



COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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SUMMARY: 2010 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

AS CONSIDERED BY THE FULL COMMITTEE

Bill Total (excluding Senate-related items)

2009 Enacted: \$3.4 billion
Request: \$4.0 billion
Committee Mark: \$3.7 billion

KEY INVESTMENTS

Architect of the Capitol: \$541 million, \$81 million above 2009 and \$27 million below the request, with a special emphasis on funding life safety, energy, and critical infrastructure improvements. The bill includes \$60 million for a new Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund to more evenly spread out the cost of repairing and revitalizing the historic icon buildings of the Capitol Complex.

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

Government Accountability Office: \$559 million, \$28 million above 2009 and \$9 million below the request, allowing GAO to expand its staff to better meet the growing demand for its work.

Office of Compliance: \$4.3 million, \$300,000 above 2009 and \$100,000 below the request, allowing the Office of Compliance to maintain its current service levels and augment its staff.

Library of Congress: \$647 million, \$40 million above 2009 and \$11 million below the request, including \$15 million to modernize the Library's information technology infrastructure.

Government Printing Office: \$146 million, \$6 million above 2009 and \$20 million below the request, including \$7 million to continue the development of GPO's Federal Digital System.

Capitol Police: \$325 million, \$19 million above 2009 and \$85 million below the request, including funds to complete the Library of Congress Police merger. This funds all mandatory costs and maintains the force at the fiscal year 2009 officer level of 1,799 positions.

Open World: \$9 million, a \$5 million reduction from 2009 and the first step towards weaning the program from funding within the Legislative Branch appropriations bill.

House of Representatives: \$1.375 billion, \$74 million above 2009 and \$122 million below the request:

- **Members' Representational Allowance:** \$660 million, \$51 million above 2009, to cover the annual budgets of Members Offices and allow a staff cost-of-living adjustment.
- **Staff Benefits:** \$4.5 million for a new tuition reimbursement benefit and child care assistance program for House employees, pending authorization of those new benefits.
- **Officers of the House:** \$200.3 million for the Officers of the House including the Clerk, Sergeant at Arms, Chief Administrative Officer and others. This is \$12.3 million above the 2009 enacted level but \$5.8 million below the request. Within this amount, the bill includes \$4.6 million under the Office of the Clerk for a new electronic voting system for the House chamber.
- **Standing and Select Committees:** \$148.9 million for the committees of the house, an increase of \$5.1 million over the 2009 enacted level.