

“(3)(A) In this paragraph—

“(i) the term ‘committee of the Senate’ means—

“(I) any standing committee (including the majority and minority policy committees) of the Senate;

“(II) any select committee (including the conference majority and conference minority of the Senate); or

“(III) any joint committee the expenses of which are paid from the contingent fund of the Senate; and

“(ii) an employee of a subcommittee shall be considered to be an employee of the full committee.

“(B) Subject to adjustment as provided by law, no employee of a committee of the Senate shall be paid at a per annum gross rate in excess of \$162,515.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter.

SEC. 5. UNITED STATES SENATE-JAPAN INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP. (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND MEETINGS.—Not to exceed 12 Senators shall be appointed to meet once per Congress with representatives of the Diet of Japan for discussion of common problems in

the interest of relations between the United States and Japan. The Senators so appointed shall be referred to as the “United States group” of the United States Senate-Japan Interparliamentary Group. The meetings shall take place in Japan and Washington, D.C. alternatively.

(b) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.—The President of the Senate shall appoint Senators under this section, including a Chair and Vice Chair, upon recommendations of the majority and minority leaders of the Senate. Such appointments shall be for the duration of each Congress.

(c) FUNDING.—There is authorized to be appropriated \$100,000 for each Congress to assist in meeting the expenses of the United States group. Appropriations shall be disbursed on vouchers to be approved by the Chair of the United States group.

(d) CERTIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES.—A report of expenditures by the United States group shall be prepared and certified each Congress by the Chair.

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply to fiscal year 2008, and each fiscal year thereafter.

SEC. 6. ORIENTATION SEMINARS. (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 107(a) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1979 (2 U.S.C. 69a; Public Law 96–38) is amended in the first sentence by striking “\$25,000” and inserting “\$30,000”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter.

SEC. 7. MEDIA SUPPORT SERVICES. (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “national committee” and “political party” have the meaning given such terms in section 301 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431).

(b) IN GENERAL.—The official duties of employees of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate under the Senate Daily Press Gallery, the Senate Periodical Press Gallery, the Senate Press Photographers Gallery, and the Senate Radio and Television Correspondents Gallery may include providing media support services with respect to the presidential nominating conventions of the national committees of political parties.

(c) APPROVAL OF SERGEANT AT ARMS.—The terms and conditions under which employees perform official duties under subsection (b) shall be subject to the approval of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply to fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter.

SEC. 8. CONSULTANTS. With respect to fiscal year 2008, 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”.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses of the House of Representatives, \$1,188,211,000, as follows:

HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES

For salaries and expenses, as authorized by law, \$24,048,000, including: Office of the Speaker, \$4,761,000, including \$25,000 for official expenses of the Speaker; Office of the Majority Floor Leader, \$2,388,000, including \$10,000 for official expenses of the Majority Leader; Office of the Minority Floor Leader, \$4,290,000, including \$10,000 for official expenses of the Minority Leader; Office of the Majority Whip, including the Chief Deputy Majority Whip, \$1,894,000, including \$5,000 for official expenses of the Majority Whip; Office of the Minority Whip, including the Chief Deputy Minority Whip, \$1,420,000, including \$5,000 for official expenses of the Minority Whip; Speaker's Office for Legislative Floor Activities, \$499,000; Republican Steering Committee, \$943,000; Republican Conference, \$1,631,000; Republican Policy Committee, \$325,000; Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, \$1,295,000; Democratic Caucus, \$1,604,000; nine minority employees, \$1,498,000; training and program development—majority, \$290,000; training and program development—minority, \$290,000; Cloakroom Personnel—majority, \$460,000; and Cloakroom Personnel—minority, \$460,000.

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, \$581,000,000.

COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES

STANDING COMMITTEES, SPECIAL AND SELECT

For salaries and expenses of standing committees, special and select, authorized by House resolutions, \$133,000,000: *Provided*, That such amount shall remain available for such salaries and expenses until December 31, 2008.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

For salaries and expenses of the Committee on Appropriations, \$32,203,700, 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, 2008: *Provided further*, That \$2,403,700 shall be derived from prior year unobligated balances from funds previously appropriated to the Committee on Appropriations.

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

For compensation and expenses of officers and employees, as authorized by law, \$166,785,000, 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, \$22,423,000; 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, \$6,884,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, \$114,553,000, of which \$6,269,000 shall remain available until expended; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Inspector General, \$4,368,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Operations, \$3,049,000, to remain available until expended; for salaries and expenses of the Office of General Counsel, \$1,178,000; for the Office of the Chaplain, \$166,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Parliamentarian, including the Parliamentarian, \$2,000 for preparing the Digest of Rules, and not more than \$1,000 for official representation and reception expenses, \$1,799,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House, \$2,939,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House, \$7,258,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, \$702,000; for other authorized employees, \$1,016,000; and for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Historian, \$450,000.

ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

For allowances and expenses as authorized by House resolution or law, \$254,174,000, including: supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims, \$3,588,000; official mail for committees, leadership offices, and administrative offices of the House, \$310,000; Government contributions for health, retirement, Social Security, and other applicable employee benefits, \$227,455,000; supplies, materials, and other costs relating to the House portion of expenses for the Capitol Visitor Center, \$2,262,000, to remain available until expended; Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery, \$16,856,000, of which \$5,408,000 shall 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 PROVISIONS

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 2008. Any amount remaining after all payments are made under such allowances for fiscal year 2008 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.

SEC. 102. CONTRACT FOR EXERCISE FACILITY.—(a) Section 103(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108–447; 118 Stat. 3175), is amended by striking “private entity” and inserting “public or private entity”.

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2005.

SEC. 103. DEPOSITS.—(a) The second sentence of section 101 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1996 (2 U.S.C. 117j) is amended by striking “deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts” and inserting “deposited in the Treasury for credit to the account of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer”.

(b) The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2008 and each succeeding fiscal year.

SEC. 104. HOUSE SERVICES REVOLVING FUND.—(a) Section 105(b) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2005 (2 U.S.C. 117m(b)) is amended by striking “the Chief Administrative Officer” and inserting the following: “the Chief Administrative Officer, including purposes relating to energy and water conservation and environmental activities carried out in buildings, facilities, and grounds under the Chief Administrative Officer’s jurisdiction,”.

(b) The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2008 and each succeeding fiscal year.

SEC. 105. ADJUSTMENT.—The first sentence of section 5 of House Resolution 1238, Ninety-first Congress, agreed to December 22, 1970 (as enacted into permanent law by chapter VIII of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1971) (2 U.S.C. 31b–5), is amended by striking “step 1 of level 6” and inserting “step 7 of level 11”.

JOINT ITEMS

For Joint Committees, as follows:

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

For salaries and expenses of the Joint Economic Committee, \$4,398,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Taxation, \$9,220,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES OF
2009

For salaries and expenses associated with conducting the inaugural ceremonies of the President and Vice President of the United States, January 20, 2009, in accordance with such program as may be adopted by the joint congressional committee authorized to conduct the inaugural ceremonies of 2009, \$1,240,000 to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate and to remain available until September 30, 2009. Funds made available under this heading shall be available for payment, on a direct or reimbursable basis, whether incurred on, before, or after, October 1, 2008: *Provided*, That the compensation of any employee of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate who has been designated to perform service with respect to the inaugural ceremonies of 2009 shall continue to be paid by the Committee on Rules and Administration, but the account from which such staff member is paid may be reimbursed for the services of the staff member (including agency contributions when appropriate) out of funds made available under this heading.

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) \$2,063,000 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, \$2,798,000, 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, \$5,348,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.

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 110th 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 designated 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, \$232,800,000, 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, \$48,900,000, 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 2008 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 2008 for the Capitol Police may be transferred between the headings “SALARIES” and “GENERAL EXPENSES” upon the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

SEC. 1002. ADVANCE PAYMENTS.—During fiscal year 2008 and each succeeding fiscal year, following notification of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the Chief of the Capitol Police may make payments in advance for obligations of the United States Capitol Police for subscription services if the Chief determines it to be more prompt, efficient, or economical to do so.

SEC. 1003. UTILITY TUNNEL REPAIRS.—(a) From the unexpended balances available under the heading “Architect of the Capitol, Capitol Power Plant” in chapter 6 of title V of the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans’ Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 110–28; 111 Stat. 167), \$876,000 are hereby rescinded.

(b) In addition to the amounts otherwise made available in this Act under the heading “Capitol Police, Salaries”, there is appropriated \$876,000 for expenses under such heading resulting from any utility tunnel repairs and asbestos abatement activities carried out by the Architect of the Capitol: *Provided*, That the amount pro-

vided by this section is designated as described in section 5 (in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated Act).

SEC. 1004. UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE AND LIBRARY OF CONGRESS POLICE MERGER. (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “U.S. Capitol Police and Library of Congress Police Merger Implementation Act of 2007”.

(b) TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL.—

(1) TRANSFERS.—

(A) LIBRARY OF CONGRESS POLICE EMPLOYEES.—Effective on the employee’s transfer date, each Library of Congress Police employee shall be transferred to the United States Capitol Police and shall become either a member or civilian employee of the Capitol Police, as determined by the Chief of the Capitol Police under paragraph (2).

(B) LIBRARY OF CONGRESS POLICE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.—Effective on the employee’s transfer date, each Library of Congress Police civilian employee shall be transferred to the United States Capitol Police and shall become a civilian employee of the Capitol Police.

(2) TREATMENT OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS POLICE EMPLOYEES.—

(A) DETERMINATION OF STATUS WITHIN CAPITOL POLICE.—

(i) ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE CAPITOL POLICE.—A Library of Congress Police employee shall become a member of the Capitol Police on the employee’s transfer date if the Chief of the Capitol Police determines and issues a written certification that the employee meets each of the following requirements:

(I) Based on the assumption that such employee would perform a period of continuous Federal service after the transfer date, the employee would be entitled to an annuity for immediate retirement under section 8336(b) or 8412(b) of title 5, United States Code (as determined by taking into account subparagraph (C)(i)), on the date such employee becomes 60 years of age.

(II) During the transition period, the employee successfully completes training, as determined by the Chief of the Capitol Police.

(III) The employee meets the qualifications required to be a member of the Capitol Police, as determined by the Chief of the Capitol Police.

(ii) SERVICE AS CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF CAPITOL POLICE.—If the Chief of the Capitol Police determines that a Library of Congress Police employee does not meet the eligibility requirements, the employee shall become a civilian employee of the Capitol Police on the employee’s transfer date.

(iii) FINALITY OF DETERMINATIONS.—Any determination of the Chief of the Capitol Police under this subparagraph shall not be appealable or reviewable in any manner.

(iv) DEADLINE FOR DETERMINATIONS.—The Chief of the Capitol Police shall complete the determinations required under this subparagraph for all Library of Congress Police employees not later than September 30, 2009.

(B) EXEMPTION FROM MANDATORY SEPARATION.—Section 8335(c) or 8425(c) of title 5, United States Code, shall not apply to any Library of Congress Police employee who becomes a member of the Capitol Police under this subsection, until the earlier of—

(i) the date on which the individual is entitled to an annuity for immediate retirement under section 8336(b) or 8412(b) of title 5, United States Code; or

(ii) the date on which the individual—

(I) is 57 years of age or older; and

(II) is entitled to an annuity for immediate retirement under section 8336(m) or 8412(d) of title 5, United States Code, (as determined by taking into account subparagraph (C)(i)).

(C) TREATMENT OF PRIOR CREDITABLE SERVICE FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES.—

(i) PRIOR SERVICE FOR PURPOSES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR IMMEDIATE RETIREMENT AS MEMBER OF CAPITOL POLICE.—Any Library of Congress Police employee who becomes a member of the Capitol Police under this subsection shall be entitled to have any creditable service under section 8332 or 8411 of title 5, United States Code, that was accrued prior to becoming a member of the Capitol Police included in calculating the employee's service as a member of the Capitol Police for purposes of section 8336(m) or 8412(d) of title 5, United States Code.

(ii) PRIOR SERVICE FOR PURPOSES OF COMPUTATION OF ANNUITY.—Any creditable service under section 8332 or 8411 of title 5, United States Code, of an individual who becomes a member of the Capitol Police under this paragraph that was accrued prior to becoming a member of the Capitol Police—

(I) shall be treated and computed as employee service under section 8339 or section 8415 of such title; but

(II) shall not be treated as service as a member of the Capitol Police or service as a congressional employee for purposes of applying any formula under section 8339(b), 8339(q), 8415(c), or 8415(d) of such title under which a percentage of the individual's average pay is multiplied by the years (or other period) of such service.

(3) DUTIES OF EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED TO CIVILIAN POSITIONS.—

(A) DUTIES.—The duties of any individual who becomes a civilian employee of the Capitol Police under this section, including a Library of Congress Police civilian employee under paragraph (1)(B) and a Library of Congress Police

employee who becomes a civilian employee of the Capitol Police under paragraph (2)(A)(ii), shall be determined solely by the Chief of the Capitol Police, except that a Library of Congress Police civilian employee under paragraph (1)(B) shall continue to support Library of Congress police operations until all Library of Congress Police employees are transferred to the United States Capitol Police under this section.

(B) FINALITY OF DETERMINATIONS.—Any determination of the Chief of the Capitol Police under this paragraph shall not be appealable or reviewable in any manner.

(4) PROTECTING STATUS OF TRANSFERRED EMPLOYEES.—

(A) NONREDUCTION IN PAY, RANK, OR GRADE.—The transfer of any individual under this subsection shall not cause that individual to be separated or reduced in basic pay, rank or grade.

(B) LEAVE AND COMPENSATORY TIME.—Any annual leave, sick leave, or other leave, or compensatory time, to the credit of an individual transferred under this subsection shall be transferred to the credit of that individual as a member or an employee of the Capitol Police (as the case may be). The treatment of leave or compensatory time transferred under this subsection shall be governed by regulations of the Capitol Police Board.

(C) PROHIBITING IMPOSITION OF PROBATIONARY PERIOD.—The Chief of the Capitol Police may not impose a period of probation on any individual who is transferred under this section.

(5) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION RELATING TO EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATION.—

(A) EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize any labor organization that represented an individual who was a Library of Congress police employee or a Library of Congress police civilian employee before the individual's transfer date to represent that individual as a member of the Capitol Police or an employee of the Capitol Police after the individual's transfer date.

(B) AGREEMENTS NOT APPLICABLE.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize any collective bargaining agreement (or any related court order, stipulated agreement, or agreement to the terms or conditions of employment) applicable to Library of Congress police employees or to Library of Congress police civilian employees to apply to members of the Capitol Police or to civilian employees of the Capitol Police.

(6) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION RELATING TO PERSONNEL AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF OF THE CAPITOL POLICE.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the authority of the Chief of the Capitol Police to—

(A) terminate the employment of a member of the Capitol Police or a civilian employee of the Capitol Police; or

(B) transfer any individual serving as a member of the Capitol Police or a civilian employee of the Capitol Police to another position with the Capitol Police.

(7) TRANSFER DATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term “transfer date” means, with respect to an employee—

(A) in the case of a Library of Congress Police employee who becomes a member of the Capitol Police, the first day of the first pay period applicable to members of the United States Capitol Police which begins after the date on which the Chief of the Capitol Police issues the written certification for the employee under paragraph (2)(A);

(B) in the case of a Library of Congress Police employee who becomes a civilian employee of the Capitol Police, the first day of the first pay period applicable to employees of the United States Capitol Police which begins after September 30, 2009; or

(C) in the case of a Library of Congress Police civilian employee, the first day of the first pay period applicable to employees of the United States Capitol Police which begins after September 30, 2008.

(8) CANCELLATION IN PORTION OF UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF FEDLINK REVOLVING FUND.—Amounts available for obligation by the Librarian of Congress as of the date of the enactment of this Act from the unobligated balance in the revolving fund established under section 103 of the Library of Congress Fiscal Operations Improvement Act of 2000 (2 U.S.C. 182c) for the Federal Library and Information Network program of the Library of Congress and the Federal Research program of the Library of Congress are reduced by a total of \$560,000, and the amount so reduced is hereby cancelled.

(c) TRANSITION PROVISIONS.—

(1) TRANSFER AND ALLOCATIONS OF PROPERTY AND APPROPRIATIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Effective on the transfer date of any Library of Congress Police employee and Library of Congress Police civilian employee who is transferred under this section—

(i) the assets, liabilities, contracts, property, and records associated with the employee shall be transferred to the Capitol Police; and

(ii) the unexpended balances of appropriations, authorizations, allocations, and other funds employed, used, held, arising from, available to, or to be made available in connection with the employee shall be transferred to and made available under the appropriations accounts for the Capitol Police for “Salaries” and “General Expenses”, as applicable.

(B) JOINT REVIEW.—During the transition period, the Chief of the Capitol Police and the Librarian of Congress shall conduct a joint review of the assets, liabilities, contracts, property records, and unexpended balances of appropriations, authorizations, allocations, and other funds employed, used, held, arising from, available to, or to be

made available in connection with the transfer under this section.

(2) TREATMENT OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT LAWS WITH RESPECT TO TRANSFERRED INDIVIDUALS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law and except as provided in subparagraph (C), in the case of an alleged violation of any covered law (as defined in subparagraph (D)) which is alleged to have occurred prior to the transfer date with respect to an individual who is transferred under this section, and for which the individual has not exhausted all of the remedies available for the consideration of the alleged violation which are provided for employees of the Library of Congress under the covered law prior to the transfer date, the following shall apply:

(i) The individual may not initiate any procedure which is available for the consideration of the alleged violation of the covered law which is provided for employees of the Library of Congress under the covered law.

(ii) To the extent that the individual has initiated any such procedure prior to the transfer date, the procedure shall terminate and have no legal effect.

(iii) Subject to subparagraph (B), the individual may initiate and participate in any procedure which is available for the resolution of grievances of officers and employees of the Capitol Police under the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.) to provide for consideration of the alleged violation. The previous sentence does not apply in the case of an alleged violation for which the individual exhausted all of the available remedies which are provided for employees of the Library of Congress under the covered law prior to the transfer date.

(B) SPECIAL RULES FOR APPLYING CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995.—In applying subparagraph (A)(iii) with respect to an individual to whom this subsection applies, for purposes of the consideration of the alleged violation under the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995—

(i) the date of the alleged violation shall be the individual's transfer date;

(ii) notwithstanding the third sentence of section 402(a) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 1402(a)), the individual's request for counseling under such section shall be made not later than 60 days after the date of the alleged violation; and

(iii) the employing office of the individual at the time of the alleged violation shall be the Capitol Police Board.

(C) EXCEPTION FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO HEARING PRIOR TO TRANSFER.—Subparagraph (A) does not apply with respect to an alleged violation for which a hear-

ing has commenced in accordance with the covered law on or before the transfer date.

(D) COVERED LAW DEFINED.—In this paragraph, a “covered law” is any law for which the remedy for an alleged violation is provided for officers and employees of the Capitol Police under the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.).

(3) AVAILABILITY OF DETAILEES DURING TRANSITION PERIOD.—During the transition period, the Chief of the Capitol Police may detail additional members of the Capitol Police to the Library of Congress, without reimbursement.

(4) EFFECT ON EXISTING 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 during the transition period, subject to—

(A) the provisions of this section; and

(B) such modifications as may be made in accordance with the modification and dispute resolution provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding, consistent with the provisions of this section.

(5) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION RELATING TO PERSONNEL AUTHORITY OF THE LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the authority of the Librarian of Congress to—

(A) terminate the employment of a Library of Congress Police employee or Library of Congress Police civilian employee; or

(B) transfer any individual serving in a Library of Congress Police employee position or Library of Congress Police civilian employee position to another position at the Library of Congress.

(d) POLICE JURISDICTION, UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES, AND PENALTIES.—

(1) JURISDICTION.—

(A) EXTENSION OF CAPITOL POLICE JURISDICTION.—Section 9 of the Act entitled “An Act to define the area of the United States Capitol Grounds, to regulate the use thereof, and for other purposes”, approved July 31, 1946 (2 U.S.C. 1961) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) For purposes of this section, ‘United States Capitol Buildings and Grounds’ shall include the Library of Congress buildings and grounds described under section 11 of the Act entitled ‘An Act relating to the policing of the buildings of the Library of Congress’, approved August 4, 1950 (2 U.S.C. 167j), except that in a case of buildings or grounds not located in the District of Columbia, the authority granted to the Metropolitan Police Force of the District of Columbia shall be granted to any police force within whose jurisdiction the buildings or grounds are located.”

(B) REPEAL OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS POLICE JURISDICTION.—The first section and sections 7 and 9 of the Act of August 4, 1950 (2 U.S.C. 167, 167f, 167h) are repealed on October 1, 2009.

(2) UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES AND PENALTIES.—

(A) EXTENSION OF UNITED STATES CAPITOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS PROVISIONS TO THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.—

(i) CAPITOL BUILDINGS.—Section 5101 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by inserting “all buildings on the real property described under section 5102(d)” after “(including the Administrative Building of the United States Botanic Garden)”.

(ii) CAPITOL GROUNDS.—Section 5102 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) LIBRARY OF CONGRESS BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under paragraph (2), the United States Capitol Grounds shall include the Library of Congress grounds described under section 11 of the Act entitled ‘An Act relating to the policing of the buildings of the Library of Congress’, approved August 4, 1950 (2 U.S.C. 167j).

“(2) AUTHORITY OF LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS.—Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), the Librarian of Congress shall retain authority over the Library of Congress buildings and grounds in accordance with section 1 of the Act of June 29, 1922 (2 U.S.C. 141; 42 Stat. 715).”

(iii) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO DISORDERLY CONDUCT.—Section 5104(e)(2) of title 40, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:

“(C) with the intent to disrupt the orderly conduct of official business, enter or remain in a room in any of the Capitol Buildings set aside or designated for the use of—

“(i) either House of Congress or a Member, committee, officer, or employee of Congress, or either House of Congress; or

“(ii) the Library of Congress;”

(B) REPEAL OF OFFENSES AND PENALTIES SPECIFIC TO THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.—Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 of the Act of August 4, 1950 (2 U.S.C. 167a, 167b, 167c, 167d, 167e, and 167g) are repealed.

(C) SUSPENSION OF PROHIBITIONS AGAINST USE OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.—Section 10 of the Act of August 4, 1950 (2 U.S.C. 167i) is amended by striking “2 to 6, inclusive, of this Act” and inserting “5103 and 5104 of title 40, United States Code”.

(D) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO DESCRIPTION OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS GROUNDS.—Section 11 of the Act of August 4, 1950 (2 U.S.C. 167j) is amended—

(i) in subsection (a), by striking “For the purposes of this Act the” and inserting “The”;

(ii) in subsection (b), by striking “For the purposes of this Act the” and inserting “The”;

(iii) in subsection (c), by striking “For the purposes of this Act the” and inserting “The”; and

(iv) in subsection (d), by striking “For the purposes of this Act the” and inserting “The”.

(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.—Section 1307(b)(1) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2006 (2 U.S.C. 185(b)), is amended by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting the following: “, except that nothing in this paragraph may be construed to authorize the Inspector General to audit or investigate any operations or activities of the United States Capitol Police;”.

(4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect October 1, 2009.

(e) COLLECTIONS, PHYSICAL SECURITY, CONTROL, AND PRESERVATION OF ORDER AND DECORUM WITHIN THE LIBRARY.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULATIONS.—The Librarian of Congress shall establish standards and regulations for the physical security, control, and preservation of the Library of Congress collections and property, and for the maintenance of suitable order and decorum within Library of Congress.

(2) TREATMENT OF SECURITY SYSTEMS.—

(A) RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY SYSTEMS.—In accordance with the authority of the Capitol Police and the Librarian of Congress established under this section, the amendments made by this section, and the provisions of law referred to in subparagraph (C), the Chief of the Capitol Police and the Librarian of Congress shall be responsible for the operation of security systems at the Library of Congress buildings and grounds described under section 11 of the Act of August 4, 1950, in consultation and coordination with each other, subject to the following:

(i) The Librarian of Congress shall be responsible for the design of security systems for the control and preservation of Library collections and property, subject to the review and approval of the Chief of the Capitol Police.

(ii) The Librarian of Congress shall be responsible for the operation of security systems at any building or facility of the Library of Congress which is located outside of the District of Columbia, subject to the review and approval of the Chief of the Capitol Police.

(B) INITIAL PROPOSAL FOR OPERATION OF SYSTEMS.—Not later than October 1, 2008, the Chief of the Capitol Police, in coordination with the Librarian of Congress, shall prepare and submit to the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, and the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate an initial proposal for carrying out this paragraph.

(C) PROVISIONS OF LAW.—The provisions of law referred to in this subparagraph are as follows:

(i) Section 1 of the Act of June 29, 1922 (2 U.S.C. 141).

(ii) The undesignated provision under the heading “General Provision, This Chapter” in chapter 5 of title II of division B of the Omnibus Consolidated and

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999 (2 U.S.C. 141a).

(iii) Section 308 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1996 (2 U.S.C. 1964).

(iv) Section 308 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1997 (2 U.S.C. 1965).

(f) PAYMENT OF CAPITOL POLICE SERVICES PROVIDED IN CONNECTION WITH RELATING TO LIBRARY OF CONGRESS SPECIAL EVENTS.—

(1) PAYMENTS OF AMOUNTS DEPOSITED IN REVOLVING FUND.—Section 102(e) of the Library of Congress Fiscal Operations Improvement Act of 2000 (2 U.S.C. 182b(e)) is amended to read as follows:

“(e) USE OF AMOUNTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), amounts in the accounts of the revolving fund under this section shall be available to the Librarian, in amounts specified in appropriations Acts and without fiscal year limitation, to carry out the programs and activities covered by such accounts.

“(2) SPECIAL RULE FOR PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN CAPITOL POLICE SERVICES.—In the case of any amount in the revolving fund consisting of a payment received for services of the United States Capitol Police in connection with a special event or program described in subsection (a)(4), the Librarian shall transfer such amount upon receipt to the Capitol Police for deposit into the applicable appropriations accounts of the Capitol Police.”.

(2) USE OF OTHER LIBRARY FUNDS TO MAKE PAYMENTS.—In addition to amounts transferred pursuant to section 102(e)(2) of the Library of Congress Fiscal Operations Improvement Act of 2000 (as added by paragraph (1)), the Librarian of Congress may transfer amounts made available for salaries and expenses of the Library of Congress during a fiscal year to the applicable appropriations accounts of the United States Capitol Police in order to reimburse the Capitol Police for services provided in connection with a special event or program described in section 102(a)(4) of such Act.

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply with respect to services provided by the United States Capitol Police on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(g) OTHER CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1015 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2003 (2 U.S.C. 1901 note) and section 1006 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2004 (2 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 108–83; 117 Stat. 1023) are repealed.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by paragraph (1) shall take effect October 1, 2009.

(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term “Act of August 4, 1950” means the Act entitled “An Act relating to the policing of the buildings and grounds of the Library of Congress,” (2 U.S.C. 167 et seq.);

(2) the term “Library of Congress Police employee” means an employee of the Library of Congress designated as police under the first section of the Act of August 4, 1950 (2 U.S.C. 167);

(3) the term “Library of Congress Police civilian employee” means an employee of the Library of Congress Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness who provides direct administrative support to, and is supervised by, the Library of Congress Police, but shall not include an employee of the Library of Congress who performs emergency preparedness or collections control and preservation functions; and

(4) the term “transition period” means the period the first day of which is the date of the enactment of this Act and the final day of which is September 30, 2009.

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), \$3,350,000, of which \$700,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2009: *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.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 1101. COMPENSATION OF BOARD AND OFFICERS OF THE OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE. (a) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—Section 301(g) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1381(g)) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

“(1) PER DIEM.—

“(A) RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR EACH DAY.—Each member of the Board shall be compensated, for each day (including travel time) during which such member is engaged in the performance of the duties of the Board, at a rate equal to the daily equivalent of the lesser of—

“(i) the highest annual rate of compensation of any officer of the Senate; or

“(ii) the highest annual rate of compensation of any officer of the House of Representatives.

“(B) AUTHORITY TO PRORATE.—The rate of pay of a member may be prorated based on the portion of the day during which the member is engaged in the performance of Board duties.”.

(b) OFFICERS.—Section 302 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1382) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) COMPENSATION.—

“(A) AUTHORITY TO FIX COMPENSATION.—The Chair may fix the compensation of the Executive Director.

- “(B) LIMITATION.—The rate of pay for the Executive Director may not exceed the lesser of—
- “(i) the highest annual rate of compensation of any officer of the Senate; or
- “(ii) the highest annual rate of compensation of any officer of the House of Representatives.”;
- (2) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:
- “(3) COMPENSATION.—
- “(A) AUTHORITY TO FIX COMPENSATION.—The Chair may fix the compensation of the Deputy Executive Directors.
- “(B) LIMITATION.—The rate of pay for a Deputy Executive Director may not exceed 96 percent of the lesser of—
- “(i) the highest annual rate of compensation of any officer of the Senate; or
- “(ii) the highest annual rate of compensation of any officer of the House of Representatives.”;
- (3) in subsection (c), by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:
- “(2) COMPENSATION.—
- “(A) AUTHORITY TO FIX COMPENSATION.—The Chair may fix the compensation of the General Counsel.
- “(B) LIMITATION.—The rate of pay for the General Counsel may not exceed the lesser of—
- “(i) the highest annual rate of compensation of any officer of the Senate; or
- “(ii) the highest annual rate of compensation of any officer of the House of Representatives.”; and
- (4) in subsection (e), by striking “General Accounting Office” and inserting “Government Accountability Office”.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses necessary for operation of the Congressional Budget Office, including not more than \$4,000 to be expended on the certification of the Director of the Congressional Budget Office in connection with official representation and reception expenses, \$37,399,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 1201. EXECUTIVE EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Congressional Budget Office may establish and conduct an executive exchange program under which employees of the Office may be assigned to private sector organizations, and employees of private sector organizations may be assigned to the Office, for 1-year periods to further the institutional interests of the Office or Congress, including for the purpose of providing training to officers and employees of the Office.

(b) LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS.—The Director of the Congressional Budget Office shall—

(1) limit the number of officers and employees who are assigned to private sector organizations at any one time to not more than 3;

(2) limit the number of employees from private sector organizations who are assigned to the Office at any one time to not more than 3;

(3) require that an employee of a private sector organization assigned to the Office may not have access to any trade secrets or to any other nonpublic information which is of commercial value to the private sector organization from which such employee is assigned; and

(4) approve employees to be detailed from the private sector without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of their fitness to perform their assigned duties.

(c) TREATMENT OF PRIVATE EMPLOYEES.—An employee of a private sector organization assigned to the Office under the executive exchange program shall be considered to be an employee of the Office for purposes of—

(1) chapter 73 of title 5, United States Code;

(2) sections 201, 203, 205, 207, 208, 209, 603, 606, 607, 643, 654, 1905, and 1913 of title 18, United States Code;

(3) sections 1343, 1344, and 1349(b) of title 31, United States Code;

(4) chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code (commonly referred to as the “Federal Tort Claims Act”) and any other Federal tort liability statute;

(5) the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.); and

(6) section 1043 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(d) TERMINATION OF ASSIGNMENTS.—No assignment under this section shall commence after the end of the 2-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this section.

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subject to subsection (d), this section shall apply to fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter.

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 surveys 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, \$79,897,000, of which \$400,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2012.

CAPITOL BUILDING

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol, \$24,090,000, of which \$8,290,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2012.

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, \$10,090,000, of which \$500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2012.

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 supervision of the Architect of the Capitol, \$70,283,000, of which \$14,400,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2012.

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the House office buildings, \$65,635,000, of which \$25,400,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2012.

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, \$85,310,000, of which \$3,155,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2012: *Provided*, That not more than \$8,000,000 of the funds credited or to be reimbursed to this appropriation as herein provided shall be available for obligation during fiscal year 2008.

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

For all necessary expenses for the mechanical and structural maintenance, care and operation of the Library buildings and grounds, \$27,553,000, of which \$4,890,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2012.

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND SECURITY

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of buildings, grounds and security enhancements of the United States Capitol Police, wherever located, the Alternate Computer Facility, and AOC security operations, \$14,966,000, of which \$1,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2012.

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, \$8,808,000: *Provided*, That of the amount made available under this heading, the Architect may obligate 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, \$28,753,000, to remain available until expended, of which up to \$8,500,000 may be used for Capitol Visitor Center operations: *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. 1301. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL. (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Architect of the Capitol Inspector General Act of 2007”.

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

- (1) conduct and supervise audits and investigations relating to the Architect of the Capitol;
- (2) provide leadership and coordination and recommend policies to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness; and
- (3) provide a means of keeping the Architect of the Capitol and the Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of programs and operations of the Architect of the Capitol.

(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 Architect of the Capitol, in consultation with the Inspectors General of the Library of Congress, Government Printing Office, Government Account-

ability Office, and United States Capitol Police. The appointment shall be made 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 Architect of the Capitol.

(B) AUDITS, INVESTIGATIONS, REPORTS, AND OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Architect of the Capitol 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;
- (iii) issuing any report; or
- (iv) carrying out any other duty or responsibility of the Inspector General under this section.

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

(3) COMPENSATION.—The Inspector General shall be paid at an annual rate of pay equal to \$1,500 less than the annual rate of pay of the Architect of the Capitol.

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

(1) IN GENERAL.—Sections 4, 5 (other than subsections (a)(13) and (e)(1)(B) thereof), 6 (other than subsection (a)(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 Architect of the Capitol and the Office of such Inspector General and such sections shall be applied to the Office of the Architect of the Capitol and the Architect of the Capitol by substituting—

(A) “Office of the Architect of the Capitol” for “establishment”; and

(B) “Architect of the Capitol” for “head of the establishment”.

(2) EMPLOYEES.—The Inspector General, in carrying out 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 provisions of law governing selections, appointments, and employment in the Office of the Architect of the Capitol.

(e) TRANSFERS.—All functions, personnel, and budget resources of the Office of the Inspector General of the Architect of the Capitol as in effect before the effective date of this section are transferred to the Office of Inspector General described under subsection (b).

(f) 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 Architect of the Capitol shall be deemed to refer to the Inspector General as set forth under this section.

(g) **FIRST APPOINTMENT.**—By the date occurring 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Architect of the Capitol shall appoint an individual to the position of Inspector General of the Architect of the Capitol described under subparagraph (A) of subsection (c)(1) in accordance with that subparagraph.

(h) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided under paragraph (2), this section shall take effect 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act and apply with respect to fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(2) **FIRST APPOINTMENT.**—Subsection (g) shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act and the Architect of the Capitol shall take such actions as necessary after such date of enactment to carry out that subsection.

SEC. 1302. FLEXIBLE WORK SCHEDULES. Notwithstanding section 6101 of title 5, United States Code, the Architect of the Capitol may establish and conduct a pilot program to test flexible work schedules within the Architect of the Capitol and Botanic Garden. Such pilot program shall be in accordance with chapter 61 of title 5, United States Code. This authority shall terminate effective September 30, 2008.

SEC. 1303. TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION. (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 5721(1) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (G) and (H) as subparagraphs (H) and (I), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subparagraph (F) the following:

“(G) the Architect of the Capitol;”.

(b) **DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**—Section 521(1)(B) of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8241(1)(B)) is amended by striking “paragraphs (B) through (H)” and inserting “subparagraphs (B) through (I)”.

SEC. 1304. ADVANCE PAYMENTS.—During fiscal year 2008 and each succeeding fiscal year, following notification of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the Architect of the Capitol may make payments in advance for obligations of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol for subscription services if the Architect determines it to be more prompt, efficient, or economical to do so.

SEC. 1305. CVC MAINTENANCE.—For maintenance purposes, the Capitol Visitor Center (CVC) is considered an extension of the Capitol Building, and the maintenance functions for the CVC’s infrastructure is the responsibility of the Architect of the Capitol. Starting in fiscal year 2008, and each fiscal year thereafter, the CVC’s facilities maintenance budget and associated payroll will be included with the Capitol Building’s appropriation budget, and integrated in such a way as to facilitate the reporting of expenses associated with the maintenance of the CVC facility.

SEC. 1306. LEASING AUTHORITY.—(a) Section 1102(b) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2004 (2 U.S.C. 1822(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Committee on Rules and Administration” and inserting “Committees on Appropriations and Rules and Administration”;

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking “the House Office Building Commission” and inserting “the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the House Office Building Commission”; and

(3) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting “, for space to be leased for any other entity under subsection (a).”.

(b) The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2004.

SEC. 1307. EASEMENTS FOR RIGHTS-OF-WAY. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Architect of the Capitol may grant, upon such terms as the Architect of the Capitol considers advisable, including monetary consideration, easements for rights-of-way over, in, and upon the Capitol Grounds and any other public lands under the jurisdiction and control of the Architect of the Capitol.

(b) LIMITATION.—No easement granted under this section may include more land than is necessary for the easement.

(c) EASEMENT ACCOUNT.—There is established in the Treasury an easement account for the Architect of the Capitol. The Architect of the Capitol shall deposit in the account all proceeds received relating to the granting of easements under this section. The proceeds deposited in that account shall be available to the Architect, in such amounts and for such purposes provided in appropriations acts.

(d) IN-KIND CONSIDERATION.—Subject to subsection (f), the Architect may accept in-kind consideration instead of, or in addition to, any monetary consideration, for any easement granted under this section.

(e) TERMINATION OF EASEMENT.—The Architect of the Capitol may terminate all or part of any easement granted under this section for—

- (1) failure to comply with the terms of the grant;
- (2) nonuse for a 2-year period; or
- (3) abandonment.

(f) APPROVAL.—The Architect of the Capitol may grant an easement for rights-of-way under subsection (a) upon submission of written notice of intent to grant that easement and the amount or type of consideration to be received, and approval by—

- (1) the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate for easements granted on property under Senate jurisdiction;
- (2) the House Office Building Commission for property under House of Representatives jurisdiction; and
- (3) the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the House Office Building Commission for easements granted on any other property.

(g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply to fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter.

SEC. 1308. DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACTS.—(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Architect of the Capitol may use the two-phase selection procedures authorized in section 303M of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 253m) for entering into a contract for the design and con-

struction of a public building, facility, or work in the same manner and under the same terms and conditions as the head of an executive agency under such section.

(b) This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2008 and each succeeding fiscal year.

SEC. 1309. ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR VISITOR SERVICES. (a) DEFINITION.—In this section the term “Chief Executive Officer” means the Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services established under section 6701 of the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans’ Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act of 2007 (2 U.S.C. 1806).

(b) ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.—The Architect of the Capitol shall—

(1) after consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, appoint an assistant to perform the responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer during the absence or disability of the Chief Executive Officer, or during a vacancy in the position of the Chief Executive Officer; and

(2) fix the rate of basic pay for the position of the assistant appointed under paragraph (1) at a rate not to exceed the highest total rate of pay for the Senior Executive Service under subchapter VIII of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, for the locality involved.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply to fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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, laundering 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, \$395,784,000, of which not more than \$6,000,000 shall be derived from collections credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 2008, 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 2008 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, \$16,451,000 shall remain available until Sep-

tember 30, 2010 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, \$7,000,000 shall remain available until expended for the digital collections and educational curricula program: *Provided further*, That of the total amount appropriated, \$750,000 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, \$1,482,000 shall be used for the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program: *Provided further*, That of the total amount appropriated, \$75,000 shall be used to provide a grant to the Middle Eastern Text Initiative for translation and publishing of middle eastern text: *Provided further*, That \$125,000 shall be used to provide a grant to the University of Mississippi for the American Music Archives.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Copyright Office, \$49,558,000, of which not more than \$29,826,000, to remain available until expended, shall be derived from collections credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 2008 under section 708(d) of title 17, United States Code: *Provided*, That not more than \$10,000,000 shall be derived from prior year unobligated balances: *Provided further*, 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 \$4,398,000 shall be derived from collections during fiscal year 2008 under sections 111(d)(2), 119(b)(2), 803(e), 1005, and 1316 of such title: *Provided further*, That the total amount available for obligation shall be reduced by the amount by which collections and unobligated balances are less than \$44,224,000: *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 sections 111, 119, and chapter 10 of such title may be used for the costs incurred in the administration of the Copyright Royalty Judges program, with the exception of the costs of salaries and benefits for the Copyright Royalty Judges and staff under section 802(e).

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, \$102,601,000: *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), \$67,091,000, of which \$20,704,000 shall remain available until expended, of which \$650,000 shall be available to contract to provide newspapers to blind and physically handicapped residents at no cost to the individual.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 1401. 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. 1402. REIMBURSABLE AND REVOLVING FUND ACTIVITIES. (a) IN GENERAL.—For fiscal year 2008, the obligational authority of the Library of Congress for the activities described in subsection (b) may not exceed \$122,529,000.

(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 2008, 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. 1403. AUDIT REQUIREMENT. Section 207(e) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1998 (2 U.S.C. 182(e)) is amended to read as follows:

“(e) AUDIT.—The revolving fund shall be subject to audit by the Comptroller General at the Comptroller General’s discretion.”.

SEC. 1404. TRANSFER AUTHORITY. (a) IN GENERAL.—Amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2008 for the Library of Congress may be transferred during fiscal year 2008 between any of the headings under the heading “LIBRARY OF CONGRESS” upon the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(b) LIMITATION.—Not more than 10 percent of the total amount of funds appropriated to the account under any heading under the heading “LIBRARY OF CONGRESS” for fiscal year 2008 may be transferred from that account by all transfers made under subsection (a).

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, \$90,000,000: *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 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.

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, \$35,000,000: *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 2006 and 2007 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

The Government Printing Office is hereby authorized to 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 work-years (or such other number of work-years 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 the revolving fund and the funds provided under the headings “OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS” and “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” may not be used for contracted security services at GPO’s passport facility in the District of Columbia.

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, \$501,000,000: *Provided*, That not more than \$5,413,000 of payments received under section 782 of title 31, United States Code, shall be available for use in fiscal year 2008: *Provided further*, That not more than \$2,097,000 of reimbursements received under section 9105 of title 31, United States Code, shall be available for use in fiscal year 2008: *Provided further*, That of the total amount provided, up to \$2,500,000 is for technology assessment studies: *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 credited as reimbursements to any appropriation from which costs involved are initially financed.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 1501. CONTRACT APPEALS BOARD. (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

- (1) the term “Board” means the Contract Appeals Board established under subsection (b); and
- (2) the term “legislative branch agency” means—
 - (A) the Architect of the Capitol;
 - (B) the United States Botanic Gardens;
 - (C) the Government Accountability Office;
 - (D) the Government Printing Office;
 - (E) the Library of Congress;
 - (F) the Congressional Budget Office;
 - (G) the United States Capitol Police; and

- (H) any other agency, including any office, board, or commission, established in the legislative branch; and
- (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a Contract Appeals Board within the Government Accountability Office. The Board shall hear and decide appeals from decisions of a contracting officer with respect to any contract entered into by a legislative branch agency.
- (c) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.—
- (1) APPOINTMENT.—The Comptroller General shall appoint at least 3 members to the Contract Appeals Board.
- (2) QUALIFICATIONS.—Each member shall have not less than 5 years experience in public contract law.
- (3) PAY.—Subject to any provision of law relating to pay applicable to the Office of General Counsel of the Government Accountability Office, the Comptroller General shall establish and adjust the annual rate of basic pay of members of the Board.
- (d) PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO APPEALS.—The Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–563, 41 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), as amended, shall apply to appeals to the Board, except that section 4, subsections 8(a), (b), and (c), and subsection 10(a) shall not apply to such appeals and the amount of any claim referenced in subsection 6(c) shall be \$50,000. The Comptroller General shall prescribe regulations for procedures for appeals to the Board that are consistent with procedures under the Contract Disputes Act of 1978.
- (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter.
- SEC. 1502. REPEAL AND MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. (a) ANNUAL REPORT BY GAO ON CONSISTENCY OF IMF PRACTICES WITH STATUTORY POLICIES.—Section 504(e) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000 (Public Law 106–113; 113 Stat. 1501A–318) is repealed.
- (b) REVIEW OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO EXPORT THRESHOLDS FOR COMPUTERS.—Section 314 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001 (Public Law 106–554; 114 Stat. 2763A–123) is repealed.
- (c) CONGRESSIONAL HUNGER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AUDIT.—Section 4404(f)(4)(A) of the Congressional Hunger Fellows Act of 2002 (2 U.S.C. 1161(f)(4)(A); Public Law 107–171) is amended—
- (1) by striking “shall” and inserting “may”; and
- (2) by striking “annual.”
- (d) HAITIAN REFUGEE IMMIGRATION.—Section 902(k) of the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act of 1998 (8 U.S.C. 1255 note; Public Law 105–277) is repealed.
- (e) AUDIT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS.—Section 11 of the National Moment of Remembrance Act (36 U.S.C. 116 note; Public Law 106–579) is repealed.
- (f) LOSS RATIOS AND REFUND OF PREMIUMS.—Section 1882(r)(5) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ss(r)(5)) is amended—
- (1) in subparagraph (A)—
- (A) by striking “(A) The Comptroller General shall periodically, not less than once every 3 years,” and inserting “The Secretary may”; and
- (B) by striking “and to the Secretary”; and
- (2) by striking subparagraph (B).

(g) RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION REPORTS.—Section 14 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (42 U.S.C. 2210 note; Public Law 101–426) is repealed.

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), \$9,000,000: *Provided*, That not later than March 31, 2008, the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center shall prepare and submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives for potential options for transfer of the Open World Leadership Center to a department or agency in the executive branch, establishment of the Center as an independent agency in the executive branch, or other appropriate options.

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 2008 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.

SEC. 209. GUIDED TOURS OF THE CAPITOL.—(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), none of the funds made available to the Architect of the Capitol or the U.S. Capitol Guide Service and Congressional Special Services Office in this Act may be used to eliminate guided tours of the United States Capitol which are led by employees and interns of offices of Members of Congress and other offices of the House of Representatives and Senate.

(b) At the direction of the Capitol Police Board, or at the direction of the Architect of the Capitol or Director of the U.S. Capitol Guide Service and Congressional Special Services Office with the approval of the Capitol Police Board, guided tours of the United States Capitol which are led by employees and interns described in subsection (a) may be suspended temporarily or otherwise subject to restriction for security or related reasons to the same extent as guided tours of the United States Capitol which are led by the Architect of the Capitol or the Capitol Guide Service.

SEC. 210. (a) RESCISSIONS.—There is hereby rescinded an amount equal to 0.25 percent of the budget authority provided for fiscal year 2008 for any discretionary account in title I of this Act.

(b) PROPORTIONATE APPLICATION.—Any rescission made by subsection (a) shall be applied proportionately—

(1) to each discretionary account and each item of budget authority described in such subsection; and

(2) within each such account and item, to each program, project, and activity (with programs, projects, and activities as delineated in the appropriation Act or accompanying reports

for the relevant fiscal year covering such account or item, or for accounts and items not included in appropriation Acts, as delineated in the most recently submitted President's budget).

(c) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply to section 1003 of title I of this Act.

(d) ADMINISTRATION OF ACROSS-THE-BOARD REDUCTIONS.—In the administration of subsection (a), with respect to the budget authority provided under the heading “SENATE” in title I of this Act—

(1) the percentage rescissions under subsection (a) shall apply to the total amount of all funds appropriated under that heading; and

(2) the rescissions may be applied without regard to subsection (b).

This division may be cited as the “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2008”.

[CLERK'S NOTE: Reproduced below is the material relating to division H contained in the "Explanatory Statement Submitted by Mr. Obey, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, Regarding the Consolidated Appropriations Amendment of the House of Representatives to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2764".¹

The amendment discussed in the Explanatory Statement was agreed to without change by both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Therefore, the "amended bill" referred to in the Statement is the same as the legislation that has been signed into law.

Section 4 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act provides that this Explanatory Statement "shall have the same effect with respect to the allocation of funds and implementation of divisions A through K of this Act as if it were a joint explanatory statement of a committee of conference".]

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT, DIVISION H

DIVISION H—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

Following is an explanation of the effects of this division of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2764 (hereafter referred to as "the amended bill") relative to the versions of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2008, H.R. 2771 passed by the House of Representatives, and S. 1686 reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Many items in both versions of the Legislative Branch Appropriations bills are identical and are included in the amended bill without change. The Appropriations Committees have endorsed statements of policy contained in the House and Senate reports accompanying the respective Legislative Branch Appropriations bills unless amended or restated herein. With respect to those items in the amended bill that differ between House and Senate Legislative Branch bills, the Committees have agreed to the following with the appropriate section numbers, punctuation, and other technical corrections:

TITLE I

SENATE

The Appropriations Committees agree to appropriate \$834,031,000 for Senate operations. Inasmuch as these items relate solely to the Senate, and in accord with long practice under which

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each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the House has accepted the proposal of the Senate.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Appropriations Committees agree to appropriate \$1,188,211,000 for House operations. Inasmuch as these items relate solely to the House, and in accord with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the Senate has accepted the proposal of the House.

JOINT ITEMS

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The amended bill includes \$4,398,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

The amended bill includes \$9,220,000 instead of \$9,416,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate.

JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES OF 2009

The amended bill includes \$1,240,000 instead of \$1,250,000 as proposed by the Senate.

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

The amended bill includes \$2,798,000 instead of \$2,820,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate.

CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE AND SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE

The amended bill includes \$5,348,000 for the Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office instead of \$4,448,000 as proposed by the House and \$7,864,000 as proposed by the Senate.

STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS

The amended bill includes \$30,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate.

CAPITOL POLICE

SALARIES

The amended bill provides \$232,800,000 for salaries and benefits of the United States Capitol Police (USCP), instead of \$224,500,000 as proposed by the House and \$225,930,000 as proposed by the Senate. This level will support current sworn staffing of 1,671 and 10 new officers associated with Library of Congress attrition. An additional 21 new officers for the Capitol Visitor Center are authorized for fiscal year 2008, providing total sworn personnel of 1,702. In addition, funding is provided to support 391 civilian personnel.

The Chief of Police is to submit a prioritized listing of the current authorized 414 civilian personnel to the Appropriations Committees no later than February 1, 2008.

The amended bill includes costs associated with additional duty hours. Section 1003 transfers funds from the Architect of the Capitol to the USCP for security costs associated with the utility tunnel repairs and asbestos abatement. Understanding this is a multi-year project, the Chief of Police is to provide the Appropriations Committees with a cost-benefit analysis of continuing to provide this security with overtime versus additional new officers by March 3, 2008. The Committees have denied \$500,500 in overtime associated with the new requirement of staffing the New Visitor Experience at the Library of Congress beginning April 1, 2008. Should the Librarian of Congress open this facility prior to the public opening of the Capitol Visitor Center, associated overtime must be funded within the Library of Congress appropriation.

GENERAL EXPENSES

The amended bill provides \$48,900,000 for general expenses of the Capitol Police, instead of \$61,500,000 as proposed by the House and \$58,070,000 as proposed by the Senate. The Committees direct that \$4,600,000 for general expenses in support of the 2008 conventions be funded with available unobligated balances, subject to the approval of the Appropriations Committees.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The Committees have included an administrative provision, section 1001, which authorizes transfers between various accounts upon the approval of the Appropriations Committees. Sec. 1002 provides advance payment authority for subscription services, subject to prior notification. In regard to any advance payment for subscription services, a discount offered to the USCP must exceed the cost of the funds per the rate published by the United States Treasury (I TFM 6-8040.40). Section 1003 provides for security costs associated with the utility tunnel project. Section 1004 includes language that finalizes the merger of the Library of Congress Police into the Capitol Police.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes \$3,350,000 instead of \$3,806,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

Section 1101 authorizes increased compensation for the board and officers of the Office of Compliance.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes \$37,399,000 for salaries and expenses of the Congressional Budget Office instead of \$37,805,000 as proposed by the House and \$38,510,000 as proposed by the Senate.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The amended bill includes language permitting the Director of the Congressional Budget Office to conduct an executive exchange program with the private sector.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The amended bill includes \$79,897,000 of which \$400,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2012 for General Administration instead of \$81,733,000 of which \$400,000 would remain available until September 30, 2012 as proposed by the House, and \$81,584,000 of which \$1,119,000 would remain available until September 30, 2012 as proposed by the Senate.

With respect to operations and projects, the Appropriations Committees have agreed to the following:

Operating Budget	\$78,133,000
Project Budget:	
1. UPSs, Spare Hardware, and Software for AOC BASNet	84,000
2. Recertification of Lightning Protection Systems	130,000
3. Switchgear, Generator, and ATS Maintenance	550,000
4. Arc Flash Labeling of Electrical Distribution Equipment	600,000
5. Energy Survey of Congressional Buildings (Study)	400,000
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Total, General Administration	79,897,000

CAPITOL BUILDING

The amended bill includes \$24,090,000, of which \$8,290,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2012, for maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol, instead of \$24,567,000 of which \$8,790,000 would remain available until September 30, 2012 as proposed by the House, and \$25,247,000 of which \$8,790,000 would remain available until September 30, 2012 as proposed by the Senate.

With respect to the Emergency Exit Signs and Lighting, Phase III, the Architect is directed to fund this high-priority project from unobligated balances of prior year funds. With respect to operations and other projects, the Appropriations Committees have agreed to the following:

Operating Budget	\$15,112,000
Project Budget:	
1. Computer, Telecom, & Electrical Support	298,000
2. Legislative Call System Upgrade, Phase II	150,000
3. Elevator Modernization S-4	240,000
4. Conservation of Wall Paintings	500,000
5. Inaugural Support, 2009	3,600,000
6. West Grand Stair Enclosure	1,190,000

7. Minor Construction	3,000,000
Total, Capitol Building	24,090,000

CAPITOL GROUNDS

The amended bill includes \$10,090,000 for the care and improvements of the grounds surrounding the Capitol, House and Senate office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant, of which \$500,000 will remain available until September 30, 2012, instead of \$9,310,000 of which \$500,000 would remain available until September 30, 2012 as proposed by the House, and \$9,915,000 of which \$325,000 would remain available until September 30, 2012 as proposed by the Senate.

With respect to operations and projects, the Appropriations Committees have agreed to the following:

Operating Budget	\$9,010,000
Project Budget:	
1. Perimeter Fence Replacement, Parking Lots	40,000
2. Stabilization and Life Safety Projects, Summer House	540,000
3. Greening of the Capitol Initiative	500,000
Total, Capitol Grounds	10,090,000

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

The amended bill includes \$70,283,000, of which \$14,400,000 would remain available until September 30, 2012, for the maintenance, care and operation of the Senate office buildings. Inasmuch as these items relate solely to the Senate, and in accord with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the House has accepted the proposal of the Senate.

Operating Budget	\$54,858,000
Project Budget:	
1. Legislative Call System Replacement 3	350,000
2. Refinish Historic Woodwork	175,000
3. Repair Marble Floors & Clean Arch Surfaces	250,000
4. Seal Fire Wall Penetrations, HSOB, DSOB	250,000
5. Emergency Generator System	6,040,000
6. Exterior Envelope, RSOB (study)	250,000
7. Replace Modular Furniture, HSOB	3,000,000
8. Steam Pressure Reducing Valve Replacement, HSOB (design)	100,000
9. Fire Alarm System Replacement (DWPD)	650,000
10. Fire Alarm System Replacement (SECC)	400,000
11. Minor Construction	3,960,000
Total, Senate Office Buildings	70,283,000

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

The amended bill includes \$65,635,000, of which \$25,400,000 would remain available until September 30, 2012, for the maintenance, care and operation of the House office buildings. Inasmuch as these items relate solely to the House, and in accord with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the Senate has accepted the proposal of the House.

The Committees note the initiation of a pilot project at the Cannon and Longworth House Office Buildings to evaluate green roof

technology. Green roofs have been shown to reduce storm water runoff, reduce cooling and heating costs, and protect the underlying roof systems to extend their useful life.

Operating Budget	\$39,835,000
Project Budget:	
1. Legislative Call System Replacement	400,000
2. Emergency Lighting Upgrade, RHOB (Phase 2)	4,390,000
3. Minor Construction	4,910,000
4. Greening of the Capitol Initiative	100,000
5. FDA Building	16,000,000
	65,635,000
Total, House Office Buildings	65,635,000

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

In addition to the \$8,000,000 made available from receipts credited as reimbursements to this appropriation, the amended bill includes \$85,310,000 for maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol Power Plant, instead of \$83,017,000 as proposed by the House and \$83,447,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$3,155,000 would remain available until September 30, 2012, instead of \$4,945,000 to remain available until September 30, 2012 as proposed by the House and \$3,755,000 to remain available until September 30, 2012 as proposed by the Senate.

With respect to operations and projects, the Appropriations Committees have agreed to the following:

Operating Budget (net)	\$78,620,000
Project Budget:	
1. Spare Gearbox and Hub & Blade Assembly for the West Plant	75,000
2. Electrical Breaker Materials	190,000
3. Hazardous Materials Survey (Study)	75,000
4. Back-Up Blow-Down System Installation & Blowdown Heat Recovery (Design)	110,000
5. East Refrigeration Plant Chillers Relocation (Design)	150,000
6. Wickes Boilers Useful Life (Study)	200,000
7. OSHA Analysis of Plant Buildings (Study)	220,000
8. Condensate and Water Piping & Valve Replacement (Design)	400,000
9. Greening of the Capitol Initiative	3,270,000
10. Minor Construction	2,000,000
	85,310,000
Total, Capitol Power Plant (net)	85,310,000

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The amended bill includes \$27,553,000 for structural and mechanical care, Library buildings and grounds, instead of \$31,638,000 as proposed by the House and \$28,061,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$4,890,000 would remain available until September 30, 2012, instead of \$10,140,000 to remain available until September 30, 2012 as proposed by the House and \$3,900,000 to remain available until September 30, 2012 as proposed by the Senate.

With respect to the following high-priority projects: Egress Improvements (Library-wide), Sprinkler System Expansion (Thomas Jefferson building), and Smoke Detector Upgrades (James Madison building), the Architect is directed to fund these projects from unobligated balances of prior year funds. With respect to operations

and other projects, the Appropriations Committees have agreed to the following:

Operating Budget	\$20,381,000
Project Budget	
1. Sidewalk Replacement, LOC Campus	100,000
2. Electrical Vault Repairs	225,000
3. Painting Arches, TJB	237,000
4. 95% Filtration LOC—Phase 1 of 3	250,000
5. Backflow Preventer Installation	250,000
6. Upgrade Power Data Center, JMMB	250,000
7. Life Safety Deficiencies Abatement	390,000
8. Transite Panel Abatement, TJB	580,000
9. Return Air System Modifications, Ground Floor Corridors, JAB	830,000
10. Elevator and Escalator Modernization, TJB-1 & 2, JMMB D-1 through D-4, and ESC 1 & 2	2,560,000
11. Minor Construction	1,500,000
	27,553,000
Total, Library Buildings and Grounds	27,553,000

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND SECURITY

The amended bill includes \$14,966,000 instead of \$16,109,000 as proposed by the House and \$15,116,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$1,000,000 would remain available until September 30, 2012, instead of \$2,500,000 to remain available until September 30, 2012 as proposed by the House and \$1,000,000 to remain available until September 30, 2012 as proposed by the Senate.

With respect to operations and projects, the Appropriations Committees have agreed to the following:

Operating Budget	\$13,966,000
Project Budget:	
1. Minor Construction	1,000,000
	14,966,000
Total, Capitol Police Buildings and Grounds	14,966,000

BOTANIC GARDEN

The amended bill includes \$8,808,000 for the Botanic Garden, instead of \$8,310,000 as proposed by the House and \$9,363,000 of which \$855,000 would remain available until September 30, 2012 as proposed by the Senate.

With respect to operations and projects, the Appropriations Committees have agreed to the following:

Operating Budget	\$8,308,000
Project Budget:	
1. Partnership Support	300,000
2. Administration Building Repairs	200,000
	8,808,000
Total, Botanic Garden	8,808,000

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

The amended bill includes \$28,753,000 for the Capitol Visitor Center as proposed by the Senate instead of \$27,545,000 as proposed by the House. Of this amount, \$8,500,000 may be used for operations.

With respect to operations and projects, the Appropriations Committees have agreed to the following:

Operating Budget	\$8,500,000
Project Budget:	
1. Capitol Visitor Center Construction	20,253,000
Total, Capitol Visitor Center	28,753,000

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The amended bill includes several administrative provisions related to the operations of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC). Section 1301 establishes the Office of the Inspector General. Section 1302 provides authorization for a pilot program for flexible work schedules. Section 1303 authorizes the payment of travel and transportation expenses of new appointees. Section 1304 provides advance payment authority for subscription services, subject to prior notification. In regard to any advance payment for subscription services, a discount offered to the AOC must exceed the cost of the funds per the rate published by the United States Treasury (I TFM 6-8040.40). Section 1305 provides for the maintenance of the Capitol Visitor Center. Section 1306 adjusts the approval process for leasing authority. Section 1307 provides authority for the Architect of the Capitol to grant easements for rights-of-way on all property designated as Capitol Grounds. Section 1308 provides authority for the Architect to award design-build construction contracts. Section 1309 provides for the appointment of the assistant to the Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes \$395,784,000 for salaries and expenses, Library of Congress instead of \$401,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$407,811,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount \$6,350,000 is made available from receipts collected by the Library of Congress and is to remain available until expended, and up to \$16,451,000 is to remain available until September 30, 2010 for partial acquisition of books, periodicals, newspapers, and all other library materials. The amended bill also includes specific amounts for designated purposes. The amount provided includes \$50,000 for the digitization of the Theodore Roosevelt papers.

As a result of cumulative operating plan funding realignments between pay and non-pay, the relationship between the pay base and authorized FTEs has become out of balance. To correct this imbalance, with the submission of the fiscal 2008 operating plans, appropriations adjustments must be reflected in the authorized FTE base to coincide with the base funding reflected in pay. The Committees expect the authorized FTE base for the Library to be supported by the pay base reflected in the Fiscal Year 2008 operating plans.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes \$5,334,000, and an additional \$44,224,000 made available from receipts, for salaries and expenses, Copyright Office instead of \$5,603,000, with an additional

\$44,224,000 made available from receipts as proposed by the House and \$4,906,000 with an additional \$45,196,000 made available from receipts as proposed by the Senate. The Appropriations Committees have agreed to language proposed by the House requiring the salaries of Copyright Royalty Judges to be paid from appropriated funds.

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes \$102,601,000 for salaries and expenses, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress instead of \$104,518,000 as proposed by the House and \$102,892,000 as proposed by the Senate.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes \$67,091,000 instead of \$67,741,000 as proposed by the House and \$67,690,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount \$20,704,000 is to remain available until expended. The Appropriations Committees have included \$650,000 for distribution of newspaper services to the blind and \$12,500,000 for the Digital Talking Book project.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The amended bill includes several administrative provisions. Section 1401 provides for expenses related to official representation for the incentive awards program. Section 1402 provides obligation authority for various Library programs. Section 1403 changes the audit requirements for the Cooperative Acquisitions Program Revolving Fund. Section 1404 provides authority to transfer funds between Library accounts, subject to the approval of the Appropriations Committees.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill includes \$90,000,000, instead of \$84,692,000 as proposed by the House and \$95,365,000 as proposed by the Senate.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill includes \$35,000,000, instead of \$35,434,000 as proposed by the House and \$38,231,000 as proposed by the Senate.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND

The amended bill provides no additional funding, instead of \$2,450,000 proposed by the House and \$5,000,000 proposed by the

Senate. The amended bill includes language insuring that GPO police officers are responsible for the security of the GPO passport production facility. GPO is directed to initiate an independent review of security at this facility and develop an implementation plan within 180 days of enactment to improve security using existing sworn officer positions, for approval by the Appropriations Committees and the Joint Committee on Printing.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes \$508,510,000 of which \$7,510,000 is from offsetting collections, for salaries and expenses, Government Accountability Office instead of \$510,838,000 as proposed by the House and \$517,830,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The amended bill includes up to \$2,500,000 for technology assessment studies. As technology continues to change and expand rapidly it is critical that the consequences of technological applications be anticipated, understood, and fully considered in determinations of public policy regarding existing and emerging national issues. The Committees direct the Comptroller General to make certain that GAO is able to provide effective means for securing competent, timely and unbiased information to Congress regarding the effects of scientific and technical developments.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Section 1501 authorizes a contract appeals board for legislative branch agencies in GAO. Section 1502 repeals a number of out-moded Congressional mandates for GAO audits.

OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND

The amended bill includes \$9,000,000 for payment to the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund. The House had proposed \$6,000,000 and the Senate had proposed \$13,500,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The amended bill includes a provision requiring the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center to develop potential options for transfer of that agency to the executive branch, establishment of the Center as an independent establishment under the executive branch, or other appropriate options. The Committees include this provision instead of transferring the agency to the Department of State, as proposed by the House.

JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The amended bill includes \$430,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

TITLE II—GENERAL PROVISIONS

In Title II—General Provisions, the amended bill includes eight general provisions that were in both the House and Senate bills.

The Committees direct the Capitol Guide Service and the Architect of the Capitol to take no action to eliminate staff-led tours of the U.S. Capitol. Members view staff-led tours as an important part of their constituent service duties and feel strongly that they must be allowed to continue after the Capitol Visitor Center opens. Obviously, temporary curtailments are allowed, as they are now, in the event of an emergency or to accommodate large events in the Capitol (such as the State of the Union Address, inaugurations, state funerals, joint addresses).

The Committee directs that all staff members who conduct tours of the Capitol be required to receive training on the history of the Capitol and Congress. The Committee directs the Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services to submit for approval by the Committee on House Administration, the Senate Committee on Rules, and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, within 60 days of enactment of this Act, a plan to allow for the continuation of staff-led tours. The plan must include an out-year funding plan to facilitate the tours and also identify any training or certification recommendations. Any life safety or security concerns should also be identified in this report.

Section 210 applies an across-the-board cut to all agencies of .25%.

[CLERK'S NOTE: Due to a clerical error, a table headed "Budget Authority Total—with Comparisons" was mistakenly included at this point in the version of the Explanatory Statement printed in the December 17 Congressional Record. The numbers in that table were incorrect, and the table has been omitted from this print. A correct table (headed "Amended Bill Total—with Comparisons") appears at the end of the Explanatory Statement for division H in both the Congressional Record version (page H16380) and this print.]

DISCLOSURE OF EARMARKS AND CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTED SPENDING ITEMS

Following is a list of Congressional earmarks and Congressionally directed spending items (as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, respectively) included in the House amendment or this explanatory statement, along with the name of each Senator, House Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner who submitted a request to the Committee of jurisdiction for each item so identified. Items which did not appear in H.R. 2771 or S. 1686 or the accompanying committee reports are marked with an asterisk. Neither the House amendment nor the explanatory statement contains any limited tax benefits or limited tariff benefits as defined in the applicable House and Senate rules. All of the items on this list appeared in the House or Senate versions of H.R. 2771 or the accompanying committee reports; there are no "new" earmarks in this division of the House amendment or explanatory statement.

[CLERK'S NOTE: Due to a clerical error, the following earmark disclosure table was inadvertently omitted from the Explanatory Statement as printed in the December 17 Congressional Record, although the table was correctly included in the Statement as posted on the House Rules Committee website.]

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Project Name	Account	Member(s)	Dollar Amount
Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission	Library of Congress, Salaries and Expenses	Senator Richard Durbin, Representative Jesse Jackson, Jr., Representative Ray LaHood	\$150,000
Digitization of the Theodore Roosevelt papers	Library of Congress, Salaries and Expenses	Senator Byron Dorgan	\$50,000
Middle Eastern Texts Initiative at Brigham Young University	Library of Congress, Salaries and Expenses	Senator Robert Bennett	\$75,000
University of Mississippi Music Archives	Library of Congress, Salaries and Expenses	Senator Thad Cochran, Representative Roger Wicker	\$125,000

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO H. R. 2764
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 (Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2007 Enacted	FY 2008 Request	House	Senate	Amended Bill	Amended Bill vs. Enacted
TITLE I - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH						
SENATE						
Payment to Widows and Heirs of Deceased Member of Congress.....	---	---	---	165	---	---
Expense allowances:						
Vice President.....	20	20	---	20	20	---
President Pro Tempore of the Senate.....	40	40	---	40	40	---
Minority Leader of the Senate.....	40	40	---	40	40	---
Majority Whip of the Senate.....	10	10	---	10	10	---
Minority Whip of the Senate.....	10	10	---	10	10	---
President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the Senate.....	15	15	---	15	15	---
Chairman of the Majority Conference Committee.....	5	5	---	5	5	---
Chairman of the Minority Conference Committee.....	5	5	---	5	5	---
Chairman of the Majority Policy Committee.....	5	5	---	5	5	---
Chairman of the Minority Policy Committee.....	5	5	---	5	5	---
Subtotal, expense allowances.....	195	195	---	195	195	---
Representation allowances for the Majority and Minority Leaders.....	30	30	---	30	30	---
Total, Expense allowances and representation.....	225	225	---	225	225	---

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 (Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2007 Enacted	FY 2008 Request	House	Senate	Amended Bill	Amended Bill vs. Enacted
Salaries, Officers and Employees						
Office of the Vice President.....	2,201	2,316	---	2,316	2,316	+115
Office of the President Pro Tempore.....	584	620	---	620	620	+36
Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus.....	293	309	---	309	309	+16
Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders.....	4,375	4,796	---	4,796	4,796	+421
Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips.....	2,668	2,912	---	2,912	2,912	+244
Committee on Appropriations.....	13,880	14,915	---	14,600	14,161	+281
Conference committees.....	2,969	3,174	---	3,174	3,174	+205
Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority.....	735	778	---	778	778	+43
Policy Committees.....	3,074	3,240	---	3,240	3,240	+166
Office of the Chaplain.....	357	379	---	379	379	+22
Office of the Secretary.....	21,054	23,500	---	22,388	22,388	+1,334
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper.....	57,251	64,443	---	62,000	60,600	+3,349
Offices of the Secretaries for the Majority and Minority.....	1,598	1,684	---	1,684	1,684	+86
Agency contributions and related expenses.....	37,473	43,585	---	41,100	41,100	+3,627
Outlays.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total, Salaries, officers and employees.....	148,512	166,651	---	160,296	158,457	+9,945
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate						
Salaries and expenses.....	5,491	6,280	---	6,280	6,280	+789

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2764
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 (Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2007 Enacted	FY 2008 Request	House	Senate	Amended Bill	Amended Bill vs. Enacted
Office of Senate Legal Counsel						
Salaries and expenses.....	1,317	1,439	---	1,439	1,439	+122
Expense Allowances of the Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, and Secretaries for the Majority and Minority of the Senate: Expenses allowances.....	24	24	---	24	24	---
Contingent Expenses of the Senate						
Inquiries and investigations.....	120,692	138,644	---	129,000	129,000	+8,308
Expenses of United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control.....	520	520	---	520	520	---
Secretary of the Senate.....	1,980	2,000	---	2,000	2,000	+20
Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.....	142,000	162,450	---	145,189	142,389	+389
Miscellaneous items.....	17,000	18,737	---	17,528	17,528	+528
Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account.....	365,453	396,065	---	379,065	373,619	+8,166

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 (Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2007 Enacted	FY 2008 Request	House	Senate	Amended Bill	Amended Bill vs. Enacted
Official Mail Costs						
Expenses.....	300	300	---	300	300	---
Total, Contingent expenses of the Senate.....	647,945	718,716	---	673,602	665,356	+17,411
Total, Senate.....	803,514	893,335	---	842,031	831,781	+28,267
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES						
Salaries and Expenses						
Payment to widows and heirs of deceased Members of Congress.....	330	---	---	---	---	-330
House Leadership Offices						
Office of the Speaker.....	4,614	4,761	4,761	---	4,749	+135
Office of the Majority Floor Leader.....	2,108	2,188	2,188	---	2,382	+274
Office of the Minority Floor Leader.....	3,953	4,090	4,090	---	4,279	+326
Office of the Majority Whip.....	1,813	1,894	1,894	---	1,889	+76
Office of the Minority Whip.....	1,358	1,420	1,420	---	1,416	+58
Speaker's Office for Legislative Floor Activities.....	487	499	499	---	498	+11
Republican Steering Committee.....	915	943	943	---	941	+26
Republican Conference.....	1,562	1,631	1,631	---	1,627	+65
Republican Policy Committee.....	310	325	325	---	324	+14
Democratic Steering and Policy Committee.....	1,232	1,295	1,295	---	1,292	+60
Democratic Caucus.....	1,555	1,604	1,604	---	1,600	+45

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Nine minority employees.....	1,459	1,498	1,498	---	1,494	+35
Training and Program Development:						
Majority.....	290	290	290	---	289	-1
Minority.....	290	290	290	---	289	-1
Cloakroom Personnel:						
Majority.....	438	460	460	---	459	+1
Minority.....	438	460	460	---	459	+1
Subtotal, House Leadership Offices.....	22,822	23,648	23,648	---	23,987	+1,165
Members' Representational Allowances Including Members' Clerk Hire, Official Expenses of Members, and Official Mail Expenses.....	554,716	610,616	581,000	---	579,548	+24,832
Committee Employees						
Standing Committees, Special and Select.....	124,406	129,662	133,000	---	132,668	+8,262
Committee on Appropriations (including studies and investigations).....	25,866	27,113	29,800	---	32,123	+6,257
Less amounts appropriated in previous years.....	---	---	---	---	-2,404	-2,404
Subtotal, Committee on Appropriations.....	25,866	27,113	29,800	---	29,719	+3,853
Subtotal, Committee employees.....	150,272	156,775	162,800	---	162,387	+12,115

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Salaries, Officers and Employees						
Office of the Clerk.....	21,676	22,881	22,881	---	22,367	+691
Office of the Sergeant at Arms.....	6,295	7,024	7,024	---	6,866	+571
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.....	106,064	120,612	116,891	---	114,267	+8,203
Office of the Inspector General.....	4,016	4,457	4,457	---	4,357	+341
Office for Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Operations.....	4,010	4,242	3,111	---	3,041	-969
Office of General Counsel.....	968	1,202	1,202	---	1,175	+207
Office of the Chaplain.....	163	166	166	---	166	+3
Office of the Parliamentarian.....	1,778	1,828	1,828	---	1,794	+16
Office of the Parliamentarian.....	(1,415)	(1,455)	(1,455)	---	(1,422)	(+7)
Compilation of precedents of the House of Representatives.....	(363)	(373)	(373)	---	(372)	(+9)
Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House.....	2,472	3,046	3,046	---	2,932	+460
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House.....	7,025	7,406	7,406	---	7,240	+215
Office of Interparliamentary Affairs.....	724	752	752	---	700	-24
Other authorized employees.....	548	170	170	---	1,013	+465
Office of the Historian.....	408	596	459	---	449	+41
Subtotal, Salaries, officers and employees.....	156,147	174,362	169,393	---	166,367	+10,220
Allowances and Expenses						
Supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims.....	4,704	3,688	3,688	---	3,579	-1,125
Official mail for committees, leadership offices, and administrative offices of the House.....	410	410	410	---	309	-101

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Government contributions.....	226,904	239,447	237,410	---	226,887	-17
Capitol Visitor Center.....	3,410	2,308	2,308	---	2,256	-1,154
Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery.....	17,631	23,065	17,200	---	16,814	-817
Emergency appropriations.....	6,437	---	---	---	---	-6,437
Miscellaneous items.....	703	703	703	---	701	-2
Subtotal, Allowances and expenses.....	260,199	269,621	261,719	---	250,546	-9,653
Outlays.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total, Salaries and expenses.....	1,144,486	1,235,042	1,198,560	---	1,182,835	+38,349
Total, House of Representatives.....	1,144,486	1,235,042	1,198,560	---	1,182,835	+38,349
JOINT ITEMS						
Joint Economic Committee.....	4,308	4,398	4,398	4,398	4,387	+79
Joint Committee on Taxation.....	8,773	9,416	9,416	9,416	9,197	+424
Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.....	---	1,250	---	1,250	1,237	+1,237
Office of the Attending Physician						
Medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances.....	2,520	2,820	2,820	2,820	2,791	+271
Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office.....	8,524	10,876	4,448	7,864	5,335	-3,189
Statements of Appropriations.....	30	30	30	30	30	---
Total, Joint items.....	24,155	28,790	21,112	25,778	22,977	-1,178

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CAPITOL POLICE						
Salaries.....	217,135	---	224,500	225,930	232,218	+15,083
General expenses.....	38,500	---	61,500	58,070	48,778	+10,278
Salaries and expenses.....	---	299,070	---	---	---	---
Emergency appropriations.....	10,000	---	---	---	876	-9,124
Recission of Emergency Funding, Capitol Power Plant..	---	---	---	---	-876	-876
	265,635	299,070	286,000	284,000	280,996	+15,361
Total, Capitol Police.....						
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE						
Salaries and expenses.....	3,103	4,106	3,806	3,806	3,342	+239
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE						
Salaries and expenses.....	35,204	37,972	37,805	38,510	37,306	+2,102
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL						
General administration.....	77,128	87,714	81,733	81,584	79,697	+2,569
Capitol building.....	23,886	29,480	24,567	25,247	24,030	+144
Capitol grounds.....	7,577	10,225	9,310	9,915	10,065	+2,488
Senate office buildings.....	67,202	87,248	---	71,048	70,107	+2,905
House office buildings.....	59,896	50,621	66,151	---	65,471	+5,575

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Capitol Power Plant.....	79,847	119,226	91,017	91,447	93,097	+13,250
Offsetting collections.....	-6,534	-8,000	-8,000	-8,000	-8,000	-1,466
Emergency appropriations.....	50,000	---	---	---	---	-50,000
Net subtotal, Capitol Power Plant.....	123,313	111,226	83,017	83,447	85,097	-38,216
Library buildings and grounds.....	27,692	42,788	31,638	28,061	27,484	-208
Capitol police buildings and grounds.....	11,768	18,816	16,109	15,116	14,929	+3,161
Botanic garden.....	7,697	9,707	8,310	9,363	8,786	+1,089
Capitol Visitor Center.....	43,758	---	---	28,753	---	-43,758
CVC Project (cost-to-complete).....	---	20,000	20,000	---	20,202	+20,202
CVC Operations.....	---	13,884	7,545	---	8,479	+8,479
Total, Capitol Visitor Center.....	43,758	33,884	27,545	28,753	28,681	-15,077
Total, Architect of the Capitol.....	449,917	481,709	348,380	352,534	414,347	-35,570
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS						
Salaries and expenses.....	387,597	467,452	401,000	407,811	394,810	+7,213
Authority to spend receipts.....	-6,350	-6,350	-6,350	-6,350	-6,350	---
Subtotal, Salaries and expenses.....	381,247	461,102	394,650	401,461	388,460	+7,213
Rescissions.....	-49,549	---	---	---	-560	+48,989

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Copyright Office, salaries and expenses.....	58,420	51,562	49,827	50,102	49,545	-8,875
Authority to spend receipts.....	-35,758	-35,373	-44,224	-45,196	-44,224	-8,466
Subtotal, Copyright Office.....	22,662	16,189	5,603	4,906	5,321	-17,341
Congressional Research Service, salaries and expenses. Books for the blind and physically handicapped, Salaries and expenses.....	100,786	108,702	104,518	102,892	102,344	+1,558
Total, Library of Congress.....	53,614	75,623	67,741	67,690	66,923	+13,309
Total, Library of Congress.....	508,760	661,616	572,512	576,949	562,488	+53,728
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE						
Congressional printing and binding.....	87,954	109,541	84,692	95,365	89,775	+1,821
Office of Superintendent of Documents						
Salaries and expenses.....	33,096	45,613	35,434	38,231	34,913	+1,817
Government Printing Office Revolving Fund.....	1,000	26,825	2,450	5,000	---	-1,000
Total, Government Printing Office.....	122,050	181,979	122,576	138,596	124,688	+2,638
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE						
Salaries and expenses.....	488,627	530,314	510,838	517,830	507,258	+18,631
Emergency appropriations.....	374	---	---	---	---	-374
Offsetting collections.....	-7,931	-7,510	-7,510	-7,510	-7,510	+421
Total, Government Accountability Office.....	481,070	522,804	503,328	510,320	499,748	+18,678

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OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER						
Payment to the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund.....	13,860	14,400	6,000	13,500	8,978	-4,882
STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE						
Stennis Center for Public Service.....	430	430	430	430	429	-1
Grand total.....	3,852,184	4,361,253	3,100,509	2,786,454	3,969,915	+117,731
Appropriations.....	3,834,592	4,361,253	3,100,509	2,786,289	3,970,475	+135,883
Emergency appropriations.....	67,141	---	---	165	876	-66,265
Emergency appropriations rescinded.....	---	---	---	---	-876	-876
Rescissions.....	-49,549	---	---	---	-560	+48,989

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RECAPITULATION						
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House of Representatives.....	1,144,486	1,235,042	1,198,560	---	1,182,835	+38,349
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Open World Leadership Center.....	13,860	14,400	6,000	13,500	8,978	-4,882
Stennis Center for Public Service.....	430	430	430	430	429	-1
Prior year outlays.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Grand total.....	3,852,184	4,361,253	3,100,509	2,786,454	3,969,915	+117,731

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AMENDED BILL TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for fiscal year 2008 provided in the amended bill, with comparisons to the fiscal year 2007 amount, the 2008 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 2008 follow:

[In thousands of dollars]	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2007	\$3,852,184
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2008	4,361,253
House bill, fiscal year 2008	3,100,509
Senate bill, fiscal year 2008	2,786,454
Amended bill, fiscal year 2008	3,969,915
Amended bill compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2007	+117,731
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2008	- 391,338
House bill, fiscal year 2008	+869,406
Senate bill, fiscal year 2008	+1,183,461