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REPORT

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The Committee on Appropriations reports the bill (S. 2581) making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes, reports favorably thereon and recommends that the bill do pass.

Amount of new budget (obligational) authority

Total of bill as reported to the Senate	\$3,600,003,000
Amount of 2019 appropriations	3,412,414,000
Amount of 2020 budget estimate	3,773,787,000
Bill as recommended to Senate compared to—	
2019 appropriations	+ 187,589,000
2020 budget estimate	– 173,784,000

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GENERAL STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The Legislative Branch appropriations bill provides funding for the Congress and for the agencies that serve the Congress. Multiple agencies funded through this bill provide oversight of executive branch agencies, including objective, nonpartisan, and timely audits and analysis of Federal programs. The funding in this bill also ensures that the public has permanent access to printed and electronic information products of the Federal Government.

All accounts in the bill have been examined in detail to ensure that the funding provided is appropriate for the agencies to carry out their responsibilities and to continue to respond to Congress in a timely and accurate manner. Details on the accounts, the funding levels provided, and the Committee's justification for the funding levels are included in the report.

Conforming to longstanding practice under which each body of Congress determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, funds for the House are not included in the bill as reported to the Senate.

The Committee recommends new budget (obligational) authority of \$3,593,002,000 for the legislative branch for fiscal year 2020. This amount excludes House items as per normal protocol. This total is \$165,285,634 below the fiscal year 2020 budget request and \$186,763,035 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation.

The bill includes \$969,395,000 for the operations of the Senate, which is \$77,082,964 below the fiscal year 2020 request. The bill includes \$585,782,000 for the Architect of the Capitol to maintain, improve, and construct buildings and facilities for the Congress. The recommendation for the Architect of the Capitol is \$71,211,000 below the fiscal year 2020 request. The recommendation provides for needed upgrades to project management systems, supports the day-to-day operations of each jurisdiction, and allows for the most critical capital improvements across campus. The bill also includes \$464,341,000 for the Capitol Police; \$639,436,000 for the Government Accountability Office; \$735,801,000 for the Library of Congress; and \$117,000,000 for the Government Publishing Office.

Cybersecurity for the Legislative Branch.—The U.S. Congress and the legislative branch agencies are charged with combating cyberattacks that could disrupt Congress' ability to perform its constitutional duties. Accordingly, the legislative branch agencies, including the U.S. Senate, must have the tools and resources necessary to defend our networks against sophisticated adversaries. The Committee recommendation includes funding requested by legislative branch agencies in fiscal year 2020 to strengthen cyber defenses.

Science and Technology Advice to Congress.—The Committee recognizes the importance of having timely, unbiased, professional, and analytical expertise regarding an array of multifaceted science

and technological policy issues. The Committee looks forward to reviewing the recommendations of the National Academy of Public Administration study currently underway, including the evaluation of options available to Congress in the area of science and technology. The Committee will continue to engage key authorizing committees and interested members as these discussions continue.

Good Accounting Obligation in Government Act.—The Good Accounting Obligation in Government Act, or GAO–IG Act (Public Law 115–414) requires that each Federal agency, including the agencies of the legislative branch, include an accounting of any public recommendations by the Government Accountability Office or the agency’s Office of Inspector General that have not yet been implemented, and the timeframe for implementation. It is expected that each agency in this bill include such a report in its fiscal year 2021 congressional budget justification.

Offices of Inspectors General Budgets.—The Committee believes it is important to ensure independence between legislative branch Offices of Inspectors General [OIG] and their respective reporting agencies and expects to see a separate section in each agency’s fiscal year 2021 budget justification reflecting a detailed budget request for the agency’s OIG. Additionally, the Committee directs each OIG to keep the Committee fully apprised of its funding needs. In addition, the Committee directs each agency to avoid interference with or require approval for such communications.

Reprogramming Guidelines.—The Committee expects all agencies to notify the Committee of any significant departures from budget plans presented to the Committee in any agency’s budget justifications. In particular, agencies funded through this bill are required to notify the Committee prior to any reprogramming of funds in excess of the lesser of 10 percent or \$750,000 between programs, projects, or activities, or in excess of \$750,000 between object classifications (except for shifts within the pay categories, object class 11, 12, and 13 or as further specified in each agency’s respective section). This includes cumulative reprogrammings that together total at least \$750,000 from or to a particular program, activity, or object classification as well as reprogramming of full-time equivalents or funds to create new organizational entities within the agency or to restructure entities which already exist. The Committee expects to be notified of reprogramming actions which involve less than the above-mentioned amounts if such actions would have the effect of changing an agency’s funding requirements in future years or if programs or projects specifically cited in the Committee’s reports are affected.

Full-Time Equivalents [FTE].—The Committee directs that budget justifications sent to the Committee shall include a comparison of FTE based on the number of FTE supported by the funding provided in the current enacted appropriations legislation and the number of FTE that would be supported by the funding requested for the following fiscal year.

TITLE I
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS
SENATE

EXPENSE ALLOWANCES

Appropriations, 2019	\$189,840
Budget estimate, 2020	195,000
Committee recommendation	189,840

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$189,840 for the expense allowances of the Vice President, the President pro tempore and President pro tempore emeritus of the Senate, the majority and minority leaders, the majority and minority whips, the chairmen of the majority and minority conference committees, and the chairmen of the majority and minority policy committees. The recommendation is identical to the fiscal year 2019 appropriation. The recommended allowances are as follows:

For the expense allowance of the Vice President, the Committee recommends an amount of \$18,760.

For the expense allowance of the President Pro Tempore, the Committee recommends an amount of \$37,520.

For the expense allowance of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus, the Committee recommends an amount of \$15,000.

For the expense allowance of the majority and minority leaders, the Committee recommends \$39,920 for each leader, for a total of \$74,840.

For the expense allowance of the majority and minority whips, the Committee recommends \$9,980 for each whip, for a total of \$19,960.

For the expense allowance for the chairmen of the majority and minority conference committees, the Committee recommends \$4,690 for each chairman, for a total of \$9,380.

For the expense allowance for the chairmen of the majority and minority policy committees, the Committee recommends \$4,690 for each chairman, for a total of \$9,380.

Expenditures from all the foregoing allowances are made upon certification from the individuals for whom the allowances are authorized, and are reported semiannually in the report of the Secretary of the Senate.

REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY
LEADERS

Appropriations, 2019	\$28,140
Budget estimate, 2020	30,000
Committee recommendation	28,140

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$28,140 for representation allowances for the majority and minority leaders. The recommendation is identical to the fiscal year 2019 appropriation.

This allowance was established in the Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1985 (Public Law 99–88). The funds were authorized to be used by the majority and minority leaders solely for the discharge of their appropriate responsibilities in connection with official visits to the United States by members of foreign legislative bodies and representatives of foreign governments and intergovernmental agencies. The recommended amount is to be divided equally between the two leaders.

Expenditures from this allowance are made upon certification of the leaders and are reported in the semiannual report of the Secretary of the Senate.

SALARIES, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES

Appropriations, 2019	\$208,390,812
Budget estimate, 2020	216,325,812
Committee recommendation	216,321,170

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$216,321,170 for the subaccounts funded under the overall account for the salaries of officers and employees of the Senate. The recommendation is \$7,930,358 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and \$4,642 below the fiscal year 2020 request.

It should be noted that, except for a handful of positions in the Offices of the Secretary and the Sergeant at Arms [SAA] that are required by statute, specific staffing levels are not stipulated either by the budget request or by the Committee's recommendation. Rather, lump-sum allowances are provided to fund staffing levels each office finds necessary and appropriate for the performance of its duties. Estimated staffing levels for offices funded under this appropriation for fiscal year 2020 are approximately 1,348 positions.

SALARIES, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES

	Fiscal year 2019	Fiscal year 2020 Committee recommendation
Office of the Vice President	\$2,484,248	\$2,533,000
Office of the President Pro Tempore	744,466	759,000
Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus	319,000	326,000
Offices of the majority and minority leaders	5,399,576	5,506,000
Offices of the majority and minority whips	3,455,424	3,525,000
Conference committees	3,408,000	3,476,000
Offices of the secretaries of the conference of the majority and the conference of the minority	843,402	862,000
Policy Committees	3,481,810	3,552,000
Office of the Chaplain	474,886	510,000
Office of the Secretary	26,315,000	26,818,000
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper	84,157,000	85,867,000
Offices of the secretaries for the majority and minority	1,900,000	1,940,000
Totals	132,982,812	135,674,000

Any change from the allocation of funds in the subaccounts within this appropriation is subject to the approval of the Committee.

The total amount appropriated is allocated to the various offices of the Senate as displayed under the headings for the offices that follow.

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Appropriations, 2019	\$2,484,248
Budget estimate, 2020	2,533,248
Committee recommendation	2,533,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$2,533,000 to fund the salaries of the administrative and clerical staff of the Office of the Vice President in connection with his duties as the President of the Senate.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Appropriations, 2019	\$744,466
Budget estimate, 2020	759,466
Committee recommendation	759,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$759,000 for the Office of the President Pro Tempore.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS

Appropriation, 2019	\$319,000
Budget Estimate, 2020	327,000
Committee recommendation	326,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$326,000 for the Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus.

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

Appropriations, 2019	\$5,399,576
Budget estimate, 2020	5,505,576
Committee recommendation	5,506,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$5,506,000 for the offices of the majority and minority leaders. The amount recommended is to be equally divided, providing \$2,753,000 for each office.

The administrative and clerical staffs funded by this appropriation were authorized under the provisions of Public Law 91-145, effective November 1, 1969.

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS

Appropriations, 2019	\$3,455,424
Budget estimate, 2020	3,525,424
Committee recommendation	3,525,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,525,000 for the offices of the majority and minority whips. It is to be equally divided, providing \$1,762,500 for each office.

The authority for the administrative and clerical staff funded by this appropriation was created by Public Law 84-242, effective July 1, 1955.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriations, 2019	\$15,496,000
Budget estimate, 2020	15,793,000
Committee recommendation	15,793,000

For the salaries of the staff of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$15,793,000.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Appropriations, 2019	\$3,408,000
Budget estimate, 2020	3,476,000
Committee recommendation	3,476,000

For the administrative and clerical staffs of the majority and minority conference committees, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,476,000. The appropriation provides \$1,738,000 in salaries for the staff of each conference committee. The chairman of each conference committee may transfer to or from amounts provided for salaries of each conference to the account for conference committee expenses within the "Miscellaneous Items" appropriation.

OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE MAJORITY
AND THE CONFERENCE OF THE MINORITY

Appropriations, 2019	\$843,402
Budget estimate, 2020	863,402
Committee recommendation	862,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$862,000 for the majority and minority conference secretaries.

These offices were created by section 6 of Senate Resolution 17, agreed to January 10, 1977, and two positions in each office were first funded in the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1977 (Public Law 95-26).

Section 102 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1979 (Public Law 96-38), abolished the specific positions and established a lump-sum allowance for the employment of staff, effective October 1, 1979. The amount recommended is to be divided equally between the majority secretary and the minority secretary.

POLICY COMMITTEES

Appropriations, 2019	\$3,481,810
Budget estimate, 2020	3,551,810
Committee recommendation	3,552,000

For the salaries of the administrative and clerical staffs of the majority and minority policy committees, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,552,000. The appropriation provides \$1,776,000 in salaries for the staff of each committee.

The chairman of each policy committee may transfer to or from amounts provided for salaries of each policy committee to the account for policy committee expenses within the "Miscellaneous Items" appropriation.

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

Appropriations, 2019	\$474,886
Budget estimate, 2020	510,886
Committee recommendation	510,000

For the Office of the Chaplain, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$510,000. The amount recommended provides the salaries for the Chaplain of the Senate and support staff to assist the Chaplain with his pastoral duties. The Fiscal Year 1988 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, Public Law 100-202, established the rate of pay for the Chaplain at Executive Level IV.

The Office of the Chaplain may transfer to or from amounts provided for salaries to the account for expenses within the "Miscellaneous Items" appropriation.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Appropriations, 2019	\$26,315,000
Budget estimate, 2020	26,818,000
Committee recommendation	26,818,000

The Committee recommends \$26,818,000 for salaries of the Office of the Secretary. Fiscal year 2020 staffing levels are estimated at 248 positions.

This appropriation provides funds for four statutory positions (Secretary of the Senate, Assistant Secretary of the Senate, Financial Clerk of the Senate, and Parliamentarian of the Senate) and lump-sum allowances for the employment and adjustment of salaries of personnel in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, as authorized by Public Law 97-51, effective October 1, 1981 (2 U.S.C. 6539).

The following departmental guidelines for fiscal year 2020 have been submitted by the Secretary to the Committee. The departmental budgets under executive offices include: the Executive Office of the Secretary of the Senate, Page School, Senate Security, Information Systems, and Web Technology. The departmental budgets grouped under administrative services include: conservation and preservation, curator, disbursing office, gift shop, historical office, human resources, interparliamentary services, library, printing and document services, public records, chief counsel for employment, and the stationery room. The departmental budgets grouped under legislative services include: the bill clerk, daily digest, enrolling clerk, journal clerk, legislative clerk, Official Reporters of Debates, captioning services, executive clerk, LIS project office, and Parliamentarian.

The Committee provides these funds to the Secretary of the Senate without apportionment in the interest of facilitating financial management duties and restructuring that occurs from time to time. The Committee expects to be notified in writing in a timely manner of any changes to the staffing levels, distribution of staff or related funding.

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER

Appropriations, 2019	\$84,157,000
Budget estimate, 2020	85,867,000
Committee recommendation	85,867,000

This appropriation provides funds for the salaries of three statutory positions (Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, Deputy Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, and Administrative Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper) and lump-sum allowances for employment and adjustments of salaries of personnel in the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, as authorized by Public Law 97–51, effective October 1, 1981 (2 U.S.C. 6597).

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$85,867,000 for fiscal year 2020, which supports a staffing level of 920. The recommendation includes funding to enhance the IT help desk experience in the Senate; begin implementation of a Unified Communications system; and will fully support the continued initiative to expand the Senate’s cybersecurity capabilities. The Committee expects to be updated regularly as the Cybersecurity Department develops its strategic plan to modernize and harden the Senate’s cyber defense.

The Sergeant at Arms is the chief law enforcement officer, the chief protocol officer and an executive officer of the Senate. To fulfill these responsibilities, the Sergeant at Arms operates through four principal units:

- The Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness prepares the Senate to respond to a full spectrum of emergencies that may disrupt normal business operations. This preparation includes programs that support life safety, intelligence, security, and continuity of operations policies and programs throughout the U.S. Senate, including Senate home state offices, as well as strategic and analytic assistance to the Sergeant at Arms in his capacity as Chairman or Member of the Capitol Police Board and Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the Senate.
- Capitol Operations is responsible for many of the services provided within the Capitol building that support the day-to-day operation of the Senate. Services include Chamber operations maintained by the Doorkeepers; official business visitor processing provided by the Senate Appointment Desks; as well as credentialing and interfacing with the news media via the Senate Media Galleries. In addition, the Senate Recording Studio provides audio and video services.
- The Operations Division provides an array of services to the Senate community to include, identification, transportation, parking, and photographic services; printing, publishing, graphic design, and framing services; and USPS mail screening, and mailing and package delivery services. Operations furnishes and maintains the Senate side of the Capitol Building and supports the maintenance of Senate state offices.
- The Office of the Chief Information Officer [OCIO] builds, operates, and supports the Senate’s information infrastructure. The OCIO is responsible for information security, technology infusion, telecommunications, helpdesk, IT systems to support Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government, enterprise computing systems, data networks, web services and hosting, system development, and office equipment.

Executive and other offices provide general management, human resource, financial, and training support to the Senate.

The offices and personnel covered by this appropriation are shown in the following table.

Office of Protective Services and Continuity	60 FTE
Capitol Operations	120
Operations	285
Chief Information Officer	339
Executive and administrative offices	116
Total	920

The Committee provides these funds to the Sergeant at Arms without apportionment in the interest of facilitating financial management duties and restructuring that occurs from time to time. The Committee expects to be notified in writing in a timely manner of any changes to the staffing levels, distribution of staff or related funding.

SAA Office of Member Outreach and Security Coordination.—The Committee finds that identifying and evaluating risks to Members is challenging given the large number of Members and their varying schedules for both on and off-campus events. This challenge is further heightened given evolving physical threats to Members, as highlighted by the 2017 shooting in Alexandria, Virginia. To address these challenges in the Senate, the Committee directed SAA to establish an Office of Member Outreach and Security Coordination dedicated to liaising with Senators’ offices in order to create better awareness of Senators’ activities off of the Capitol campus; to educate and train staff to identify and alert the SAA and the United States Capitol Police [USCP] of events or activities that may warrant a threat assessment; and to facilitate threat assessments and security coordination with the USCP as well as Federal and local law enforcement, as appropriate. The SAA disseminates a weekly email entitled “Enhancing Member Safety and Security” to all Administrative Managers, Chief Clerks, and Schedulers to provide specific information in furtherance of security at public events that the Senator may attend, in both the state and Washington, DC. The SAA has also assisted Senate staff with over 561 assessments and law enforcement coordination since October 2018.

Office Cybersecurity.—The Committee directs SAA to utilize funds provided for fiscal year 2020 to: enable personal and Committee offices to utilize third-party cybersecurity services to protect the privacy and integrity of office networks; provide annual cybersecurity audits for all Senate offices; provide enhanced cybersecurity training for each Senate office; institute protections against insider threats; and institute and operationalize enhanced privacy protections within the Senate network.

Senators’ Personal Cybersecurity.—The Committee recognizes that Senators are being targeted for hacking and cyberattacks, especially via their personal devices and accounts. The bipartisan Senators’ Personal Cybersecurity Working Group [Working Group], established by the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2018, to identify, develop, and recommend options to provide enhanced cybersecurity for Senators’ personal communications devices and accounts, completed its work in November, 2018. While the Working Group did not provide a recommendation, the final report pre-

sented five options for consideration, along with analysis of the benefits and limitations of each option, and described any statutory, ethics, rules, or appropriations changes that may be required for each option. However, the Working Group did encourage the Sergeant at Arms to engage in certain activities that could begin immediately or continue, absent additional appropriations or statutory changes, to enhance Senators' personal cybersecurity, such as cybersecurity training, cyber advisories, and cybersecurity best practice documents tailored to personal devices and accounts. The SAA has, since the Working Group's completion, greatly improved communications with the Senate community in this area. The SAA shall, in coordination with this Committee, the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, and Senate Majority and Minority Leadership, continue to explore ways, including the options presented in the Working Group's report, in which it may better provide voluntary cybersecurity support to any Senator seeking assistance with their personal devices or accounts under existing ethics, rules, appropriations, statutory, and civil law.

Training to "Stop the Bleed".—Similar to CPR training, basic bleeding control techniques are critical to saving lives. Developed by the American College of Surgeons [ACS] after the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, "Stop the Bleed" training works to enhance survivability from mass shootings as well as other casualty events such as car accidents and home accidents. "Stop the Bleed" training empowers first responders, as well as non-professional individuals, with basic skills and techniques to immediately control external bleeding until medical help arrives. The ACS provides both direct training and "train the trainer" courses with the educational component of "Stop the Bleed" offered free of charge and courses are run at cost. The Committee supports the expansion of "Stop the Bleed" training on the Capitol campus, as well as in schools, workplaces, and other organizations, in order to improve survival rates of mass shootings and other events causing life-threatening external bleeding.

Since August 2018, the SAA Office of Training and Development has provided four open classes (once per quarter), and roughly 180 staff have received training. Senators and committee offices should be aware that they may request "Stop the Bleed" training directly for their staffs, which the SAA coordinates with the ACS to schedule and provide. The Committee directs the SAA, in coordination with the Office of the Attending Physician, as appropriate, to continue incorporating "Stop the Bleed" training into the Senate's training and development programming for both DC and State offices, and ensure that offices are aware this training is available. The Committee directs the SAA to provide periodic updates to the Committee on the details of such training, including planned frequency, trainer competencies, and the number of staff trained.

E-Signature Platform.—The Committee encourages the Senate Sergeant at Arms to continue to explore ways to use new technology tools to improve the efficiency and productivity of Senate offices. One area in which technology may do this is an e-Signature platform, which would allow Senate offices the option to sign multi-signature letters electronically, with the goal of streamlining the signature process, providing significant time savings for staff, and

mitigating signing and typographical errors. Not later than 90 days after enactment of this act, the SAA shall report to the Committee on the estimated costs and feasibility of implementing an e-Signature platform across the Senate, including determining the number of offices that would utilize this technology option.

OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY

Appropriations, 2019	\$1,900,000
Budget estimate, 2020	1,940,000
Committee recommendation	1,940,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,940,000 for the offices of the secretaries for the majority and minority. The appropriation is to be equally divided, providing \$970,000 for each office.

AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS

Appropriations, 2019	\$59,912,000
Budget estimate, 2020	64,855,000
Committee recommendation	64,854,170

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$64,854,170 for agency contributions for employees paid under certain appropriations, including “Salaries, officers, and employees,” “Joint Economic Committee,” “Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate,” and “Office of Senate Legal Counsel.”

Agency contributions include the Senate’s contributions as an employer to the Civil Service Retirement System, the Federal Employees’ Retirement System, the Thrift Savings Plan, Federal employee group life insurance, Federal employee health insurance programs, and Federal Insurance Contributions Act. The Senate is required by law to make these payments, and the total required is dependent upon the number of Senate employees, their compensation levels, the benefit programs in which they are enrolled, and the extent of the benefits elected.

OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 2019	\$6,278,000
Budget estimate, 2020	6,397,000
Committee recommendation	6,397,000

For the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$6,397,000. This amount provides for the salaries and expenses of the office. The increase provided allows the office to keep up with the increasing demand to help draft legislation of the quality and at the pace the Senate demands. The Committee recommendation provides the funding necessary for agency contributions for employees paid under this appropriation, under the heading, “Agency Contributions” under the appropriation, “Salaries, officers, and employees.”

OFFICE OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Appropriations, 2019	\$1,176,000
Budget estimate, 2020	1,197,000
Committee recommendation	1,197,000

The Office of Senate Legal Counsel was established pursuant to section 701 of Public Law 95–521. The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,197,000 for the Office of Senate Legal Counsel. The amount provided pays for the salaries and expenses of the office. The Committee recommendation provides the funding necessary for agency contributions for employees paid under this appropriation, under the heading, “Agency Contributions” under the appropriation “Salaries, officers, and employees.”

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

Appropriations, 2019	\$28,440
Budget estimate, 2020	30,000
Committee recommendation	28,440

Section 119 of Public Law 97–51 authorized an expense allowance for the Secretary of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, the Secretary for the Majority, and the Secretary for the Minority. Since fiscal year 1983, the amount has been provided through a direct appropriation. The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$28,440 providing an allowance of \$7,110 for each office.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE

INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

Appropriations, 2019	\$133,265,000
Budget estimate, 2020	133,265,000
Committee recommendation	133,265,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$133,265,000 for inquiries and investigations by Senate standing, special, and select committees, of which \$26,650,000 shall be available until September 30, 2022. The recommendation is identical to the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and the fiscal year 2020 request.

This appropriation funds the liquidation of obligations incurred by committees under the authorization provided in Committee funding resolutions.

U.S. SENATE CAUCUS ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

Appropriations, 2019	\$508,000
Budget estimate, 2020	516,000
Committee recommendation	508,000

The Committee recommends \$508,000 for the expenses of the U.S. Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control. Established in 1985 by the Foreign Relations Authorization Act (Public Law 99–93), the Caucus was created to monitor and promote international compliance with narcotics control treaties and monitor and encourage U.S. Government and private programs seeking to expand international cooperation against drug abuse. The Caucus is composed of seven Senators, four from the majority party and three from the minority party, with a chairman from the majority party and a co-chairman from the minority party.

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 2019	\$10,036,000
Budget estimate, 2020	9,536,000
Committee recommendation	14,536,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$14,536,000 for expenses of the Office of the Secretary. The recommendation is \$4,500,000 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and \$5,000,000 above the fiscal year 2020 request. Of the total provided, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,100,000 to remain available until expended, of which \$2,500,000 is for the Financial Management Information System Modernization, and \$11,436,000 to remain available until September 30, 2024, of which \$6,436,000 is for the Senate Information Services program.

The Committee provides these funds to the Secretary of the Senate without apportionment in the interest of facilitating financial management duties and restructuring that occurs from time to time. The Committee expects to be notified in writing in a timely manner of any cumulative changes in excess of 10 percent to the funding levels between programs, projects, or activities.

Typical expenditures of the Secretary of the Senate include:

Consultants.—Funding is provided for not to exceed two individual consultants as authorized by section 110 of Public Law 95–94, August 5, 1977, which amends section 101 of Public Law 95–26, May 4, 1977. Consultants employed under this authority shall not be paid in excess of the per diem equivalent of the highest gross rate of annual compensation which may be paid to employees of a standing committee of the Senate.

Legal Reference Volumes.—Funding is provided to furnish U.S. Senators with volumes of the U.S. Code Annotated or U.S. Code service, pocket parts and supplements, as authorized by Public Law 92–51, July 9, 1971.

The Disbursing Office is responsible for providing the U.S. Code Annotated or the U.S. Code Service to Senators when they assume office and upon receipt of a written request of a Senator.

Contractual Legal and Administrative Services and Miscellaneous Expenses.—Funding is provided for various contractual, administrative, and miscellaneous expenses incurred by the Office of the Secretary. In addition, the Office of the Secretary has incurred various types of legal and other expenses which have been authorized by the Senate. Funding is provided for contractual and other expenses necessary to update and publish the Senate's legislative precedents and procedure documentation. Administrative services and miscellaneous expenses are housekeeping expenses of the Office of the Secretary.

Travel and Registration Fees.—Funding is provided for travel expenses and registration fees incurred by the Secretary of the Senate and the employees of the Office of the Secretary. This line item excludes funding for travel expenses for the Federal Election Campaign Act under the Office of Public Records, which is provided separately under the authority of Public Law 92–342.

The authority for the travel portion of this account was provided for by section 101 of Public Law 94–59, July 25, 1975.

Orientation and Training.—Funding is provided for expenses incurred by the Secretary of the Senate to conduct orientation seminars or similar meetings for Senators, Senate officials, or members of staffs of Senators or Senate officials, not to exceed \$30,000 under the authority of 2 U.S.C. 6514.

The Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate is also authorized under these provisions to conduct seminars or similar meetings in the same manner and to the same extent as the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

Postage.—This account also provides funding for postage for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate for special delivery, registered mail, and additional postage not covered under the frank.

Education of Senate Pages.—Funding is provided for the education of Senate pages. Senate Resolution 184, July 29, 1983, authorized the Secretary of the Senate to provide such educational services and items in such manner as the Secretary may deem appropriate. Public Law 98–125, October 13, 1983, amended Public Law 98–51, July 14, 1983, striking out the heading and paragraph “Education of Pages” under the heading “Joint Items”, and redesignated the funds provided in Public Law 98–51.

Stationery.—Funding is provided for stationery supplies for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate. The funds provided have been allocated to the various departments of the Office of the Secretary.

Senate Commission on Art.—Funding is provided for the Senate Commission on Art, authorized by Public Law 100–696, November 18, 1988, as amended, and Public Law 108–83, September 30, 2003, as amended to acquire, accept, supervise, hold, place, protect, make known, conserve, restore, replicate, or replace any work of art, historical object, documents or material relating to historical matters, or exhibits for placement or exhibition within the Senate wing of the Capitol, any Senate office building, or in rooms, spaces, or corridors thereof, and to publish as a Senate document a list of all works of art, historical objects exhibits currently within the Senate wing of the Capitol and Senate office buildings.

The Senate Commission on Art was formerly the Commission on Arts and Antiquities of the United States Senate, which was authorized by Senate Resolution 382, October 1, 1968, as amended by Senate Resolution 95, April 1, 1977, and Senate Resolution 400, March 23, 1988.

Representation Expenses.—Funding is provided, not to exceed \$50,000, to the Secretary of the Senate to coordinate and carry out responsibilities in connection with foreign parliamentary groups or other foreign officials visiting the United States. Authorized by section 2, chapter VIII of Public Law 100–71, November 21, 1989, as amended.

Office of Conservation and Preservation.—Funding is provided for the Office of Conservation and Preservation to develop and coordinate programs directly related to the conservation and protection of Senate records and materials for which the Secretary of the Senate has statutory authority.

The Secretary of the Senate has the statutory responsibility to collect and archive Senate records. The work of the Senate Archivist and the Senate Historical Office to conserve and protect the historic records of this institution on behalf of the Secretary pro-

vides a valuable benefit to the Senate community and the public. In addition to collecting and managing Senate records, the Historical Office provides valuable advice and resources to Senate Offices so that Committees' Senate records, as well as Senators' official congressional papers, which are not classified as "Senate records" and are not managed by the Secretary, will be ready for historical preservation at the time a Senator leaves office. Current Senate offices and Committees, as well as historians, authors, journalists, and the general public rely on collections of both Senate records and Senators' papers to study and share the history of the Senate and the Nation. Efforts to prepare the Senate and its members for archiving records spanning both pre-digital and digital storage will be furthered by partnering with outside experts on a focused experience-based effort to process, archive, preserve, and make available a single, finite, large collection which is at beginning of the senatorial archival process. After consultation with and approval by the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Rules and Administration, the Committee directs the Secretary to enter into an agreement with a public entity with demonstrated archival expertise and prior experience working with the Senate Archivist, to assist the Senate Historical Office and the Senate Archivist with the updating of best practices and guidance for the archiving of congressional papers in the digital age. To gain insight into significant challenges, emphasis should be placed on a collection that, due to special circumstances or lack of available guidance from the Senator, required rapid closing, transfer, and processing.

Book Preservation.—Funding is provided for the Office of Conservation and Preservation to use outside sources for the preservation and protection of the Senate book collection, including historically valuable documents under the care of the Secretary of the Senate.

Office of Public Records.—Funding is provided for expenses of the Office of Public Records. This office has evolved through various pieces of legislation and various responsibilities authorized by the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended, the Ethics in Government Act, as amended, and the Lobbying Disclosure Act, as amended. The Office of Public Records is mentioned for the first time in Public Law 93-145, November 1, 1973, which authorizes the Secretary of the Senate to appoint and fix the compensation of a superintendent and other positions for the Office of Public Records. In addition, under the authority of Public Law 95-521, October 26, 1978 (Ethics in Government Act) reports filed under section 101 shall be available for public inspection and a copy of the report shall be provided to any person upon request. Any person requesting a copy of a report may be required to pay a reasonable fee to cover the cost of reproduction. Any moneys received by the Secretary shall be deposited into the Office of Public Records Revolving Fund under the authority of Public Law 101-163, November 21, 1989. The office also performs functions such as registration of mass mailings.

Disbursing Office.—Funding is provided for expenses incurred in the operation of the disbursing office. Typical expenses for this office include notary bonds, seals and supplies, necessary supplies in

conjunction with the various machinery maintained in the office, which are not available in the stationery room.

Office of Captioning Services.—Funding is provided for the closed captioning of the televised Senate floor proceedings for the hearing impaired. Closed captioning was first authorized under Public Law 101–163, November 21, 1989.

Senate Chief Counsel for Employment.—Funding is provided for the Office of the Senate Chief Counsel for Employment. This office is a nonpartisan office formed in May 1993 at the direction of the joint leadership and is charged with providing legal advice and representation of Senate offices in all areas of employment law.

SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 2019	\$126,595,000
Budget estimate, 2020	128,753,000
Committee recommendation	128,753,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$128,753,000 for expenses of the Sergeant at Arms, to remain available until September 30, 2024, which is \$2,158,000 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and identical to the fiscal year 2020 request.

The following table compares the fiscal year 2020 Committee recommendation for the component categories within this account to the fiscal year 2020 budget request.

EXPENSES—OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER

	Fiscal year 2020 request	Committee recommendation	Difference
Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness	\$1,096,000	\$1,096,000	.....
Capitol Operations	3,582,000	3,582,000	.....
Operations	27,444,000	27,444,000	.....
Chief Information Officer	95,318,000	95,318,000	.....
Executive and Other Offices	1,313,000	1,313,000	.....
Grand Total	128,753,000	128,753,000	.....

The Committee provides these funds to the Sergeant at Arms without apportionment in the interest of facilitating financial management duties and restructuring that occurs from time to time. The Committee expects to be notified in writing in a timely manner of any cumulative changes in excess of 10 percent to the funding levels between programs, projects or activities.

Unified Communications.—The Committee recommendation includes funding for the Sergeant at Arms to begin the process of updating the communications platform for the Senate. During the initial phase of requirements gathering, the Committee directs the SAA to consider the full range of technologies available to support constituent communications, including visual voicemail. The SAA is directed to provide semi-annual updates to the Committee on the design and development of the Unified Communications and Collaboration solution.

Enhanced Constituent Communications Platforms.—The Committee recognizes the importance of new technologies that integrate telephone, mobile, and web communications to provide Senators with the ability to obtain real-time feedback from their constituents through live, interactive, multi-media platforms. Enhanced virtual

communications hosting platforms enable Senators to regularly speak with their constituents and engage more effectively on the key public policy issues of the day. The recommendation includes funding to provide resources to offices to enable them to best utilize these types of technologies.

Security Technology.—The threats to the safety and security of the Capitol campus are ever evolving, as are methods to mitigate the risk of those threats. The Committee is interested in understanding options where technology could help protect the campus. Therefore, the Sergeant at Arms, in consultation with the Capitol Police and Architect of the Capitol, is directed to submit a secure report or briefing to the Committee on the state of technology for security of the Capitol campus, including advancements in technology that could be applied for use in securing the Capitol campus.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Appropriations, 2019	\$18,871,410
Budget estimate, 2020	18,879,000
Committee recommendation	18,871,410

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$18,871,410 for miscellaneous items to remain available until September 30, 2022. Any deviation of more than 10 percent cumulatively from the stated levels for each item will require the customary prior approval of the Committee.

The following table sets forth the apportionment of funds under this appropriation:

FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET—MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS APPORTIONMENT SCHEDULE

Item	Fiscal year 2020 request	Committee recommendation	Difference
Resolution and reorganization reserve	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	.....
Unallocated	6,000,000	6,000,000	.....
Reserve for contingencies (miscellaneous items)	800,000	800,000	.....
Reception of foreign dignitaries (S. Res. 247, dated February 7, 1962, as amended by S. Res. 370, dated October 10, 2000)	30,000	30,000	.....
Foreign travel—Members and employees (S. Res. 179, dated May 25, 1977)	125,000	125,000	.....
Federal employees compensation account (Public Law 96-499, dated December 5, 1980) (Unemployment Compensation)	1,200,250	1,192,660	\$(7,590)
Conferences for the Majority and Minority (Public Laws: 97-51, dated January 3, 1983; 101-250, dated November 5, 1990; and 107-68, dated November 12, 2001)	300,000	300,000	.....
Policy Committees for the Majority and Minority (Public Law 104-53, dated November 19, 1995)	150,000	150,000	.....
Postage	6,000	10,000	.....
Stationery	16,500	16,500	.....
Communications	72,000	72,000	.....
Consultants—including agency contributions (2 U.S.C. 6501 as amended)	5,000,000	5,000,000	.....
National Security Working Group (S. Res. 480, November 21, 2004) (expires December 31, 2012)	700,000	700,000	.....
Committee on Appropriations (Public Law 105-275, dated October 21, 1998)	950,000	950,000	.....
Office of the Chaplain (Public Law 108-199, dated January 23, 2004)	50,000	50,000	.....

FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET—MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS APPORTIONMENT SCHEDULE—Continued

Item	Fiscal year 2020 request	Committee recommendation	Difference
Senate Child Care Center:			
Agency Contribution costs authorized by Public Laws 102–90, dated August 14, 1991 and 103–50, dated July 2, 1993	455,000	455,000	.....
Training classes, conferences, and travel expenses as authorized by Public Law 104–197, dated September 16, 1996	24,250	24,250	.....
Total	18,879,000	18,871,410	(7,590)
¹ Postage Apportionment (Fiscal year 2020):			
President of the Senate			\$2,700
Secretary for the Majority			1,100
Secretary for the Minority			1,100
Chaplain			1,100
TOTAL			6,000
² Stationery Apportionment (Fiscal year 2020):			
President of the Senate			\$8,000
Conference of the Majority			300
Conference of the Minority			300
Chaplain			700
Senate Chamber			7,200
TOTAL			16,500
³ Communications Apportionment (Fiscal year 2020):			
Office of the Vice President			\$1,000
Secretary for the Majority			10,000
Secretary for the Minority			10,000
Office of the Chaplain			1,000
Majority Leader			15,000
Minority Leader			15,000
Majority Whip			10,000
Minority Whip			10,000
TOTAL			72,000

Senate Employees' Child Care Center.—The Committee recognizes the importance of access to high quality, affordable child care for recruitment and retention of U.S. Senate employees and supports the ability of the Senate Employees' Child Care Center [SECCC] to employ high caliber faculty, maintain its commitment to early childhood education, and continue to serve the growing number of Senate employees who require child care for their infant to pre-school children.

Under current law, Congress may only provide funding for employee benefits and travel expenses for employee training activities for the SECCC, which are provided for and fully funded in this act. However, funds for employees' salaries and operational expenses are paid by the Center's operating budget and cannot be supplemented with appropriated funds.

In the fiscal year 2019 Legislative Branch bill, the Committee directed the Government Accountability Office [GAO] to review the operations and structure of the SECCC, and to examine what impediments might exist to incorporate the SECCC into the Senate. As GAO works to complete its evaluation, the Committee will remain engaged with stakeholders and interested Members.

Resolution and Reorganization Reserve.—This line item is used to cover the costs of Senate resolutions and public laws that authorize expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate that do not have specific appropriations for such purpose.

Reserve for Contingencies.—This line item includes payment for gratuities for family members of deceased Senate employees; dam-

age to automobiles in the Senate parking lots; contractual, legal, and administrative services; and miscellaneous expenses, and is controlled by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Employees' Compensation Fund Reimbursements (Worker's Compensation).—Reimbursements made to the U.S. Department of Labor for total benefits and other payments made on behalf of Senate employees from the employees' compensation fund. Payments are authorized to be made from expired balances, a practice that is consistent with the other agencies of the legislative branch.

Reception of Foreign Dignitaries.—The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to expend not to exceed \$30,000 each fiscal year to receive foreign dignitaries under the authority of Senate Resolution 247, agreed to February 7, 1962, as amended.

Foreign Travel: Members and Employees.—Senate Resolution 179, agreed to May 25, 1977, authorized payment from the contingent fund of the Senate, of the domestic portion of transportation costs and travel expenses incurred by Members and employees of the Senate when engaged in authorized foreign travel.

Federal Employees' Compensation Account (Unemployment Compensation).—This line item provides for expenses incurred for the Senate to reimburse the Federal employees' compensation account, pursuant to Public Law 96-499, approved December 5, 1980, for unemployment compensation payments made to Senate employees.

Conferences for the Majority and Minority.—The amount recommended provides for the expenses of the majority and minority conference committees.

Policy Committees for the Majority and Minority.—The amount recommended provides for the expenses of the majority and minority policy committees.

Postage.—Provides for postage allowances for the President of the Senate, Secretary of the Majority, Secretary of the Minority, and Senate Chaplain.

Stationery.—Provides funds for stationery and office supplies for the President of the Senate, conference committees of the Senate, Office of the Chaplain, and the Senate Chamber.

Communications.—Provides funds for cellular telephone and mobile data devices and services for the Office of the Vice President, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, Office of the Chaplain, Majority Leader, Minority Leader, Majority Whip, and Minority Whip.

Consultants: Including Agency Contributions.—Provides authority for the appointment and payment of consultants to the majority and minority leaders, President pro tempore, President pro tempore emeritus, and the legislative counsel. The following summarizes the current authority and limitations:

Majority Leader.—Nine consultants at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. All of the consultants may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

Minority Leader.—Nine consultants at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. All of the consultants may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

Legislative Counsel (Subject to President Pro Tempore Approval).—Two consultants at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. All of the consultants may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

President Pro Tempore.—Three consultants at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. The consultants may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

President Pro Tempore Emeritus.—One consultant at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. The consultant may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

Senate National Security Working Group.—Provides funding for the Senate National Security Working Group, under the authority of Senate Resolution 75, agreed to March 25, 1999. The Senate National Security Working Group was formerly the Senate Arms Control Observer Group.

Committee on Appropriations.—Pursuant to Public Law 105–275 provides funding for administrative expenses for the Committee on Appropriations.

Senate Employees' Child Care Center: Agency Contributions.—Provides for the payment of agency contribution costs as authorized by Public Law 102–90, approved August 14, 1991, and Public Law 103–50, approved July 2, 1993, for employees of the Senate Employees' Child Care Center. The Senate Employees' Child Care Center is intended primarily for the children of Members and employees of the Senate.

Senate Employees' Child Care Center: Training Classes and Conference Costs.—Provides for the reimbursement of any individual employed by the Senate Employees' Child Care Center for the cost of training classes and conferences in connection with the provision of child care services and for travel, transportation, and subsistence expenses incurred in connection with the training classes and conferences, as authorized by Public Law 104–197, approved September 16, 1996.

Student Loan Repayment Program.—\$6,000,000 is provided for this program for fiscal year 2020 for the repayment of student loans, for eligible employees at the discretion of the employing office, to enhance recruitment and retention of Senate staff.

SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Appropriations, 2019	\$429,000,000
Budget estimate, 2020	531,054,152
Committee recommendation	449,000,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation for fiscal year 2020 of \$449,000,000 for the Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account [SOPOEA]. The recommendation is an increase of \$20,000,000 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and \$82,054,152 below the fiscal year 2020 request. Of the funding provided, \$20,128,950 is available until September 30, 2022.

This account funds salaries and benefits of Senators' staffs as well as the office expense allowance for Senators' offices. The

SOPOEA is comprised of three components. Two of these are for salaries of personnel in Senators' offices.

The allowance for administrative and clerical assistance is based on the population of States, beginning with States with a population of fewer than 5 million people to States with a population of 28 million or more. The table illustrates the allowances per population category and the States which fall into those categories. The estimate for fiscal year 2020 totals \$302,910,864.

The second component of the salaries allowance is for legislative assistance to Senators, as authorized by Public Law 95-94. This allowance provides funding for three positions in each Senator's office for a total of \$508,377 per office, or \$50,837,700 for all 100 Senators.

The third component of the SOPOEA account is for official office expenses and totals \$20,128,950. Each Senator's office is allocated an amount for office expenses, as displayed in the following table.

It should be noted that the amounts provided for the various components of the SOPOEA are interchangeable. Amounts provided for salaries may be used for expenses, and vice versa, subject to regulations set by the Committee on Rules and Administration with respect to official mail. It should also be noted that the figures in the following table are preliminary, and that official notification of member budgets is issued by the Financial Clerk of the Senate after enactment of this bill.

The following table illustrates the several components of the SOPOEA.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE
ALLOWANCE FISCAL YEAR 2020

State	Administrative and clerical assistance allowance 1/1/2020	Legislative assistance allowance 1/1/2020	O.O.E.A. allowance 1/1/2020	Total allowance 1/1/2020
Alabama	\$2,798,783	\$508,377	\$184,041	\$3,491,201
Alaska	2,798,783	508,377	252,700	3,559,860
Arizona	3,045,710	508,377	204,432	3,758,519
Arkansas	2,798,783	508,377	169,173	3,476,333
California	4,448,075	508,377	464,748	5,421,200
Colorado	2,881,090	508,377	195,542	3,585,009
Connecticut	2,798,783	508,377	161,229	3,468,389
Delaware	2,798,783	508,377	129,375	3,436,535
Florida	4,079,454	508,377	315,527	4,903,358
Georgia	3,292,645	508,377	222,264	4,023,286
Hawaii	2,798,783	508,377	279,883	3,587,043
Idaho	2,798,783	508,377	166,656	3,473,816
Illinois	3,457,263	508,377	264,451	4,230,091
Indiana	2,963,402	508,377	194,722	3,666,501
Iowa	2,798,783	508,377	171,485	3,478,645
Kansas	2,798,783	508,377	167,979	3,475,139
Kentucky	2,798,783	508,377	177,687	3,484,847
Louisiana	2,798,783	508,377	184,005	3,491,165
Maine	2,798,783	508,377	148,327	3,455,487
Maryland	2,963,402	508,377	173,736	3,645,515
Massachusetts	2,963,402	508,377	196,906	3,668,685
Michigan	3,292,645	508,377	233,155	4,034,177
Minnesota	2,881,090	508,377	191,456	3,580,923
Mississippi	2,798,783	508,377	167,309	3,474,469
Missouri	2,963,402	508,377	197,522	3,669,301
Montana	2,798,783	508,377	162,585	3,469,745

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE
ALLOWANCE FISCAL YEAR 2020—Continued

State	Administrative and clerical assistance allowance 1/1/2020	Legislative assistance allowance 1/1/2020	O.O.E.A. allowance 1/1/2020	Total allowance 1/1/2020
Nebraska	2,798,783	508,377	161,822	3,468,982
Nevada	2,798,783	508,377	177,481	3,484,641
New Hampshire	2,798,783	508,377	143,804	3,450,964
New Jersey	3,210,329	508,377	205,931	3,924,637
New Mexico	2,798,783	508,377	166,152	3,473,312
New York	3,974,130	508,377	304,731	4,787,238
North Carolina	3,292,645	508,377	224,116	4,025,138
North Dakota	2,798,783	508,377	151,060	3,458,220
Ohio	3,374,955	508,377	255,580	4,138,912
Oklahoma	2,798,783	508,377	180,310	3,487,470
Oregon	2,798,783	508,377	191,640	3,498,800
Pennsylvania	3,457,263	508,377	261,050	4,226,690
Rhode Island	2,798,783	508,377	138,950	3,446,110
South Carolina	2,881,090	508,377	176,750	3,566,217
South Dakota	2,798,783	508,377	152,826	3,459,986
Tennessee	2,963,402	508,377	196,538	3,668,317
Texas	4,448,075	508,377	375,342	5,331,794
Utah	2,798,783	508,377	173,361	3,480,521
Vermont	2,798,783	508,377	136,875	3,444,035
Virginia	3,128,022	508,377	199,556	3,835,955
Washington	3,045,710	508,377	219,826	3,773,913
West Virginia	2,798,783	508,377	145,898	3,453,058
Wisconsin	2,881,090	508,377	194,550	3,584,017
Wyoming	2,798,783	508,377	153,431	3,460,591
TOTAL	151,455,432	25,418,850	10,064,475	186,938,757
	x2	x2	x2	x2
Grand Total	302,910,864	50,837,700	20,128,950	373,877,514

According to the most recent employment data compiled by the Secretary of the Senate, as of July 31, 2019, there were 4,122 individuals employed in Senators' offices throughout the United States and covered by this appropriation.

In addition to providing funds for compensation of employees within Senators' offices, this appropriation also provides for agency contributions for those employees; that is, the Senate's share, as an employer, of the various employee benefit programs for which Senate employees are eligible. These payments are mandatory, and fluctuate according to the programs in which employees are enrolled, the level of compensation, and the degree of participation. Budget requests for this account prepared by the Financial Clerk must be based on both experience and evaluation of trends. The fiscal year 2020 funding level for this account anticipates \$125,800,000 in agency contribution costs.

The amount recommended by the Committee for the SOPOEA is less than would be required to cover all obligations that could be incurred under the authorized allowances for all Senators. The Committee is able to recommend an appropriation of a lesser amount than potentially necessary because Senators typically do not obligate funds up to the absolute ceiling of their respective allowances.

Veterans Hiring.—The Committee continues to encourage Members of Congress and their offices to look favorably on congressional job applicants with previous United States military service. Through their service, many veterans gain valuable leadership skills, perseverance, and perspective that can enhance the legislative process. The Committee encourages Members to incorporate these veterans' unique skills by increasing the number of veterans hired in their congressional offices. The Committee also encourages Congress to evaluate the potential for a congressional veterans fellowship program.

Senate Intern Compensation.—The Committee continues to believe that Senate internships should be available to the broadest possible pool of candidates who have the ability and interest to serve. Unfortunately, unpaid internships exclude those who cannot independently afford to work without pay, hindering students' future career opportunities and making it more difficult for Senators to attract and hire the most qualified interns, regardless of socioeconomic status. Providing interns financial compensation provides an avenue for more students to have the opportunity to serve their country and gain experience toward a career in public service. To date, 96 percent of Senators' offices have used funds provided in fiscal year 2019 to compensate interns.

In addition to funding allocated in the table above for Senators' office allowances and for agency contribution costs, the bill includes \$6,000,000 for the sole purpose of providing financial compensation to interns. Any intern compensation funding that remains unspent by any office will be returned to the Treasury in accordance with section 101 of the bill. Such funding is directed to be allocated among Senators' offices in relative proportion to funds allocated for each office's administrative and clerical assistance allowance for fiscal year 2020 shown in the table above, which reflect natural variables including State populations, with a small additional amount for non-contiguous states. On average, each office will be allocated an estimated \$60,000 for intern compensation.

With the establishment of the Senate Intern Compensation fund, tremendous progress has been made toward making internships more open and accessible to all students. However, there remains a lack of diversity amongst the counsels and senior legislative assistants in the Senate. Two factors that may be at play are the lack of internships and fellowships provided to graduates from minority serving institutions and law schools, and the lack of the salary offered to recent law school graduates. Another important step toward broadening the pool of candidates for senior positions is providing the opportunity to learn how the Senate works at the top levels. The additional \$1,000,000 provided in fiscal year 2020 may assist Senate offices in their efforts to diversify their law school student and graduate pools so that current law school students and recent graduates of minority servicing institutions may gain valuable work experience in the United States Senate.

Estimated Senators' Office Allocations for Intern Compensation

State	Intern
Alabama	\$55,300

Estimated Senators' Office Allocations for Intern Compensation—Continued

State	Intern
Alaska	59,600
Arizona	60,100
Arkansas	55,300
California	87,800
Colorado	56,900
Connecticut	55,300
Delaware	55,300
Florida	80,500
Georgia	65,000
Hawaii	59,600
Idaho	55,300
Illinois	68,300
Indiana	58,500
Iowa	55,300
Kansas	55,300
Kentucky	55,300
Louisiana	55,300
Maine	55,300
Maryland	58,500
Massachusetts	58,500
Michigan	65,000
Minnesota	56,900
Mississippi	55,300
Missouri	58,500
Montana	55,300
Nebraska	55,300
Nevada	55,300
New Hampshire	55,300
New Jersey	63,400
New Mexico	55,300
New York	78,500
North Carolina	65,000
North Dakota	55,300
Ohio	66,600
Oklahoma	55,300
Oregon	55,300
Pennsylvania	68,300
Rhode Island	55,300
South Carolina	56,900
South Dakota	55,300
Tennessee	58,500
Texas	87,800
Utah	55,300
Vermont	55,300
Virginia	61,800
Washington	60,100
West Virginia	55,300
Wisconsin	56,900
Wyoming	55,300
Total	3,000,000
	x2
Grand Total	6,000,000

OFFICIAL MAIL COSTS

Appropriations, 2019	\$300,000
Budget estimate, 2020	300,000
Committee recommendation	300,000

For the official mail costs of the Senate, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$300,000 which is equal to the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and the fiscal year 2020 request.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 101. This provision requires that amounts remaining in the Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account be used for deficit reduction or to reduce the Federal debt.

SEC. 102. This provision relates to the cost of living adjustments for Members of Congress.

JOINT ITEMS

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Appropriations, 2019	\$4,203,000
Budget estimate, 2020	4,203,000
Committee recommendation	4,203,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$4,203,000 for the Joint Economic Committee [JEC]. The recommendation is equal to the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and the fiscal year 2020 request. The Joint Economic Committee was created by the Employment Act of 1946. The primary tasks of the JEC are to review economic conditions and to recommend improvements in economic policy. The JEC performs research and economic analysis, and monitors and analyzes current economic, financial, and employment conditions.

JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES OF 2021

Appropriations, 2019	
Budget estimate, 2020	
Committee recommendation	\$1,500,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,500,000 for salaries and expenses of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies of 2021. This appropriation is provided every four years to provide for the expenses associated with the planning of the Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies. The recommendation is \$250,000 above the fiscal year 2016 appropriation.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Appropriations, 2019	\$11,169,000
Budget estimate, 2020	11,563,000
Committee recommendation	11,563,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$11,563,000 for salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Taxation. The recommendation is \$394,000 more than the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and equal to the fiscal year 2020 request.

The Joint Committee is established under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to:

- investigate the operation and effects of internal revenue taxes and the administration of such taxes;
- investigate measures and methods for the simplification of such taxes;

- make reports to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance (or to the House and the Senate) on the results of such investigations and studies and to make recommendations; and
- review any proposed refund or credit of income or estate and gift taxes or certain other taxes set forth in Code section 6405 in excess of \$2,000,000. In addition to these functions that are specified in the Internal Revenue Code, the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the Joint Committee to provide revenue estimates for all tax legislation considered by either the House of Representatives or the Senate.

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

Appropriations, 2019	\$3,798,000
Budget estimate, 2020	3,868,000
Committee recommendation	3,868,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,868,000 for the Office of the Attending Physician. The recommendation is \$70,000 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and equal to the fiscal year 2020 request. The Office was first established by House Resolution 253, adopted December 5, 1928.

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

Appropriations, 2019	\$1,486,000
Budget estimate, 2020	1,509,000
Committee recommendation	1,509,000

The Committee recommends \$1,509,000 for the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services [OCAS]. This office is a successor to the Special Services Office following enactment of the Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008.

The OCAS provides and coordinates accessibility services for individuals with disabilities, including Members of Congress, staff, and visitors to the U.S. Capitol complex. These services include sign language interpreting, adaptive tours, and wheelchair loans. OCAS also provides information regarding accessibility for individuals with disabilities, as well as related training and staff development to Members of Congress and employees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

CAPITOL POLICE

Appropriations, 2019	\$456,308,000
Budget estimate, 2020	463,341,000
Committee recommendation	464,341,000

The United States Capitol Police [USCP] is charged with the protection of the United States Congress, its legislative processes, Members, employees, visitors and facilities within the U.S. Capitol complex from crime, disruption or terrorism, so that the Congress may fulfill its constitutional responsibilities in a safe and open environment.

The Committee recommends \$464,341,000 for the USCP. The recommendation is \$8,033,000 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and is \$1,000,000 above the fiscal year 2020 request. The

recommended funding fully supports the final year of a 5-year plan to expand the number of USCP officers by an estimated 20 percent.

The Committee recommendation fully funds the USCP request of \$3,186,000 for Overtime in Salaries and Expenses, and \$3,775,000 in General Expenses to cover the costs associated with the 2020 National Presidential Conventions and costs needed in fiscal year 2020 to prepare for the 2021 Presidential Inauguration.

Risk-Based Protections for Members of Congress.—As highlighted by the 2017 shooting in Alexandria, Virginia, evolving threats to Congress include the physical targeting of Members of Congress. In fiscal year 2019, the Capitol Police opened more than 4,440 threat assessment cases. Further, the Department conducted more than 1,050 law enforcement coordinations, which is 418 cases, or an increase of 65 percent, above the number of coordinations conducted in 2018. In addition to securing the Capitol campus, the Committee finds that ensuring the continuity of government must include protecting the physical security of Members. The bill provides \$2,000,000 for the Department to enhance Member security outside of the Capitol campus in the National Capital Region [NCR], as warranted by risk-based analyses. This doubles the amount provided in fiscal year 2019, as the initiative has proven popular with Members; of note, as of August 2019, 96 percent of the \$1,000,000 provided in fiscal year 2019 was expended. These funds may be used to reimburse local law enforcement and/or support additional dignitary protection teams to be assigned on a flexible and dynamic basis. The increase will provide for additional patrol officers to travel to and be present at off-campus events; all the resulting support, including additional vehicles, specialized weapons, and relevant training; and to cover the increased need for the sworn officers and intel analysts who conduct the risk assessments, communicate with Member Offices, and conduct liaison activities with private and public sector partners.

The Committee expects the USCP to continue working closely with the Sergeant at Arms and local law enforcement partners in the NCR, as well as educating Member Offices on the USCP strategy for Members' protection within the NCR while outside the U.S. Capitol Grounds, as laid out in the December 2018 report detailing the Department's plans to enhance off-campus Member security in the NCR. As the USCP and SAA better engage with individual offices, the Committee believes that more Members will participate in the schedule notification process.

USCP Wellness Program.—The Committee supports the Department's efforts to date to develop an overall Wellness Program for the officers and civilian personnel of the U.S. Capitol Police. It is important to the Committee to ensure the Capitol Police workforce has the needed support in order to perform its critical national security mission of defending the legislative process. As a part of this law enforcement function, it is important for the Department to continue its effort to maintain the highest level of readiness.

Therefore, the Committee encourages the Department to begin implementation of a holistic Wellness Program for its workforce that emphasizes the importance of physical fitness, nutritional health, mental and emotional health, and financial wellness. With this emphasis on improving and maintaining both physical fitness

and mental health, the Department will be able to provide the support to its workforce to enable them to maintain full focus and attention to the Department's critical mission.

Within 45 days of enactment of this act, the Department is directed to submit a report to the Committee providing the scope, timeline and the cost estimates for implementation and maintenance of such a program. This report should include specific details on how the Department plans to utilize its current resources, such as fitness centers and contracted fitness training support in this effort, and how it would expand these capabilities to provide the greatest opportunity for its workforce to improve and maintain their physical fitness and nutritional health. The Department should also include details of the other focus areas for its Wellness Program, including but not limited to, mental, emotional, and financial health. This Program should be designed to achieve the highest level of participation of the USCP's workforce. The Committee looks forward to working closely with the Department to achieve this effort.

Dockless Commercial Scooters on U.S. Capitol Grounds.— Dockless commercial scooters, or e-scooters, and other motorized devices for rent have grown as a commuting option for congressional staffers, tourists, and other visitors to the District of Columbia and the Capitol Grounds. The Committee recognizes that new and expanding micromobility options in DC can offer alternatives to car travel and increase access to public transportation; however, the Committee also believes that this is a public safety concern impacting vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the Capitol Grounds. The serious safety and security concerns raised by the U.S. Capitol Police and other members of the Congressional community regarding the increasing number of e-scooters routinely and randomly left unattended on sidewalks, roadways, and high-pedestrian access areas throughout the Capitol Grounds must be addressed. This spring, the USCP sent letters to 10 e-scooter companies approved or conditionally approved by the District Department of Transportation for dockless scooter operations in the District of Columbia, informing them of the Traffic Regulations for the U.S. Capitol Grounds [CTR], which prohibit the use of scooters or any similar device on Capitol Grounds (CTR §16.2.60), among other prohibitions, and asked that the companies take immediate action to ensure their compliance with the CTR. Since that time, the Committee notes less e-scooters cluttering the Grounds due to efforts by the USCP and e-scooter companies to remove abandoned devices. The Committee expects the Capitol Police to continue to expand its outreach efforts to e-scooter companies and the District, and work to better educate users, including Congressional staff, city residents, and visitors, on the restrictions for using and/or parking e-scooters on Capitol Grounds.

SALARIES

Appropriations, 2019	\$374,804,000
Budget estimate, 2020	378,062,000
Committee recommendation	379,062,000

The amount provided covers salaries, benefits, and overtime costs. USCP personnel are also eligible for hazardous duty pay and

comparability pay similar to locality pay adjustments granted other Federal law enforcement personnel in the Washington, DC, area.

The Committee recommends \$379,062,000 for USCP salaries, which is \$4,258,000 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and \$1,000,000 above the fiscal year 2020 request. The Committee recommendation provides funding for an additional 57 sworn officers and an additional civilian position in the Office of Inspector General.

USCP Office of Inspector General.—The Committee includes funds to support not less than six FTE within the USCP Office of Inspector General [OIG]. The Committee notes that additional oversight of the USCP is conducted by the Government Accountability Office to supplement the work of the USCP OIG, as needed.

Overtime.—The Committee recommends no more than \$47,048,000 for overtime in fiscal year 2020. This provides for approximately 717,791 hours of additional duty including for coverage of the 2020 National Conventions and pre-inauguration.

The Committee notes that overtime pay is a standard practice law enforcement entities utilize to respond to unscheduled and unanticipated events. However, the Committee finds that keeping overtime pay at a minimum should continue to be a goal of the USCP. The Committee appreciates the efforts of the USCP to better track and manage overtime pay in order to keep overtime costs to a minimum. The Committee directs the USCP to continue to keep the Committee apprised of these efforts.

The Committee directs the USCP to provide for overtime in accordance with the budget request, as provided for in the following table.

	Funding	Hours estimated
Scheduled, (including training)	\$41,220,000	629,082
Unscheduled	2,626,000	40,000
LOC—non-reimbursable events	243,000	3,709
2020 National Conventions/Pre-inauguration	2,959,000	45,000
Total	47,048,000	717,791

The recommendation does not include funds for USCP overtime for requirements associated with major construction projects undertaken by the Architect of the Capitol [AOC] as those funds are provided to the AOC as part of the overall project costs for those major projects and are paid to the USCP on a reimbursable basis. The Committee expects the USCP to operate within the designated funding level for requirements associated with each project. The Committee directs the USCP to provide for any additional requirement costs beyond that allocation.

GENERAL EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2019	\$81,504,000
Budget estimate, 2020	85,279,000
Committee recommendation	85,279,000

Expenses include office supplies and equipment, communications, motor vehicles, uniforms and equipment, investigations, training, and miscellaneous items.

The Committee recommends \$85,279,000 for general expenses, which is \$3,775,000 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and identical to the fiscal year 2020 request.

Training to “Stop the Bleed”.—Similar to CPR training, which is an important life-saving skill, basic bleeding control techniques are critical to saving lives. Developed by the American College of Surgeons [ACS] after the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, “Stop the Bleed” training works to enhance survivability from mass shootings as well as other casualty events such as car accidents and home accidents. “Stop the Bleed” training empowers first responders, as well as non-professional individuals, with basic skills and techniques to immediately control external bleeding until medical help arrives. The ACS provides both direct training and “train the trainer” courses with the educational component of “Stop the Bleed” offered free of charge and courses are run at cost. The Committee continues to support the expansion of “Stop the Bleed” training on the Capitol campus, as well as in schools, workplaces, and other organizations, in order to improve survival rates of mass shootings and other events causing life-threatening external bleeding.

The Committee appreciates that the UCSP has begun providing bleeding control training to officers and personnel. As of August 2019, the Capitol Police has trained more than 1,400 personnel in Tactical Combat Casualty Care. The Committee directs the USCP to continue such efforts, utilizing the “Stop the Bleed” methodology, to ensure that all officers can respond to and administer basic bleeding control techniques to individuals with trauma. The Committee directs the USCP to provide periodic updates to the Committee detailing such training plans for new recruits and current officers.

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE RIGHTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2019	\$6,332,670
Budget estimate, 2020	6,332,670
Committee recommendation	6,333,000

The Congressional Accountability Act [CAA] (Public Law 104–1) established an independent Office of Congressional Workplace Rights [OCWR], formerly the Office of Compliance, to apply the rights and protections of the following labor and employment statutes to covered employees within the Legislative Branch: the Fair Labor Standards Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Federal Service Labor Management Relations Act, the Employee Polygraph Protection Act, the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, the Rehabilitation Act, and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. This Act was amended in 1998 to apply the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act and in 2008 to apply the Genetic Information and Nondiscrimination Act. On December 21, 2018, the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 Reform Act (Public Law 115–397) was signed into law expanding the Office’s duties and respon-

sibilities, as well as the number of employees covered by the CAA and the CAA Reform Act [CAARA].

The Office of Congressional Workplace Rights administers and ensures the integrity of the neutral dispute resolution process concerning claims that arise under the CAA and CAARA. The Office also carries out an education and training program for congressional Members, employing offices and congressional employees to assist them in understanding their rights and responsibilities under the CAA and CAARA.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$6,333,000 for the salaries and expenses of the OCWR, which is \$330 above the fiscal year 2019 enacted level and \$330 above the fiscal year 2020 request.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2019	\$50,737,000
Budget estimate, 2020	53,556,000
Committee recommendation	54,941,000

The Congressional Budget Office [CBO] is responsible for providing to the Congress objective, nonpartisan, and timely analyses to aid in economic and budgetary decisions on the wide array of programs covered by the Federal budget, and the information and estimates required for the congressional budget process.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$54,941,000 for the CBO. The recommendation is \$4,204,000 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and \$1,385,000 above the fiscal year 2020 request.

Promoting Transparency.—The Congressional Budget Office provides Congress with budgetary and economic analysis that is important to the legislative process and can have significant policy implications. The Committee supports CBO's current and planned efforts of improving and promoting transparency of the agency's modeling and cost estimate process. CBO should continue with efforts on transparency that respect the interests of Congress and maintain the agency's professional independence. To that end, the Committee provides full funding to support CBO's request to fully fund 14 staff (8 FTE) hired throughout fiscal year 2019 and to hire an estimated 6 new employees (1 FTE) for transparency and responsiveness efforts for fiscal year 2020. Further, the Committee directs CBO to provide the Committee with an updated report within 90 days of enactment of this act detailing the agency's ongoing and future efforts to implement the multi-year plan to increase its capacity to make CBO's work as transparent and responsive as possible. This should also review the agency's transparency efforts during 2019.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

The Office of the Architect of the Capitol [AOC] is responsible to the United States Congress for the maintenance, operation, development, and preservation of 16.5 million square feet of buildings and more than 450 acres of land throughout the Capitol complex.

This includes the Capitol, the Capitol Visitor Center, the House and Senate office buildings, the Library of Congress buildings, the U.S. Botanic Garden, the Capitol Power Plant, and other facilities. The AOC also provides professional expertise with regard to the preservation of architectural and artistic elements entrusted to its care, and provides recommendations concerning design, construction, and maintenance of the facilities and grounds.

The Committee has recommended a funding level of \$585,782,000 for activities of the Architect of the Capitol, excluding the House Office Buildings account. The recommendation is \$49,135,000 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and \$71,211,000 below the fiscal year 2020 request.

The following table compares the Committee recommendation for the AOC accounts to the fiscal year 2020 request, excluding the House Office Buildings account.

Item	Fiscal year 2020 request	Committee recommendation	Difference
Capital Construction and Operations	\$128,915,000	\$126,554,000	\$(2,361,000)
Capitol Building	68,878,000	63,378,000	(5,500,000)
Capitol Grounds	22,824,000	22,824,000	.....
Senate Office Buildings	87,424,000	88,424,000	1,000,000
Capitol Power Plant	142,225,000	130,225,000	(12,000,000)
Library Buildings and Grounds	121,346,000	63,646,000	(57,700,000)
Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds, and Security	54,966,000	50,316,000	(4,650,000)
Botanic Garden	16,094,000	16,094,000	.....
Capitol Visitor Center	24,321,000	24,321,000	.....
Total	656,993,000	585,782,000	(71,211,000)

Outdoor Recycling.—The Committee commends the efforts of the AOC and the United States Capitol Police for implementing outdoor recycling programs on the Capitol grounds while maintaining security of the complex. The Committee encourages the Architect of the Capitol and the USCP to continue to collaborate and work together to expand these efforts where appropriate in high-traffic areas across the Capitol complex. The AOC is also encouraged to work with the USCP to find additional locations where garbage and recycling cans can be co-located and clearly marked on the Capitol grounds.

Office of Inspector General.—The Committee feels strongly that the AOC OIG must maintain a staffing level commensurate with the scale of AOC's vast portfolio of operations, constructions, and contract oversight. Within funds provided, the Committee directs the AOC OIG to employ not fewer than 15 FTE positions during fiscal year 2020. The Committee also directs the AOC to ensure that sufficient funding is available for contracts and other expenses identified by the AOC OIG to fulfill its mission. Finally, the Committee reiterates that the independence of the AOC OIG is of the utmost importance.

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS

Appropriations, 2019	\$103,962,000
Budget estimate, 2020	128,915,000
Committee recommendation	126,554,000

The Capital Construction and Operations appropriation provides funding for salaries and related benefits of the Architect, officers, administrative and support staff, including engineering and architecture employees. This account also provides for administrative items such as agency-wide contractual services; surveys and studies; information technology; and safety engineering operations.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$126,554,000 for capital construction and operations. The recommendation is \$22,592,000 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and \$2,361,000 below the fiscal year 2020 request.

AOC Response to Sexual Harassment Complaints.—The Committee remains concerned with the findings of the March 15, 2019 AOC OIG review of the AOC’s response to sexual harassment complaints over the previous 10 year period. Employees of the AOC should feel their work environment is safe and that complaints of harassment and discrimination are taken seriously.

The AOC is directed to report to the Committee within 60 days of enactment of this act on the status of implementation for each of the 16 inquiry results listed in the AOC OIG’s report, to include the implementation of the recommendations identified in prior OIG sexual harassment management advisories that went unimplemented in previous years. The report should detail the timeline for implementation as well as any updates or revisions to the AOC’s internal policies relating to harassment and discrimination, including employee training on how to prevent and properly report incidents.

CAPITOL BUILDING

Appropriations, 2019	\$43,992,000
Budget estimate, 2020	68,878,000
Committee recommendation	63,378,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$63,378,000 for necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol, which is \$19,386,000 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and \$5,500,000 below the fiscal year 2020 request. Of the amount recommended, \$35,399,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2024.

Accessibility.—The Committee believes it is critical for all individuals visiting the U.S. Capitol complex to have the opportunity to be inspired and learn. Individuals with disabilities should receive the same information and experiences as those who do not have disabilities. Signage, brochures and many exhibit descriptions are available in braille and/or large print. There are several touchable models available as is an audio descriptive tour of Exhibition Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center [CVC]. The Committee supports the efforts of the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services [OCAS] to develop a touchable model/map of the CVC and the Capitol complex. The Committee also supports the development of a descriptive audio tour for the redesigned Exhibition Hall located in the CVC. Further, the Committee supports efforts to enhance independent navigation and access to visual information for those who are blind or have low vision and is aware that enhanced access technologies are emerging, including remote video connectivity to trained visual interpreters that can support such access. The Com-

mittee recommends that the AOC, working with the OCAS, research and evaluate access technologies for those who are blind or have low vision that enable access to visual information and enhance independent navigation. The Committee expects to receive a briefing within 180 days of enactment of this act on plans to incorporate these technologies into the visitor experience in the Capitol building.

Display of the Official Flags of Federally Recognized Indian Tribes.—The Committee encourages the AOC to study the feasibility of the display of the Official flags of federally recognized Indian Tribes in visible spaces on the Capitol campus. The AOC is requested to provide a report to the Committee within 120 days of enactment of this act describing potential scope and display method options.

Depictions of Native Americans and Native American History in the Capitol.—There are depictions of Native Americans throughout the Capitol complex that do not portray Native Americans as equals or Indian Tribes as independent sovereigns. The Committee urges the AOC to work with the Native American historians and professionals at the National Museum of the American Indian to ensure that the Capitol complex more accurately and respectfully represents the history of Native Americans. The AOC is also encouraged to acknowledge in its exhibitions on American history and tradition the elements that have originated from Native American cultures.

Miscellaneous Improvements Notifications.—The Committee appreciates the AOC's efforts to document and notify the Committee of "Miscellaneous Improvements" projects, which are completed projects that costs less than \$5,000 for labor and materials. The Committee directs the AOC to provide quarterly reports on Miscellaneous Improvements projects, including a description and cost of each project and the status of total funding set aside for this purpose.

The following table displays the budget detail.

CAPITOL BUILDING

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget	\$27,979,000	\$27,979,000
Fiscal Year 2020 Project Budget		
Exterior Stone and Metal Preservation, USC	22,300,000	22,300,000
Fiscal Year 2021 Presidential Inaugural Stands and Support Facilities, USC	7,000,000	7,000,000
Electric Power Distribution System Replacement, House, USC	5,500,000	5,500,000
Minor Construction	5,500,000	5,500,000
Conservation of Fine and Architectural Art	599,000	599,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	40,899,000	35,399,000
Total, Capitol Building	68,878,000	63,378,000

CAPITOL GROUNDS

Appropriations, 2019	\$16,761,000
Budget estimate, 2020	22,824,000
Committee recommendation	22,824,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$22,824,000 for Capitol Grounds for the care and improvements of the grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant. The recommendation is \$6,063,000 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and equal to the fiscal year 2020 request. Of the amount recommended, \$10,800,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2024.

The following table displays the budget detail:

CAPITOL GROUNDS

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget	\$12,024,000	\$12,024,000
Fiscal Year 2020 Project Budget		
Campus Wide Utility Survey	4,600,000	4,600,000
Summerhouse Restoration, CG	3,200,000	3,200,000
Minor Construction	3,000,000	3,000,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	10,800,000	10,800,000
Total, Capitol Grounds	22,824,000	22,824,000

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Appropriations, 2019	\$93,562,000
Budget estimate, 2020	87,424,000
Committee recommendation	88,424,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$88,424,000 for maintenance of the Senate office buildings. The recommendation is \$5,138,000 below the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and \$1,000,000 above the fiscal year 2020 request. Of the amount recommended, \$23,100,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2024.

The following table displays the budget detail:

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget	\$65,324,000	\$65,324,000
Fiscal Year 2020 Project Budget		
HVAC AHU Improvements, HSOB	13,700,000	13,700,000
Prescriptive Egress Improvements, HSOB	1,800,000	1,800,000
Exterior Envelope Rehabilitation, DSOB	1,600,000	1,600,000

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS—Continued

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Minor Construction	5,000,000	6,000,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	22,100,000	23,100,000
Total, Senate Office Buildings	87,424,000	88,424,000

Russell Senate Office Building.—The Committee appreciates that the AOC has continued to make significant progress on implementing solutions recommended by a Blue Ribbon Panel to address potential fire hazards in the Russell Senate Office Building. The Committee believes that continued oversight of the project is essential to ensure it is completed as soon as possible.

Senate Child Care Facility Assessment.—Because the physical capacity of the Senate Employee Child Care Center [SECCC] is extremely limited relative to the number of Senate employees, the Committee previously directed the AOC to identify and evaluate potential options for expanding the physical capacity of the SECCC. The Committee understands there have been delays in awarding the contract for this study which has resulted in a delay to the Committee's original reporting requirement. The Committee expects the AOC to provide its report by March 31, 2020.

In anticipation of receipt of the report and a potential decision made on the path forward for facility expansion, the Committee wants to ensure that the AOC has the initial resources in fiscal year 2020 to move promptly and ensure a successful design effort. Therefore, the Committee provides an additional \$1,000,000 for Senate Office Buildings Minor Construction above the request to be used for pre-design activities if the selection of a preferred option from the ongoing study is finalized. Such pre-design activities would include developing a site specific program of requirements, an acquisition plan, and an independent government estimate.

Senate Composting Program.—The Architect of the Capitol's program to collect and process post-consumer compostables generated in Senate offices ended in 2016. Since that time, the Senate composting program has focused exclusively on diverting kitchen-generated food waste. The Committee urges the AOC's Senate Superintendent's Office to explore options to expand the composting program to improve the Senate Office Buildings waste diversion rate, and provide interested Senate offices the opportunity to participate in the program.

Senate and Capitol Food Services.—The Architect of the Capitol, in consultation with the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Committee on Rules and Administration, is directed to commission a master plan for all food service and catering facilities in the Senate Office Buildings and the Senate wing of the Capitol, not including the retail operations at the Capitol Visitor Center. The master plan should include, but not be limited to, the following: a survey of the needs and preferences of Senate customers; a survey of similar food services in Federal agencies and large institutional settings; a detailed space audit and utilization analysis to ensure efficiency for all kitchen, storage, seating, administrative, and other

restaurant facilities; current information technology use and recommendations for upgrades; new restaurant concepts and a cohesive plan for each food services location; and conceptual design for all retail, catering, kitchen, and seating areas. The master plan should present alternatives that are cost-effective, value-centered for the customer, and that avoid the need for ongoing appropriations for non-capital items. The master plan should also include a study of current operating costs and profitability for each food service facility. The intent is that the master plan will provide recommendations and directions for phased modernization and renovations for food service facilities that better serve the Senate community and public. The study should be completed no later than January 31, 2021.

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

Appropriations, 2019	\$114,050,000
Budget estimate, 2020	142,225,000
Committee recommendation	130,225,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$130,225,000 for the operations of the Capitol Power Plant. This is supplemented by \$10,000,000 in reimbursements, for a total of \$140,225,000. The recommendation is \$16,175,000 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and \$12,000,000 below the fiscal year 2020 request. Of the amount provided, \$46,600,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2024.

The Power Plant provides heat, light, power, and air-conditioning for the Capitol, Senate and House office buildings, and the Library of Congress buildings; heat, light, and power for the Botanic Garden and the Senate and House Garages; light for the Capitol Grounds' street, park, and floodlighting system; steam heat for the Government Publishing Office and Washington City Post Office, also known as Postal Square; and steam heat and air-conditioning for the Union Station complex, Folger Shakespeare Library, the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building, and the U.S. Supreme Court Building on a reimbursable basis.

The Committee supports continuation of the project, initiated in fiscal year 2012, to replace the cooling towers in the West Refrigeration Plant. The Committee notes that the project cost will total \$233,666,000 and that \$130,316,000 in appropriations has already been provided spanning nine fiscal years. The remaining \$103,350,000 will be requested in future years. The Committee provides \$26,400,000 for this project in fiscal year 2020 and looks forward to continuing efforts on this project.

Within the operating budget, the recommended amount for the purchase of electricity from the local private utility, payment to the government of the District of Columbia for the provision of water and sewer services, and the procurement of boiler fuel, is displayed in the following table.

FISCAL YEAR 2020 ESTIMATED UTILITY COSTS

	Cost
Purchase of electrical energy	\$27,455,000
Purchase of natural gas	14,570,000

FISCAL YEAR 2020 ESTIMATED UTILITY COSTS—Continued

	Cost
Purchase of steam	1,060,000
Purchase of oil	1,011,000
Purchase of solid fuel	250,000
Water and Sewer payments	8,398,000
Utilities for Postal Square	725,000
Energy Saving Performance Contracts	15,041,000
Energy Reduction Services Contract	650,000
Total	69,160,000

The balance of this appropriation supports a workforce to operate and maintain the Power Plant.

The following table displays the budget detail:

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget	\$84,625,000	\$83,625,000
Fiscal Year 2020 Project Budget		
Piping Replacements and Egress Improvements, RPR, Phase V, WRP	26,400,000	26,400,000
R Tunnel Improvements, Constitution	10,100,000	10,100,000
Pipe Expansion Joint Improvements, Y Tunnel, A line	7,400,000	.....
Pipe Expansion Joint Improvements, G Tunnel	4,900,000	4,900,000
Switchgear A and Final Chiller Replacement, RPR, Phase VII, WRP	1,200,000	1,200,000
Minor Construction	4,000,000	4,000,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	57,600,000	46,600,000
Total, Capitol Power Plant	142,225,000	130,225,000

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Appropriations, 2019	\$68,525,000
Budget estimate, 2020	121,346,000
Committee recommendation	63,646,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$63,646,000 for the care and maintenance of the Library buildings and grounds by the Architect of the Capitol, of which \$33,100,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2024. The recommendation is \$4,879,000 below the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and \$57,700,000 below the fiscal year 2020 request.

The following table displays the budget detail:

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget	\$30,546,000	\$30,546,000
Fiscal Year 2020 Project Budget		
Emergency Generator, JMMB	48,800,000	.....
Copper Roof Replacement and Fall Protection, JAB	16,500,000	16,500,000
Stained Glass Window Repairs, NE, East, and SE Windows, TJB	7,900,000	7,900,000
Sixth Floor Terrace, JMMB	7,100,000	.....
ESPC Management Program, LBG	5,200,000	5,200,000
Exterior Masonry and Envelope Repairs, JAB	1,800,000	.....
Minor Construction	3,500,000	3,500,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	90,800,000	33,100,000
Total, Library Buildings and Grounds	121,346,000	63,646,000

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND SECURITY

Appropriations, 2019	\$57,714,000
Budget estimate, 2020	54,966,000
Committee recommendation	50,316,000

The Committee recommends \$50,316,000 for Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds, and Security, which is \$7,398,000 below the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and \$4,650,000 below the fiscal year 2020 request. Of this amount, \$23,100,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2024.

The following table displays the budget detail:

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND SECURITY

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget	\$26,966,000	\$27,216,000
Fiscal Year 2020 Project Budget		
Barrier Lifecycle and Security Kiosk Repairs and Replacement, Phase IV, OSP	8,300,000	8,300,000
Roof Replacement, ACF	7,300,000	7,300,000
Perimeter Security Fence Modification, OSP	4,900,000	.....
Off-site Delivery Screening Center and Study, OSP	1,500,000	1,500,000
Visitor Vestibules, OSP	1,000,000	1,000,000
Minor Construction	5,000,000	5,000,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	28,000,000	23,100,000
Total, Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds, and Security	54,966,000	50,316,000

BOTANIC GARDEN

Appropriations, 2019	\$14,759,000
Budget estimate, 2020	16,094,000
Committee recommendation	16,094,000

The Committee recommends \$16,094,000 for salaries and expenses of the Botanic Garden. The recommendation is \$1,335,000 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and equal to the fiscal year budget request 2020 request. Of this amount, \$4,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2024.

The following table displays the budget detail:

BOTANIC GARDEN

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget	\$12,094,000	\$12,094,000
Fiscal Year 2020 Project Budget		
Minor Construction	4,000,000	4,000,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	4,000,000	4,000,000
Total, Botanic Garden	16,094,000	16,094,000

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Appropriations, 2019	\$23,322,000
Budget estimate, 2020	24,321,000
Committee recommendation	24,321,000

The Committee recommends a total of \$24,321,000 for the operation of the Capitol Visitor Center. The recommendation is \$999,000 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and equal to the fiscal year 2020 request.

The following table displays the budget detail:

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget	\$24,321,000	\$24,321,000
Total, Capitol Visitor Center	24,321,000	24,321,000

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 130. This provision prohibits payment of bonuses to contractors behind schedule or over budget.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Library of Congress [Library] is the largest library in the world and an unmatched source of information for Congress, the American people and beyond. The Library acquires, registers, preserves, protects and makes accessible the creative record of the United States. It is the main research arm of the United States Congress and its resources and services are used by millions of peo-

ple every month. Its mission is to support the Congress in fulfilling its constitutional duties and to further the progress of knowledge and creativity for the benefit of the American people. The Library's collections include more than 167 million items (books, photographs, maps, sound recordings, films, sheet music, legal materials) in 470 languages. Digital technology is transforming the way the Library does its work, and the institution plays an important leadership role in superimposing digital library collections and services on those that are analog based. The Library of Congress houses the Congressional Research Service, U.S. Copyright Office, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Law Library of Congress, and numerous other programs and services.

The Committee recommends a total of \$735,801,000 for the Library of Congress, an increase of \$39,689,000 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and \$11,276,000 below the fiscal year 2020 request.

In addition to the appropriation, the Library estimates receipts of \$55,703,000, funds from gifts and trusts totaling \$14,928,000, and reimbursable and revolving funds totaling \$231,975,000. Total funds available to support Library operations, including the Architect of the Capitol account, are expected to be approximately \$1,031,422,000 in fiscal year 2020 under the Committee recommendation.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2019	\$474,052,000
Budget estimate, 2020	522,570,000
Committee recommendation	514,606,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$514,606,000 for salaries and expenses of the Library of Congress and approves authority to spend receipts of \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2020, for a total of \$520,606,000. The recommendation is \$40,554,000 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and \$7,964,000 below the fiscal year 2020 request. Included within this recommendation, as requested by the Library for fiscal year 2020, is \$7,000,000 for Data Center Transformation and Modernization (phase II); \$3,862,000 for the Office of the Chief Financial Officer Optimization and Modernization; and \$3,617,000 for Congress.gov enhancements.

The recommendation for this account also reflects a shift in appropriations associated with the centralization of information technology [IT] funding from across the Library into the Office of Chief Information Officer [OCIO]. A total of \$13,556,000 will move to the OCIO in fiscal year 2020, reflecting the cost of IT activities that were funded previously within the Congressional Research Service, Copyright Office, and the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The realignment of these funds will help facilitate the final phases of IT centralization across the Library. The Committee expects the Library to provide a detailed spend plan, including any increase in FTE levels for the IT modernization intended to be addressed with the funds provided in fiscal year 2020.

IT Modernization.—The Committee continues to invest in IT modernization at the Library, including updating outdated infrastructure, supporting migration to a Tier III data center, and im-

proving the security of the networks. To facilitate the oversight of these investments, the Committee directs the Library to develop a critical path for its overarching IT modernization efforts. The critical path should use best practice criteria from the Government Accountability Office, Project Management Institute, or other entity with similar expertise to outline a set of detailed milestones and outcome measures over the span of the modernization effort, to be updated on a rolling basis as milestones are met and modernization moves forward. The baselined critical path should be completed, and shared with the Committee, within 30 days of enactment of this act.

Thomas Jefferson Building Visitor Experience.—The Committee and the Congress continue to support the public-private partnership to enhance visitors' experiences at the Library of Congress by expanding, revitalizing, and better showcasing the Library's available programs and historical artifacts. After reviewing the Library's Visitor Experience Master Plan, the Committee provided written approval to release the \$8,000,000 provided in the fiscal year 2018 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act (Public Law 115–244). The Committee directs the Library to use these funds to further develop the design of the elements presented in the Master Plan. The fiscal year 2020 recommendation includes an additional \$10,000,000 for the Visitor Experience, which would bring the total Federal investment provided thus far for the project to \$20,000,000. Along with budget submissions as part of the regular appropriations process, the Library is directed to provide periodic updates to the Committee on updates to designs, cost estimates, and anticipated timelines for construction and implementation of the plan. These updates should also include progress on fundraising initiatives for the private funding, including both donations in-hand and verbal commitments, to support the Library Visitor Experience.

Veterans History Project.—The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$2,586,000 for the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project [VHP]. VHP oversees a nationwide effort to build an archive of oral histories, from World War I through current conflicts, by collecting, preserving, and making available the personal stories of American war veterans and the civilian workers who support them. The VHP collection includes submissions from every State and is the largest oral history project in the United States. Through an active national outreach effort to volunteer organizations, institutions, and individuals across the country, VHP gained new participants and acquired 4,484 new collections in fiscal year 2018. The Committee supports VHP's ongoing digitization efforts, with the portion of materials digitized reaching 106,213 items from 53,995 collections in fiscal year 2018.

Surplus Books Program.—The Committee supports the Library's Surplus Books Program, which acts as an ambassador of goodwill for the Library nationwide by providing excess books to local libraries and non-profits across the country. The program is utilized by participating institutions to expand literary collections and provide individuals access to a broad variety of reading materials. The Committee continues to provide funding specifically for the pro-

program, in order to ensure continued nationwide access to the program and enable the Library to expand program awareness.

Teaching with Primary Sources.—The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$9,110,000 for the Library of Congress' Teaching with Primary Sources program [TPS]. TPS is a teacher training initiative that encourages educators to incorporate the Library's online primary sources into school curricula. Library staff harness the power of primary sources as teaching tools by providing educators with methods and materials that build student literacy skills, content knowledge, and critical thinking abilities. TPS has successfully worked with educators in 49 States, the District of Columbia, and American Samoa. The Committee notes that the Library sponsors many educational lectures and events and encourages the Library to incorporate excerpts from these presentations into the curriculum materials it develops. The Committee is aware of the important role that colleges, universities, and other educational institutions and foundations have held in developing and expanding the scope and reach of the Teaching with Primary Sources program since its authorization in 2005. The Committee encourages the Library to maintain its partnerships with these educational entities to continue to expand this effective teacher training initiative that incorporates the Library's impressive digital collections into school curricula.

Preservation.—The Committee notes that the Library utilizes multiple preservation strategies to extend the life of its vast collections for future generations to enjoy, including building and operating climate-controlled storage facilities, preparing new acquisitions for commercial binding and shelving, deacidification, and digital reformatting. The Committee supports the Library's preservation efforts and directs the Library to continue funding for ongoing preservation activities at not less than the current level for each ongoing preservation strategy.

National Film and Sound Recording Preservation Programs.—The Committee recognizes the important work of the National Film Preservation Program and the National Sound Recording Preservation Program, including the federally chartered National Film and National Recording Preservation Foundations [Foundations]. Consistent with the authorizing statute, the Foundations utilize both public and private matching funds to provide grants to a wide array of educational and non-profit organizations that help preserve historical and cultural artifacts that would otherwise disappear or be destroyed over time. Given that these programs were reauthorized under the Library of Congress Sound Recording and Film Preservation Programs Reauthorization Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–217), the Committee expects that the Library will provide support to these programs.

Meeting of Frontiers.—The Committee is encouraged that the Library of Congress is moving forward with a high-priority effort to migrate the digital collection containing the story of the American-Russian frontiers in Alaska and Siberia from an aging and unsustainable website to a modern, supportable, and more discoverable digital platform by the end of fiscal year 2020. The project will be accomplished using existing resources in the Library's budget. In addition to modernizing the current online collection for the

use of future generations, the project will make available digitized items not previously found online, and will ensure that the existing website will remain openly accessible via a web archive.

The Committee is concerned, however, about some aspects of the Library's plan. The Committee therefore directs the Library to ensure that all materials collected from Russian and American repositories that were not accessioned onto the existing Meeting of Frontiers website are accessioned and posted to the new platform or, after consultation with partner institutions, links to the collections posted at the partner institutions' sites are provided. Further, the Committee directs that all existing English-language translations of explanatory text, as well as other supplemental information, and links that allow researchers, archivists, librarians, educators, students, and the public to more fully understand the documents posted at the current website are migrated to the new platform. Further, the Committee directs the Library to include on the new site, after consultation with Alaskan stakeholders, additional links to repositories of Alaskan and Russian-American materials held in Alaska and throughout the United States. Further, the Committee directs the Library to engage in meaningful consultation with American Arctic scholars, librarians, archivists, teachers, and other stakeholders regarding the content and usefulness of the Meeting of Frontiers collection on the new platform and how it will meet the needs of those who will access the materials in the future. Finally, the Committee directs the Library to submit, no later than February 2, 2020, a plan developed in consultation with Alaskan stakeholders for creating English-language explanatory text for selected materials newly posted to the Meeting of Frontiers collection.

DATA Act Information System.—The Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 [DATA Act] (Public Law 113–101) mandated a centrally reported and standardized government-wide, financial agency account and award activity information system for the executive branch. The Committee is interested in understanding how this information could be leveraged to provide Congress with a tool tailored to the legislative branch to assist in its oversight and appropriations roles. The Committee directs the Library to engage with interested Members on how a system to support the Congress could be incorporated into the Library's plans to modernize the existing information system for the legislative branch. The Library shall report to the Committee on the needs identified, including specific technical requirements; the feasibility of implementing such requirements; and the budgetary impact to the Library and CRS.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2019	\$43,589,000
Budget estimate, 2020	43,289,000
Committee recommendation	42,137,000

The United States Copyright Office plays an important role in our Nation's intellectual property system. Copyright law is the foundation for the creation and dissemination of American artistic works, leading to substantial economic and cultural benefits. The

Copyright Office serves multiple central roles in the copyright system, overseeing the registration of copyrighted works, administering the copyright law, and providing counsel to Congress on copyright policy.

The Committee recommends the direct appropriation of \$42,137,000 for the Copyright Office and approves authority to spend receipts of \$49,703,000 in fiscal year 2020, for a total of \$91,840,000. The recommendation for total funding available is \$1,567,000 below the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and \$1,152,000 below the fiscal year 2020 request.

Information Technology Modernization.—The recommendation continues funding for Copyright Office IT modernization. The Committee commends the collaboration of the Copyright Office with the Library’s Office of Chief Information Officer in the overall IT modernization effort for the Library. The Committee directs the Copyright Office and the Library’s OCIO to continue to work together to achieve efficiencies in shared services, while allowing for mission specific modernization to be the responsibility of the Copyright Office.

The Committee directs the Copyright Office to provide a detailed spend plan for the IT modernization efforts intended to be addressed with the funds provided in fiscal year 2020. Additionally, the Committee directs the Copyright Office to develop a critical path for its mission specific modernization efforts. The critical path should use best practice criteria from the Government Accountability Office, Project Management Institute, or other entity with similar expertise to outline a set of detailed milestones and outcome measures over the span of the modernization effort, to be updated on a rolling basis as milestones are met and modernization moves forward. The baselined critical path should be completed, and shared with the Committee, within 30 days of enactment of this act.

Satellite Subsidy Expiration.—The Committee is concerned that the distant signal provision of current law (Public Law 200–113) may provide a below-market incentive for a mature satellite industry to restrict local news transmission. The Register of Copyrights is directed to report to the Committee on Appropriations within 180 days enactment of this act on the satellite industry’s increased carriage of local broadcast signals in the marketplace similar to their cable and online distribution competitors.

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2019	\$125,688,000
Budget estimate, 2020	121,572,000
Committee recommendation	120,495,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$120,495,000 for the Congressional Research Service [CRS]. The recommendation is \$5,193,000 below the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and \$1,077,000 below the fiscal year 2020 request.

Congressional Research Service Modernization.—The Committee recognizes the tremendous value that CRS has added to Congress by providing objective, authoritative, nonpartisan, and confidential

research and analysis on the breadth of policy issues considered during each legislative session since its inception in 1914. Included in the Committee's recommendation is \$4,000,000 to continue modernization of CRS mission-specific information systems to increase efficiency of the office while protecting confidentiality of congressional data.

Senate Oral History Project.—The CRS in coordination with the Senate Oral History Project, shall provide to the Committee, no later 180 days after enactment of this act, a report detailing the feasibility of enhancing the existing Senate Oral History Project to include more outgoing staff in the voluntary program and sharing that information with the CRS with the express purpose of increasing the retention of anonymized institutional knowledge.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2019	\$52,783,000
Budget estimate, 2020	59,646,000
Committee recommendation	58,563,000

This appropriation supports a national reading program for eligible residents of the United States and U.S. citizens living overseas who are blind or physically handicapped. Books and magazines in braille and various recorded formats are produced by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped [NLS] for distribution through a network of State and locally supported libraries. At present, 55 regional libraries in 49 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands house and circulate books and magazines to eligible readers. Twenty-eight subregional libraries in 10 States, and Guam, assist at the local public library level. In addition, 15 Advisory and Outreach Centers assist regional libraries in provision of services. Fifty-three of the regional libraries and three separate cooperating agencies distribute sound reproducers. Two multi-State centers, under contract to the NLS, store and distribute books and other materials in their geographical region. The program supports a readership of approximately 800,000.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$58,563,000 for salaries and expenses for NLS. The recommendation is \$5,780,000 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and \$1,083,000 below the fiscal year 2020 request.

The Committee recommendation includes \$2,375,000 for Braille eReaders and Talking Book Machines to expand user access and modernize the program. The additional funding will allow for NLS to increase its supply so that more people in need may receive the braille and talking book machines. The recommendation also includes \$5,000,000 for the Braille and Audio Reading by Download website replacement which will enhance service to NLS patrons and is estimated to increase users from 50,000 to 800,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 140. The Committee has included a routine administrative provision regarding reimbursable and revolving funds carried in prior years.

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

The U.S. Government Publishing Office [GPO] is the Federal Government's primary centralized resource for gathering, cataloging, producing, providing, and preserving published information in all its forms. By law and tradition, the GPO's mission is to provide expert publishing and printing services to all three branches of Government; to provide, in partnership with Federal depository libraries, permanent public access to the printed and electronic information products of all three branches of the Federal Government; and to sell copies of authentic printed and electronic documents and other government information products to the public.

GPO's core mission dates to 1813 when Congress determined that information regarding the work of the Federal Government should be available to all Americans. Over 200 years later, GPO's mission remains unchanged. However, the means for producing and distributing that information has transformed dramatically with the advent of the digital revolution.

Today, GPO provides free online public access to more than 1.5 million searchable titles, including the Budget of the U.S. Government, the Code of Federal Regulations, the Congressional Record, and congressional bills, hearings, and reports. GPO also provides access to Government information in digital format through apps, eBooks, and related technologies. Since 2009, GPO has experienced more than 1.5 billion digital retrievals from its Federal Digital System and in February 2019 GPO introduced the next generation of its digital information system, govinfo.gov, symbolizing the evolution of how Americans access Government information in the digital era.

CONGRESSIONAL PUBLISHING

Appropriations, 2019	\$79,000,000
Budget estimate, 2020	79,000,000
Committee recommendation	79,000,000

The appropriation for Congressional Publishing supports transparency of the congressional process by funding digital and print publication of congressional proceedings, including the Congressional Record, bills, amendments, Committee reports, and hearing transcripts. This appropriation also supports the direct publication and printing needs of Congress.

The Committee recommends \$79,000,000 for congressional publishing. The recommendation is equal to the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and the 2020 request.

The following table compares the component categories within this account for fiscal year 2019 and the fiscal year 2020 request. The Committee has not recommended separate amounts for each activity in order to give GPO the flexibility to meet changing requirements.

CONGRESSIONAL PUBLISHING

	Fiscal year 2019 enacted	Fiscal year 2020 requested
Congressional Record Publications	\$21,299,000	\$24,852,000
Miscellaneous publications	1,550,000	1,994,000
Miscellaneous publishing and services	18,338,000	17,170,000
Details to Congress	5,034,000	5,128,000
Document envelopes and document franks	577,000	628,000
Business and committee calendars	2,701,000	4,426,000
Bills, resolutions, and amendments	5,687,000	5,826,000
Committee reports	2,603,000	2,826,000
Documents	878,000	724,000
Hearings	15,410,000	16,419,000
Committee prints	813,000	713,000
U.S. Code	3,763,000	.....
Transfers	347,000	.....
Total	79,000,000	79,000,000

PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS OF THE OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2019	\$32,000,000
Budget estimate, 2020	31,296,000
Committee recommendation	31,296,000

This appropriation provides for salaries and expenses associated with the distribution of electronic and printed Government documents to depository and international exchange libraries, the cataloging and indexing of Government publications, and the distribution of electronic and printed publications authorized by law at the request of Members of Congress and other Government agencies.

The Committee recommends \$31,296,000 for salaries and expenses of the Public Information Programs of the Office of the Superintendent of Documents. The recommendation is \$704,000 below the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and equal to the fiscal year 2020 request.

The Committee supports GPO's introduction of its next generation information system, govinfo.gov, as well as the agency's other information technology systems, given that these efforts continue to reduce costs.

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE BUSINESS OPERATIONS
REVOLVING FUND

Appropriations, 2019	\$6,000,000
Budget estimate, 2020	6,704,000
Committee recommendation	6,704,000

The Committee recommends \$6,704,000 for the GPO Business Operations Revolving Fund. The recommendation is \$704,000 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and equal to the fiscal year 2020 request.

The Committee supports continued investment in the Revolving Fund as the most efficient solution to both cutting costs and ensuring efficient online access to government documents. One reason GPO is able to meet the increased work demands and continually

reduce costs is through its constant focus on capital investments to modernize information systems, production equipment, and major facility repairs.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2019	\$625,649,653
Budget estimate, 2020	685,958,000
Committee recommendation	639,436,000

The U.S. Government Accountability Office [GAO] is an independent nonpartisan agency that was established by the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921 to act as an auditor for Congress and investigate how the Federal Government spends taxpayer dollars.

The function of GAO includes auditing agency operations to determine whether Federal funds are being spent efficiently and effectively; investigating allegations of illegal and improper activities; reporting on how well Government programs and policies are meeting their objectives; performing policy analyses and outlining options for congressional consideration; and issuing legal decisions and opinions, such as bid protest rulings and reports on agency rules.

The Committee recommends funding of \$639,436,000 for salaries and expenses of the GAO. The recommendation is \$49,686,347 above the fiscal year 2019 appropriation and \$8,201,000 below the fiscal year 2020 request. The funding provided will allow GAO to increase support for the work in evolving science and technology issues; cybersecurity threats; and rising healthcare costs. GAO will also be able to continue the multiphase initiative to modernize its aging information technology infrastructure, and begin to address the backlog of deferred maintenance at its headquarters building.

Additionally, \$24,800,000 is authorized in offsetting collections derived from rent receipts and reimbursements for conducting financial audits of Government corporations, for a total of \$664,236,000.

GAO Science, Technology Assessment, and Analytics Team.—In the fiscal year 2019, the Committee directed GAO to provide a comprehensive plan to reconfigure its science and technology function to better address the evolving and timely needs of Congress, and in January 2019, GAO established a Science, Technology Assessment, and Analytics [STAA] team. In consultation with internal and external stakeholders, academic and nonprofit organizations, and Members of Congress, the STAA team submitted its plan for staffing needs, resources, areas of expertise, and the products and services that the team will provide or are currently providing to Congress. The plan demonstrates STAA's value and ability to assess upcoming technological and digital innovations. Presently, the STAA is providing Congress with technology assessments, technical assistance, and reports in the areas of oversight of Federal technology and science programs, as well as best practices in engineering sciences and cybersecurity. The Committee applauds the efforts of GAO's STAA team and encourages STAA to continue providing Congress with unbiased explanatory data while also exploring new

areas for independent science and technology guidance, relevant to Congress.

OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND

Appropriations, 2019	\$5,600,000
Budget estimate, 2020	5,800,000
Committee recommendation	5,900,000

The Committee recommends \$5,900,000 as a payment to the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund, which is \$300,000 more than the fiscal year 2019 appropriation of \$5,600,000. Founded in 1999 by Congress, the Open World Leadership Center serves as the dedicated support agency for Congressional legislative diplomacy efforts. Legislative diplomacy is crucial in providing critical advice and consultation to nascent parliamentary bodies trying to build nonpartisan resources to improve legislative output. The Center provides this support for Members of Congress by encouraging both inter-parliamentary and judicial contacts and conducting exchanges that establish lasting professional relationships between emerging leaders and their U.S. counterparts. The Center also supports Congress in achieving outcomes that include the further promotion of common values, particularly strengthening international diplomatic relations between legislative bodies, and lasting partnerships between Members of Congress and foreign parliamentarians.

The Center maintains a vast network of more than 29,000 alumni in strategic countries across Eurasia, including an impressive 20,000 in the Russian Federation. The Ukraine and other nations in the Balkans, Caucuses, Central Asia and Eastern Europe constitute the remaining 9,000 alumni. These alumni are placed at all levels of their societies, including regional and Federal elected positions and ministries. Their presence provides assurances that U.S. interests are understood and considered.

While the Committee recognizes the ongoing U.S. national interest in maintaining constructive relations with the Russian people, the Committee includes a provision that limits the Open World Leadership Center to using appropriated funds only for Russian participants engaging in free market development, humanitarian activities, and civic engagement, and not for senior officials of the central Government of Russia.

JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Appropriations, 2019	\$430,000
Budget estimate, 2020	430,000
Committee recommendation	430,000

The John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development was created by Congress in 1988. The mandate of the Center is to promote and strengthen public service. The Committee recommends the budget request of \$430,000 as authorized by 2 U.S.C. 1105, for the Center's congressional staff training and development programs.

TITLE II

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Included are several general provisions carried annually in this act (sections 201–210), as follows:

Section 201 bans the use of appropriated funds for service and maintenance of private vehicles, except under such regulations as may be promulgated by the House Administration Committee and the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, respectively.

Section 202 limits the availability for obligation of appropriations to the fiscal year for which it is expressly provided in this act.

Section 203 provides that any pay rate and title designation for a staff position created in this act, and not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of 1929, is to be made permanent law by this act. Further, any pay rate and title change for a position provided for in the 1929 Act is to be made permanent law by this act and any changes in the official expenses of Members, officers, and committees, and in the clerk hire of the House and Senate are to be made permanent law by this act.

Section 204 bans the use of funds for contracts unless such contracts are matters of public record and are available for public inspection.

Section 205 authorizes legislative branch entities participating in the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council [LBFMC] to finance the costs of the LBFMC.

Section 206 prohibits unauthorized transfers of funds to other agencies.

Section 207 ensures continuation of the staff-led tours of the Capitol.

Section 208 prohibits funds made available in this act to be used to acquire certain telecommunications equipment unless the agency meets certain criteria.

Section 209 prohibits the use of funds to establish or maintain a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography, except for law enforcement investigation, prosecution, or adjudication activities, or other official government activities.

Section 210 directs agencies in this act to work with food service providers to reduce or eliminate plastic waste.

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7, RULE XVI, OF THE
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Paragraph 7 of rule XVI requires that Committee reports on general appropriations bills identify, with particularity, each Committee amendment to the House bill “which proposes an item of appropriation which is not made to carry out the provisions of an existing law, a treaty stipulation, or an act or resolution previously passed by the Senate during that session.”

The Committee has recommended no such funding.

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7(c), RULE XXVI OF THE
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Pursuant to paragraph 7(c) of rule XXVI, on September 26, 2019, the Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 2581) making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes, provided, that the bill be subject to amendment and that the bill be consistent with the subcommittee funding guidance, and provided that the Chairman of the Committee or his designee be authorized to offer the substance of the original bill as a Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute to the House companion measure, by a recorded vote of 31–0, a quorum being present. The vote was as follows:

Yeas

Nays

Chairman Shelby
Mr. McConnell
Mr. Alexander
Ms. Collins
Ms. Murkowski
Mr. Graham
Mr. Blunt
Mr. Moran
Mr. Hoeven
Mr. Boozman
Mrs. Capito
Mr. Kennedy
Mrs. Hyde-Smith
Mr. Daines
Mr. Rubio
Mr. Lankford
Mr. Leahy
Mrs. Murray
Mrs. Feinstein
Mr. Durbin
Mr. Reed
Mr. Tester

Mr. Udall
 Mrs. Shaheen
 Mr. Merkley
 Mr. Coons
 Mr. Schatz
 Ms. Baldwin
 Mr. Murphy
 Mr. Manchin
 Mr. Van Hollen

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 12, RULE XXVI, OF THE
 STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Paragraph 12 of rule XXVI requires that Committee reports on a bill or joint resolution repealing or amending any statute or part of any statute include “(a) the text of the statute or part thereof which is proposed to be repealed; and (b) a comparative print of that part of the bill or joint resolution making the amendment and of the statute or part thereof proposed to be amended, showing by stricken-through type and italics, parallel columns, or other appropriate typographical devices the omissions and insertions which would be made by the bill or joint resolution if enacted in the form recommended by the Committee.”

In compliance with this rule, no changes to existing law are displayed because this bill proposes no changes.

BUDGETARY IMPACT OF BILL

PREPARED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PURSUANT TO SEC.
308(a), PUBLIC LAW 93-344, AS AMENDED

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget authority		Outlays	
	Committee allocation	Amount in bill	Committee allocation	Amount in bill
Comparison of amounts in the bill with the subcommittee allocation for 2020: Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch:				
Mandatory	150	150	149	¹ 149
Discretionary	5,092	3,593	5,015	¹ 3,734
Security			NA	NA
Nonsecurity	5,092	3,593	NA	NA
Projection of outlays associated with the recommendation:				
2020				² 2,879
2021				456
2022				142
2023				45
2024 and future years				
Financial assistance to State and local governments for 2020	NA		NA	²

¹ Includes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

² Excludes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

NA: Not applicable.

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FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020
[In thousands of dollars]

Item	2019 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or -)	
				2019 appropriation	Budget estimate
TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH					
SENATE					
Payment to Widows and Heirs of Deceased Members of Congress	174	.....	.....	-174	.....
Expense Allowances					
Expense allowances:					
Vice President	19	20	19	.....	-1
President Pro Tempore of the Senate	38	40	38	.....	-2
Majority Leader of the Senate	40	40	40	.....	.....
Minority Leader of the Senate	40	40	40	.....	.....
Majority Whip of the Senate	10	10	10	.....	.....
Minority Whip of the Senate	10	10	10	.....	.....
President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the Senate	15	15	15	.....	.....
Chairman of the Majority Conference Committee	5	5	5	.....	.....
Chairman of the Minority Conference Committee	5	5	5	.....	.....
Chairman of the Majority Policy Committee	5	5	5	.....	.....
Chairman of the Minority Policy Committee	5	5	5	.....	.....
Subtotal, expense allowances	192	195	192	.....	-3
Representation Allowances for the Majority and Minority Leaders	28	30	28	.....	-2
Total, Expense allowances and representation	220	225	220	.....	-5
Salaries, Officers and Employees					
Office of the Vice President	2,484	2,533	2,533	+49	.....
Office of the President Pro Tempore	744	759	759	+15	.....
Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus	319	327	326	+7	-1
Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders	5,400	5,506	5,506	+106	.....

Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips	3,455	3,525	3,525	+70	.....
Committee on Appropriations	15,496	15,793	15,793	+297	.....
Conference committees	3,408	3,476	3,476	+68	.....
Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority	843	863	862	+19	-1
Policy committees	3,482	3,552	3,552	+70	.....
Office of the Chaplain	475	511	510	+35	-1
Office of the Secretary	26,315	26,818	26,818	+503	.....
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper	84,157	85,867	85,867	+1,710	.....
Offices of the Secretaries for the Majority and Minority	1,900	1,940	1,940	+40	.....
Agency contributions and related expenses	59,912	64,855	64,854	+4,942	-1
Outlays					
Total, Salaries, officers and employees	208,390	216,325	216,321	+7,931	-4
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate					
Salaries and expenses	6,278	6,397	6,397	+119	.....
Office of Senate Legal Counsel					
Salaries and expenses	1,176	1,197	1,197	+21	.....
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: Expense allowances	28	30	28	-2	.....
Contingent Expenses of the Senate					
Inquiries and investigations	133,265	133,265	133,265		-8
Expenses of United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control	508	516	508		+5,000
Secretary of the Senate	10,036	9,536	14,536	+4,500	.....
Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate	126,595	128,753	128,753	+2,158	.....
Miscellaneous items	18,871	18,879	18,871	-8	.....
Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account	429,000	531,054	449,000	+20,000	-82,054
Official Mail Costs					
Expenses	300	300	300		.....
Total, Contingent expenses of the Senate	718,575	822,303	745,233	+26,658	-77,070
Total, Senate	934,841	1,046,477	969,396	+34,555	-77,081
JOINT ITEMS					
Joint Economic Committee	4,203	4,203	4,203	

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Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies	1,500	+ 1,500	+ 1,500
Joint Committee on Taxation	11,169	11,563	11,563	+ 394
Office of the Attending Physician .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances	3,798	3,868	3,868	+ 70	.....
Office of Congressional Accessibility Services .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salaries and expenses	1,486	1,509	1,509	+ 23	.....
Total, Joint items	20,656	21,143	22,643	+ 1,987	+ 1,500
CAPITOL POLICE					
Salaries	374,804	378,062	379,062	+ 4,258	+ 1,000
General expenses	81,504	85,279	85,279	+ 3,775	.....
Total, Capitol Police	456,308	463,341	464,341	+ 8,033	+ 1,000
OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE RIGHTS					
Salaries and expenses	6,333	6,333	6,333	.....	.....
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses	50,737	53,556	54,941	+ 4,204	+ 1,385
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL [AOC]					
Capital Construction and Operations	103,962	128,915	126,554	+ 22,592	- 2,361
Capitol building	43,992	68,878	63,378	+ 19,386	- 5,500
Capitol grounds	16,761	22,824	22,824	+ 6,063	.....
Senate office buildings	93,562	87,424	88,424	- 5,138	+ 1,000
Capitol Power Plant	123,050	151,225	140,225	+ 17,175	- 11,000

Offsetting collections	— 9,000	— 9,000	— 10,000	— 1,000	— 1,000
Subtotal, Capitol Power Plant	114,050	142,225	130,225	+ 16,175	— 12,000
Library buildings and grounds	68,525	121,346	63,646	— 4,879	— 57,700
Capitol police buildings, grounds and security	57,714	54,966	50,316	— 7,398	— 4,650
Botanic Garden	14,759	16,094	16,094	+ 1,335	.....
Capitol Visitor Center	23,322	24,321	24,321	+ 999	.....
Total, Architect of the Capitol	536,647	666,993	585,782	+ 49,135	— 81,211
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS					
Salaries and expenses	480,052	528,570	520,606	+ 40,554	— 7,964
Authority to spend receipts	— 6,000	— 6,000	— 6,000	.....	.....
Subtotal, Salaries and expenses	474,052	522,570	514,606	+ 40,554	— 7,964
Copyright Office, Salaries and expenses	93,407	92,992	91,840	— 1,567	— 1,152
Authority to spend receipts	— 45,490	— 49,703	— 49,703	— 4,213	.....
Prior year unobligated balances	— 4,328	.....	.....	+ 4,328	.....
Subtotal, Copyright Office	43,589	43,289	42,137	— 1,452	— 1,152
Congressional Research Service, Salaries and expenses	125,688	121,572	120,495	— 5,193	— 1,077
Books for the blind and physically handicapped, Salaries and expenses	52,783	59,646	58,563	+ 5,780	— 1,083
Total, Library of Congress	696,112	747,077	735,801	+ 39,689	— 11,276
GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE					
Congressional publishing	79,000	79,000	79,000	.....	.....
Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents, Salaries and expenses	32,000	31,296	31,296	— 704	.....
Government Publishing Office Business Operations Revolving Fund	6,000	6,704	6,704	+ 704	.....
Total, Government Publishing Office	117,000	117,000	117,000	.....	.....
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses	625,650	672,437	664,236	+ 38,586	— 8,201
Offsetting collections	— 35,900	— 24,800	— 24,800	+ 11,100

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Total, Government Accountability Office	589,750	647,637	639,436	+ 49,686	- 8,201
OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND					
Payment to the Open World Leadership Center (OWLC) Trust Fund	5,600	5,800	5,900	+ 300	+ 100
JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT					
Stennis Center for Public Service	430	430	430
ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS					
Adjustments to Compensation (CBO estimate)	- 2,000	- 2,000	- 2,000
Grand total	3,412,414	3,773,787	3,600,003	+ 187,589	- 173,784