



APPROPRIATIONS

CHAIRMAN TOM COLE *Tom Cole*

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

The Legislative Branch Appropriations Act provides a total discretionary allocation of \$6.7 billion, which is \$51 million below the Fiscal Year 2025 enacted level and over \$1.3 billion below the Fiscal Year 2026 request.

In summary, the bill maintains funding for operations of the legislative branch and provides for the safety and security of Members of Congress, while continuing to cut funding in a responsible fiscal manner.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Enables Congress to better serve the American people by:**
 - Maintaining investments to ensure the Congress can continue its work to support President Trump’s legislative priorities.
 - Continuing existing funding levels for Member offices, including the \$25,000 added to each Member’s Representational Allowance (MRA) in 2017 for security purposes.
 - Streamlining research and support agencies to enhance efficiency and reduce costs.
 - Increasing funding for Capitol Police officers and the civilians who support their efforts, and doubling the annual average requested for mutual aid for partner law enforcement support, enhancing Member security.
 - Strengthening the relationship among the House Sergeant at Arms, the Capitol Police Board, and U.S. Capitol Police for improving safety and security of the Capitol for Members and its millions of visitors annually.
- **Bolsters U.S. national security by:**
 - Prohibiting the purchase of technology and telecommunications equipment from the People’s Republic of China and other adversaries.
 - Barring the purchase of drones manufactured in the People’s Republic of China or by a business affiliated with the People’s Republic of China, except as allowed for national security purposes.
- **Safeguards American taxpayer dollars by:**
 - Requiring unspent amounts from Members’ Representational Allowances (MRA) to be used for debt and deficit reduction.
 - Restricting incentive or award payments to contractors for work on contracts or programs behind schedule or over budget.
 - Prohibiting the use of funds for the maintenance or care of private vehicles.
 - Redirecting the Government Accountability Office’s efforts to be reflective of congressional priorities and cutting funding to curtail the agency’s self-directed, liberal initiatives.



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- Providing for the responsible upkeep and maintenance of the U.S. Capitol complex, with a priority on physical security and life safety.
- **Supports American values and principles by:**
 - Maintaining restrictions on the use of funds for computer networks that do not block pornography.
 - Eliminating the requirement for Members to use “low greenhouse gas emitting vehicles” for leased vehicles paid for with the MRA.

DETAILED FUNDING SUMMARY

House of Representatives

Provides \$1.984 billion for the House of Representatives, which is \$105.969 million above the FY25 enacted level and \$101.8 million below the FY26 request.

- \$36.6 million for Leadership Offices, which is equal to the FY25 enacted level and the FY26 request.
- \$850 million for the MRA, which is equal to the FY25 enacted level and \$60.421 million below the FY26 request. Maintains the \$25,000 per Member office for security.
- \$216.1 million for Committee Employees, which is \$4.2 million above the FY25 enacted level and \$20.8 million below the FY26 request.
 - Increased to reflect the rising costs of committee room renovations.
- \$361.6 million for Salaries, Officers, and Employees, which is \$41.4 million above the FY25 enacted level and \$8.6 million below the FY26 request.
- \$491.8 million for Allowances and Expenses, which is \$58.4 million above the FY25 enacted level and \$6.1 million below the FY26 request.

Joint Items

Provides \$25.9 million for joint items such as the Joint Economic Committee, Joint Committee on Taxation, Office of Attending Physician, and Office of Congressional Accessibility Services, which is \$2 million above the FY25 enacted level and equal to the FY26 request.

U.S. Capitol Police

Provides \$891 million for the U.S. Capitol Police, which is \$84.4 million above the FY25 enacted level.

- \$687.4 million for salaries of sworn officers and civilian personnel, which is \$83.7 million above the FY25 enacted level.
- \$203.5 million for general expenses, including \$10 million for mutual aid.



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Office of Congressional Workplace Rights

Provides \$8.35 million for the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights.

Congressional Budget Office

Provides \$72 million for the Congressional Budget Office, which is \$2 million above the FY25 enacted level and \$3.8 million below the FY26 request.

Architect of the Capitol

Provides \$701.4 million for the Architect of the Capitol, which is \$9.8 million above the FY25 enacted level and \$411.9 million below the FY26 request.

Library of Congress

Provides \$767.6 million for the Library of Congress, which is \$84.5 million below the FY25 enacted level and \$133.7 million below the FY26 request.

- \$501.9 million for salaries and expenses, which is \$90.5 million below the FY25 enacted level.
- \$56.6 million for the Copyright Office, which is \$910,000 below the FY25 enacted level.
- \$141 million for the Congressional Research Service, which is \$5 million above the FY25 enacted level.
- \$68 million for the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, which is \$1.9 million above the FY25 enacted level.

Government Publishing Office

Provides \$135.4 million for the Government Publishing Office, which is \$3.4 million above the FY25 enacted level.

Government Accountability Office

Provides \$415.4 million for the Government Accountability Office, which is \$396.5 million below the FY25 enacted level and \$518.6 million below the FY26 request.

Congressional Office for International Leadership

Provides \$6.3 million for the Congressional Office for International Leadership, which is \$300,000 above the FY25 enacted level and \$900,000 below the FY26 request.