

House Appropriations Committee

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FY 2016 Omnibus – Legislative Branch Appropriations

Bill funds House operations and security, invests in the maintenance and accessibility of the Nation's Capitol for all

The Legislative Branch portion of the fiscal year 2016 Omnibus continues 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 includes \$4.4 billion in discretionary funding for the Legislative Branch – an increase of \$63 million above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level to provide for additional security and maintenance costs.

House Operations – The bill contains \$1.2 billion to fund the operations of the House – maintaining the 2015 fiscal year level. 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 funding will ensure that these offices have the resources needed to serve the people they represent.

Capitol Police – The bill funds the Capitol Police at \$375 million, an increase of \$27 million above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. This funding level supports the sworn officers and civilian workers needed to provide critical safety and security functions for all Members, staff, and visitors of the Capitol Complex.

Architect of the Capitol (AoC) – The legislation provides \$612.9 million for the AoC, which is \$12.6 million above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. This 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 and historic preservation.

Library of Congress (LoC) – The legislation provides \$600 million for the Library of Congress, an increase of \$9.1 million above the fiscal year 2015 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 \$556 million in funding for the GAO, an increase of \$10.7 million above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. This funding level will continue the critical work of the GAO to provide Congress with accurate, nonpartisan reporting of how taxpayer dollars are spent.

Government Publishing Office (GPO) – The legislation includes \$117 million for GPO, a decrease of \$2.9 million below the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. The legislation provides the level of funding required for congressional publishing 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 materials.

For the full Committee Report on the Legislative Branch portion of the Omnibus, including a detailed funding table, please visit: <http://1.usa.gov/1Uj0tr>.

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