

House Appropriations Committee

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FY 2014 Omnibus – Legislative Branch Appropriations

Bill cuts spending, maintains lower levels for House Operations, and provides for the safety and accessibility of the Nation's Capitol

The Legislative Branch portion of the fiscal year 2014 Omnibus holds the line on spending – virtually maintaining the sequestration funding levels for the House of Representatives – while providing important investments to keep our Capitol safe, functional, and accessible to the thousands who work and visit the Capitol complex every day. In total, the bill provides \$4.2 billion in discretionary funding for the Legislative Branch – a decrease of \$19 million below the fiscal year 2013 enacted level.

House Operations – The bill contains \$1.2 billion to fund the operations of the House – virtually maintaining the level put into place by sequestration. This account provides funding for Members' Representational Allowances (MRAs), which funds leadership, Member, and committee office expenses, as well as operating costs for officers of the House. This ensures that offices have the resources needed to serve the people they represent.

Capitol Police – The bill funds the Capitol Police at \$338 million, equal to the fiscal year 2013 enacted level. This funding level supports 1,775 sworn officers and 370 civilian workers who provide critical safety and security functions for all Members, staff, and visitors of the Capitol Complex.

Architect of the Capitol (AoC) – The legislation provides \$602 million for the AoC, which is \$40 million above the fiscal year 2013 enacted level. The bill will fund essential projects that protect and promote the safety and health of those who visit and work in the Capitol Complex, including deferred maintenance projects. This also includes \$16 million in funding to continue the next phase of the Capitol Dome restoration project, and \$70 million for the Historic Buildings Trust Fund to maintain historically significant structures within the Capitol Complex.

Library of Congress (LoC) – The legislation provides \$579 million for the Library of Congress, a decrease of \$8 million below the fiscal year 2013 enacted level. This includes funding for LoC personnel salaries and expenses, the Copyright Office, the Congressional Research Service, collections for the blind and physically handicapped, and other LoC programs and operations.

Government Accountability Office (GAO) – The bill contains \$505 million in funding for the GAO, the same as the fiscal year 2013 enacted level. This funding level is sufficient to continue the essential work of the GAO to provide Congress with accurate, nonpartisan reporting of how taxpayer dollars are spent.

Government Printing Office (GPO) – The legislation includes \$119 million for GPO, the same as the fiscal year 2013 enacted level. The legislation continues reductions to congressional printing and binding services, and implements limitations on delivery of documents to individual Member offices in order to reduce excess costs and the waste of both taxpayer dollars and paper and other materials.

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