

House Appropriations Committee

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FY 2017 Omnibus Summary – Legislative Branch Appropriations

Legislation maintains funding for a secure, accessible, and functioning Capitol Complex

The Legislative Branch portion of the Omnibus provides annual funding for the offices of Members of the House of Representatives, the support agencies of Congress, security and police forces, services for visitors, and Capitol operations and maintenance.

The total included for the House, Senate, and joint operations is \$4.4 billion. This is \$77 million above the fiscal year 2016 level and \$218 million below the previous Administration's request. The slight increase in funds is directed to critical security efforts; essential life and safety improvements to aging or damaged facilities to protect Members, staff, and visitors; and information technology modernization for the Library of Congress. In all, funding for the House of Representatives has been reduced by 13 percent since Republicans gained its control in January 2011.

Bill Highlights:

House Operations – The bill contains \$1.189 billion to fund the operations of the House. This account provides funding for Members' Representational Allowances (MRAs), leadership, committees and Officers of the House.

Capitol Police – The bill funds the Capitol Police at \$393.3 million, an increase of \$18.3 million above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level. This will fund critical security efforts to ensure all Members, staff, and visitors of the Capitol Complex are safe, and maintain public access to the Capitol and its office buildings.

Architect of the Capitol (AoC) – The legislation provides \$617.9 million for the AoC, which is \$5 million above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level. The legislation will allow the AoC to continue to preserve the historic buildings and grounds of the U.S. Capitol Complex while promoting the safety and health of those who visit and work here. This includes \$30.8 million for the Rayburn House Office Building Garage Rehabilitation project, \$17 million for the House Historic Buildings Revitalization Fund; and funds to continue the restoration and renovation of the Cannon House Office Building.

Library of Congress – The legislation provides \$632 million for the Library of Congress, an increase of \$32 million above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level. Funding in this bill will support

migration of the Library's Primary Computing Facility to an alternate facility. The current facility can no longer provide the level of data center reliability and resiliency that is required to support LoC operations. Also included is funding for the Copyright Office's ongoing modernization efforts.

Government Accountability Office (GAO) – The bill contains \$544 million in funding for the GAO, \$13.5 million above the fiscal year 2016 enacted level. GAO provides critical oversight work – providing Congress with accurate, nonpartisan reporting of federal programs and tracking of how taxpayer dollars are spent.

Government Publishing Office (GPO) – The legislation includes \$117 million for GPO, the same as the fiscal year 2016 enacted level.

Open World Leadership Center (OWLC) – The legislation includes \$5.6 million, the same as the fiscal year 2016 enacted level.

For the full Committee Report on the Legislative Branch portion of the Omnibus, including a detailed funding table, please visit:

<https://rules.house.gov/sites/republicans.rules.house.gov/files/115/OMNI/DIVISION%20I%20-%20LEG%20SOM%20FY17OCR.pdf>

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