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[Report No. 113-____]

Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

_____, 2014

Mr. COLE, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bill; which was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
5 Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September
6 30, 2015, and for other purposes, namely:

7 TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

8 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

10 For salaries and expenses of the House of Represent-
11 atives, \$1,180,736,000, as follows:

12 HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES

13 For salaries and expenses, as authorized by law,
14 \$22,278,891, including: Office of the Speaker,
15 \$6,645,417, including \$25,000 for official expenses of the
16 Speaker; Office of the Majority Floor Leader, \$2,180,048,
17 including \$10,000 for official expenses of the Majority
18 Leader; Office of the Minority Floor Leader, \$7,114,471,
19 including \$10,000 for official expenses of the Minority
20 Leader; Office of the Majority Whip, including the Chief
21 Deputy Majority Whip, \$1,886,632, including \$5,000 for
22 official expenses of the Majority Whip; Office of the Mi-
23 nority Whip, including the Chief Deputy Minority Whip,
24 \$1,459,639, including \$5,000 for official expenses of the
25 Minority Whip; Republican Conference, \$1,505,426;

1 Democratic Caucus, \$1,487,258: *Provided*, That such
2 amount for salaries and expenses shall remain available
3 from January 3, 2015 until January 2, 2016.

4 MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES
5 INCLUDING MEMBERS' CLERK HIRE, OFFICIAL
6 EXPENSES OF MEMBERS, AND OFFICIAL MAIL

7 For Members' representational allowances, including
8 Members' clerk hire, official expenses, and official mail,
9 \$554,317,732.

10 COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES

11 STANDING COMMITTEES, SPECIAL AND SELECT

12 For salaries and expenses of standing committees,
13 special and select, authorized by House resolutions,
14 \$123,903,173: *Provided*, That such amount shall remain
15 available for such salaries and expenses until December
16 31, 2016, except that \$2,300,000 of such amount shall
17 remain available until expended for committee room up-
18 grading.

19 COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

20 For salaries and expenses of the Committee on Ap-
21 propriations, \$23,271,004, including studies and examina-
22 tions of executive agencies and temporary personal serv-
23 ices for such committee, to be expended in accordance with
24 section 202(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
25 1946 and to be available for reimbursement to agencies

1 for services performed: *Provided*, That such amount shall
2 remain available for such salaries and expenses until De-
3 cember 31, 2016.

4 SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

5 For compensation and expenses of officers and em-
6 ployees, as authorized by law, \$171,344,864, including:
7 for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Clerk, includ-
8 ing the positions of the Chaplain and the Historian, and
9 including not more than \$25,000 for official representative
10 and reception expenses, of which not more than \$20,000
11 is for the Family Room and not more than \$2,000 is for
12 the Office of the Chaplain, \$24,009,473; for salaries and
13 expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, including
14 the position of Superintendent of Garages and the Office
15 of Emergency Management, and including not more than
16 \$3,000 for official representation and reception expenses,
17 \$11,926,729 of which \$4,344,000 shall remain available
18 until expended; for salaries and expenses of the Office of
19 the Chief Administrative Officer including not more than
20 \$3,000 for official representation and reception expenses,
21 \$113,100,000, of which \$4,000,000 shall remain available
22 until expended; for salaries and expenses of the Office of
23 the Inspector General, \$4,741,809; for salaries and ex-
24 penses of the Office of General Counsel, \$1,340,987; for
25 salaries and expenses of the Office of the Parliamentarian,

1 \$3,737,000, to remain available until expended; Wounded
2 Warrior Program \$2,500,000, to remain available until
3 expended; Office of Congressional Ethics, \$1,467,030; and
4 miscellaneous items including purchase, exchange, mainte-
5 nance, repair and operation of House motor vehicles,
6 interparliamentary receptions, and gratuities to heirs of
7 deceased employees of the House, \$720,247.

8 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

9 SEC. 101. (a) REQUIRING AMOUNTS REMAINING IN
10 MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES TO BE
11 USED FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION OR TO REDUCE THE
12 FEDERAL DEBT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of
13 law, any amounts appropriated under this Act for
14 “HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—SALARIES AND
15 EXPENSES—MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOW-
16 ANCES” shall be available only for fiscal year 2015. Any
17 amount remaining after all payments are made under such
18 allowances for fiscal year 2015 shall be deposited in the
19 Treasury and used for deficit reduction (or, if there is no
20 Federal budget deficit after all such payments have been
21 made, for reducing the Federal debt, in such manner as
22 the Secretary of the Treasury considers appropriate).

23 (b) REGULATIONS.—The Committee on House Ad-
24 ministration of the House of Representatives shall have
25 authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

1 (c) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term
2 “Member of the House of Representatives” means a Rep-
3 resentative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner
4 to, the Congress.

5 DELIVERY OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

6 SEC. 102. None of the funds made available in this
7 Act may be used to deliver a printed copy of a bill, joint
8 resolution, or resolution to the office of a Member of the
9 House of Representatives (including a Delegate or Resi-
10 dent Commissioner to the Congress) unless the Member
11 requests a copy.

12 DELIVERY OF CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

13 SEC. 103. None of the funds made available by this
14 Act may be used to deliver a printed copy of any version
15 of the Congressional Record to the office of a Member of
16 the House of Representatives (including a Delegate or
17 Resident Commissioner to the Congress).

18 LIMITATION ON AMOUNT AVAILABLE TO LEASE VEHICLES

19 SEC. 104. None of the funds made available in this
20 Act may be used by the Chief Administrative Officer of
21 the House of Representatives to make any payments from
22 any Members’ Representational Allowance for the leasing
23 of a vehicle, excluding mobile district offices, in an aggre-
24 gate amount that exceeds \$1,000 for the vehicle in any
25 month.

1 (3) an allowance of \$725 per month each to
2 three medical officers while on duty in the Office of
3 the Attending Physician;

4 (4) an allowance of \$725 per month to 2 assist-
5 ants and \$580 per month each not to exceed 11 as-
6 sistants on the basis heretofore provided for such as-
7 sistants; and

8 (5) \$2,486,000 for reimbursement to the De-
9 partment of the Navy for expenses incurred for staff
10 and equipment assigned to the Office of the Attend-
11 ing Physician, which shall be advanced and credited
12 to the applicable appropriation or appropriations
13 from which such salaries, allowances, and other ex-
14 penses are payable and shall be available for all the
15 purposes thereof, \$3,371,000, to be disbursed by the
16 Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives.

18 OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

20 For salaries and expenses of the Office of Congres-
21 sional Accessibility Services, \$1,387,000, to be disbursed
22 by the Secretary of the Senate.

1 sion of law, the cost of basic training for the Capitol Police
2 at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for fis-
3 cal year 2015 shall be paid by the Secretary of Homeland
4 Security from funds available to the Department of Home-
5 land Security.

6 OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

7 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

8 For salaries and expenses of the Office of Compli-
9 ance, as authorized by section 305 of the Congressional
10 Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1385), \$3,959,000,
11 of which \$450,000 shall remain available until September
12 30, 2016: *Provided*, That not more than \$500 may be ex-
13 pended on the certification of the Executive Director of
14 the Office of Compliance in connection with official rep-
15 resentation and reception expenses.

16 CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

17 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

18 For salaries and expenses necessary for operation of
19 the Congressional Budget Office, including not more than
20 \$6,000 to be expended on the certification of the Director
21 of the Congressional Budget Office in connection with offi-
22 cial representation and reception expenses, \$45,700,000.

1 ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

2 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

3 For salaries for the Architect of the Capitol, and
4 other personal services, at rates of pay provided by law;
5 for surveys and studies in connection with activities under
6 the care of the Architect of the Capitol; for all necessary
7 expenses for the general and administrative support of the
8 operations under the Architect of the Capitol including the
9 Botanic Garden; electrical substations of the Capitol, Sen-
10 ate and House office buildings, and other facilities under
11 the jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol; including
12 furnishings and office equipment; including not more than
13 \$5,000 for official reception and representation expenses,
14 to be expended as the Architect of the Capitol may ap-
15 prove; for purchase or exchange, maintenance, and oper-
16 ation of a passenger motor vehicle, \$91,555,000.

17 CAPITOL BUILDING

18 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
19 and operation of the Capitol, \$53,126,000, of which
20 \$28,817,000 shall remain available until September 30,
21 2019.

22 CAPITOL GROUNDS

23 For all necessary expenses for care and improvement
24 of grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House
25 office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant,

1 \$11,993,000, of which \$2,000,000 shall remain available
2 until September 30, 2019.

3 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

4 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
5 and operation of the House office buildings, \$71,622,000,
6 of which \$7,000,000 shall remain available until Sep-
7 tember 30, 2019.

8 In addition, for a payment to the House Historic
9 Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund, \$70,000,000, to re-
10 main available until expended.

11 CAPITOL POWER PLANT

12 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
13 and operation of the Capitol Power Plant; lighting, heat-
14 ing, power (including the purchase of electrical energy)
15 and water and sewer services for the Capitol, Senate and
16 House office buildings, Library of Congress buildings, and
17 the grounds about the same, Botanic Garden, Senate ga-
18 rage, and air conditioning refrigeration not supplied from
19 plants in any of such buildings; heating the Government
20 Printing Office and Washington City Post Office, and
21 heating and chilled water for air conditioning for the Su-
22 preme Court Building, the Union Station complex, the
23 Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building and the
24 Folger Shakespeare Library, expenses for which shall be
25 advanced or reimbursed upon request of the Architect of

1 the Capitol and amounts so received shall be deposited
2 into the Treasury to the credit of this appropriation,
3 \$93,152,000, of which \$8,686,000 shall remain available
4 until September 30, 2019: *Provided*, That not more than
5 \$9,000,000 of the funds credited or to be reimbursed to
6 this appropriation as herein provided shall be available for
7 obligation during fiscal year 2015.

8 LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

9 For all necessary expenses for the mechanical and
10 structural maintenance, care and operation of the Library
11 buildings and grounds, \$41,733,000, of which
12 \$16,542,000 shall remain available until September 30,
13 2019.

14 CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND SECURITY

15 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
16 and operation of buildings, grounds and security enhance-
17 ments of the United States Capitol Police, wherever lo-
18 cated, the Alternate Computer Facility, and AOC security
19 operations, \$19,486,000, of which \$1,000,000 shall re-
20 main available until September 30, 2019.

21 BOTANIC GARDEN

22 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
23 and operation of the Botanic Garden and the nurseries,
24 buildings, grounds, and collections; and purchase and ex-
25 change, maintenance, repair, and operation of a passenger

1 motor vehicle; all under the direction of the Joint Com-
2 mittee on the Library, \$15,022,946, of which \$5,122,946
3 shall remain available until September 30, 2019: *Provided*,
4 That of the amount made available under this heading,
5 the Architect of the Capitol may obligate and expend such
6 sums as may be necessary for the maintenance, care and
7 operation of the National Garden established under sec-
8 tion 307E of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,
9 1989 (2 U.S.C. 2146), upon vouchers approved by the Ar-
10 chitect of the Capitol or a duly authorized designee.

11 CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

12 For all necessary expenses for the operation of the
13 Capitol Visitor Center, \$20,875,000.

14 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

15 SCRIMS

16 SEC. 1001. None of the funds made available by this
17 Act may be used for scrims containing photographs of
18 building facades during restoration or construction
19 projects performed by the Architect of the Capitol.

20 LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

21 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

22 For necessary expenses of the Library of Congress
23 not otherwise provided for, including development and
24 maintenance of the Library's catalogs; custody and custo-
25 dial care of the Library buildings; special clothing; clean-

1 ing, laundering and repair of uniforms; preservation of
2 motion pictures in the custody of the Library; operation
3 and maintenance of the American Folklife Center in the
4 Library; activities under the Civil Rights History Project
5 Act of 2009; preparation and distribution of catalog
6 records and other publications of the Library; hire or pur-
7 chase of one passenger motor vehicle; and expenses of the
8 Library of Congress Trust Fund Board not properly
9 chargeable to the income of any trust fund held by the
10 Board, \$424,057,000, of which not more than \$6,000,000
11 shall be derived from collections credited to this appropria-
12 tion during fiscal year 2015, and shall remain available
13 until expended, under the Act of June 28, 1902 (chapter
14 1301; 32 Stat. 480; 2 U.S.C. 150) and not more than
15 \$350,000 shall be derived from collections during fiscal
16 year 2015 and shall remain available until expended for
17 the development and maintenance of an international legal
18 information database and activities related thereto: *Pro-*
19 *vided*, That the Library of Congress may not obligate or
20 expend any funds derived from collections under the Act
21 of June 28, 1902, in excess of the amount authorized for
22 obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: *Provided*
23 *further*, That the total amount available for obligation
24 shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are
25 less than \$6,350,000: *Provided further*, That of the total

1 amount appropriated, not more than \$12,000 may be ex-
2 pended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress,
3 in connection with official representation and reception ex-
4 penses for the Overseas Field Offices: *Provided further*,
5 That of the total amount appropriated, \$8,231,000 shall
6 remain available until expended for the digital collections
7 and educational curricula program.

8 COPYRIGHT OFFICE

9 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

10 For all necessary expenses of the Copyright Office,
11 \$54,303,000, of which not more than \$27,971,000, to re-
12 main available until expended, shall be derived from collec-
13 tions credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 2015
14 under section 708(d) of title 17, United States Code: *Pro-*
15 *vided*, That the Copyright Office may not obligate or ex-
16 pend any funds derived from collections under such sec-
17 tion, in excess of the amount authorized for obligation or
18 expenditure in appropriations Acts: *Provided further*, That
19 not more than \$5,611,000 shall be derived from collections
20 during fiscal year 2015 under sections 111(d)(2),
21 119(b)(2), 803(e), 1005, and 1316 of such title: *Provided*
22 *further*, That the total amount available for obligation
23 shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are
24 less than \$33,582,000: *Provided further*, That not more
25 than \$100,000 of the amount appropriated is available for

1 the maintenance of an “International Copyright Institute”
2 in the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress for the
3 purpose of training nationals of developing countries in
4 intellectual property laws and policies: *Provided further,*
5 That not more than \$6,500 may be expended, on the cer-
6 tification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with
7 official representation and reception expenses for activities
8 of the International Copyright Institute and for copyright
9 delegations, visitors, and seminars: *Provided further,* That
10 notwithstanding any provision of chapter 8 of title 17,
11 United States Code, any amounts made available under
12 this heading which are attributable to royalty fees and
13 payments received by the Copyright Office pursuant to
14 sections 111, 119, and chapter 10 of such title may be
15 used for the costs incurred in the administration of the
16 Copyright Royalty Judges program, with the exception of
17 the costs of salaries and benefits for the Copyright Royalty
18 Judges and staff under section 802(e).

19 CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE
20 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

21 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
22 of section 203 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
23 1946 (2 U.S.C. 166) and to revise and extend the Anno-
24 tated Constitution of the United States of America,
25 \$106,095,000: *Provided,* That no part of such amount

1 may be used to pay any salary or expense in connection
2 with any publication, or preparation of material therefor
3 (except the Digest of Public General Bills), to be issued
4 by the Library of Congress unless such publication has
5 obtained prior approval of either the Committee on House
6 Administration of the House of Representatives or the
7 Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

8 BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
9 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

10 For salaries and expenses to carry out the Act of
11 March 3, 1931 (chapter 400; 46 Stat. 1487; 2 U.S.C.
12 135a), \$50,429,000: *Provided*, That of the total amount
13 appropriated, \$650,000 shall be available to contract to
14 provide newspapers to blind and physically handicapped
15 residents at no cost to the individual.

16 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

17 REIMBURSABLE AND REVOLVING FUND ACTIVITIES

18 SEC. 1101. (a) IN GENERAL.—For fiscal year 2015,
19 the obligational authority of the Library of Congress for
20 the activities described in subsection (b) may not exceed
21 \$203,058,000.

22 (b) ACTIVITIES.—The activities referred to in sub-
23 section (a) are reimbursable and revolving fund activities
24 that are funded from sources other than appropriations

1 to the Library in appropriations Acts for the legislative
2 branch.

3 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
4 CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING
5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 For authorized printing and binding for the Congress
7 and the distribution of Congressional information in any
8 format; expenses necessary for preparing the semimonthly
9 and session index to the Congressional Record, as author-
10 ized by law (section 902 of title 44, United States Code);
11 printing and binding of Government publications author-
12 ized by law to be distributed to Members of Congress; and
13 printing, binding, and distribution of Government publica-
14 tions authorized by law to be distributed without charge
15 to the recipient, \$79,736,000: *Provided*, That this appro-
16 priation shall not be available for paper copies of the per-
17 manent edition of the Congressional Record for individual
18 Representatives, Resident Commissioners or Delegates au-
19 thorized under section 906 of title 44, United States Code:
20 *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be available
21 for the payment of obligations incurred under the appro-
22 priations for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years:
23 *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the 2-year limita-
24 tion under section 718 of title 44, United States Code,
25 none of the funds appropriated or made available under

1 this Act or any other Act for printing and binding and
2 related services provided to Congress under chapter 7 of
3 title 44, United States Code, may be expended to print
4 a document, report, or publication after the 27-month pe-
5 riod beginning on the date that such document, report,
6 or publication is authorized by Congress to be printed, un-
7 less Congress reauthorizes such printing in accordance
8 with section 718 of title 44, United States Code: *Provided*
9 *further*, That any unobligated or unexpended balances in
10 this account or accounts for similar purposes for preceding
11 fiscal years may be transferred to the Government Print-
12 ing Office revolving fund for carrying out the purposes of
13 this heading, subject to the approval of the Committees
14 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and
15 Senate: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding sections
16 901, 902, and 906 of title 44, United States Code, this
17 appropriation may be used to prepare indexes to the Con-
18 gressional Record on only a monthly and session basis.

19 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

20 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

21 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

22 For expenses of the Office of Superintendent of Doc-
23 uments necessary to provide for the cataloging and index-
24 ing of Government publications and their distribution to
25 the public, Members of Congress, other Government agen-

1 cies, and designated depository and international exchange
2 libraries as authorized by law, \$31,500,000: *Provided*,
3 That amounts of not more than \$2,000,000 from current
4 year appropriations are authorized for producing and dis-
5 seminating Congressional serial sets and other related
6 publications for fiscal years 2013 and 2014 to depository
7 and other designated libraries: *Provided further*, That any
8 unobligated or unexpended balances in this account or ac-
9 counts for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years may
10 be transferred to the Government Printing Office revolv-
11 ing fund for carrying out the purposes of this heading,
12 subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropria-
13 tions of the House of Representatives and Senate.

14 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND

15 For payment to the Government Printing Office Re-
16 volving Fund, \$11,348,000, to remain available until ex-
17 pended, for information technology development and facili-
18 ties repair: *Provided*, That the Government Printing Of-
19 fice is hereby authorized to make such expenditures, with-
20 in the limits of funds available and in accordance with law,
21 and to make such contracts and commitments without re-
22 gard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 9104
23 of title 31, United States Code, as may be necessary in
24 carrying out the programs and purposes set forth in the
25 budget for the current fiscal year for the Government

1 Printing Office Revolving Fund: *Provided further*, That
2 not more than \$7,500 may be expended on the certifi-
3 cation of the Public Printer in connection with official rep-
4 resentation and reception expenses: *Provided further*, That
5 the revolving fund shall be available for the hire or pur-
6 chase of not more than 12 passenger motor vehicles: *Pro-*
7 *vided further*, That expenditures in connection with travel
8 expenses of the advisory councils to the Public Printer
9 shall be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of
10 title 44, United States Code: *Provided further*, That the
11 revolving fund shall be available for temporary or intermit-
12 tent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United
13 States Code, but at rates for individuals not more than
14 the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for
15 level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of
16 such title: *Provided further*, That activities financed
17 through the revolving fund may provide information in any
18 format: *Provided further*, That the revolving fund and the
19 funds provided under the headings “Office of Super-
20 intendent of Documents” and “Salaries and Expenses”
21 may not be used for contracted security services at the
22 Government Printing Office’s passport facility in the Dis-
23 trict of Columbia.

1 GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

3 For necessary expenses of the Government Account-
4 ability Office, including not more than \$12,500 to be ex-
5 pended on the certification of the Comptroller General of
6 the United States in connection with official representa-
7 tion and reception expenses; temporary or intermittent
8 services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States
9 Code, but at rates for individuals not more than the daily
10 equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level IV of
11 the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of such title;
12 hire of one passenger motor vehicle; advance payments in
13 foreign countries in accordance with section 3324 of title
14 31, United States Code; benefits comparable to those pay-
15 able under sections 901(5), (6), and (8) of the Foreign
16 Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4081(5), (6), and (8));
17 and under regulations prescribed by the Comptroller Gen-
18 eral of the United States, rental of living quarters in for-
19 eign countries, \$519,622,000: *Provided*, That, in addition,
20 \$23,750,000 of payments received under sections 782,
21 3521, and 9105 of title 31, United States Code, shall be
22 available without fiscal year limitation: *Provided further*,
23 That this appropriation and appropriations for adminis-
24 trative expenses of any other department or agency which
25 is a member of the National Intergovernmental Audit

1 Forum or a Regional Intergovernmental Audit Forum
2 shall be available to finance an appropriate share of either
3 Forum's costs as determined by the respective Forum, in-
4 cluding necessary travel expenses of non-Federal partici-
5 pants: *Provided further*, That payments hereunder to the
6 Forum may be credited as reimbursements to any appro-
7 priation from which costs involved are initially financed.

8 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

9 CENTER FOR AUDIT EXCELLENCE

10 SEC. 1201. (a) CENTER FOR AUDIT EXCELLENCE.—

11 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Chapter 7 of title 31,
12 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
13 end the following new subchapter:

14 “SUBCHAPTER VII—CENTER FOR AUDIT
15 EXCELLENCE

16 “§ 791. **Center for audit excellence**

17 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Comptroller General
18 shall establish, maintain, and operate a center within the
19 Government Accountability Office to be known as the
20 ‘Center for Audit Excellence’ (hereafter in this subchapter
21 referred to as the ‘Center’).

22 “(b) PURPOSE AND ACTIVITIES.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Center shall build in-
24 stitutional auditing capacity and promote good gov-
25 ernance by providing affordable, relevant, and high-

1 quality training, technical assistance, and products
2 and services to qualified personnel and entities of
3 governments (including the Federal government,
4 State and local governments, tribal governments,
5 and governments of foreign nations), international
6 organizations, and other private organizations.

7 “(2) DETERMINATION OF QUALIFIED PER-
8 SONNEL AND ENTITIES.—Personnel and entities
9 shall be considered qualified for purposes of receiv-
10 ing training, technical assistance, and products or
11 services from the Center under paragraph (1) in ac-
12 cordance with such criteria as the Comptroller Gen-
13 eral may establish and publish.

14 “(c) FEES.—

15 “(1) PERMITTING CHARGING OF FEES.—The
16 Comptroller General may establish, charge, and col-
17 lect fees (on a reimbursable or advance basis) for
18 the training, technical assistance, and products and
19 services provided by the Center under this sub-
20 chapter.

21 “(2) DEPOSIT INTO SEPARATE ACCOUNT.—The
22 Comptroller General shall deposit all fees collected
23 under paragraph (1) into the Center for Audit Ex-
24 cellence Account established under section 792.

1 “(d) GIFTS OF PROPERTY AND SERVICES.—The
2 Comptroller General may accept and use conditional or
3 non-conditional gifts of property (both real and personal)
4 and services (including services of guest lecturers) to sup-
5 port the operation of the Center, except that the Comp-
6 troller General may not accept or use such a gift if the
7 Comptroller General determines that the acceptance or
8 use of the gift would compromise or appear to compromise
9 the integrity of the Government Accountability Office.

10 “(e) SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING PER-
11 SONNEL.—It is the sense of Congress that the Center
12 should be staffed primarily by personnel of the Govern-
13 ment Accountability Office who are not otherwise engaged
14 in carrying out other duties of the Office under this chap-
15 ter, so as to ensure that the operation of the Center will
16 not have a negative impact on the ability of the Office
17 to maintain a consistently high level of service to Con-
18 gress.

19 **“§ 792. Account**

20 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE ACCOUNT.—
21 There is established in the Treasury as a separate account
22 for the Government Accountability Office the ‘Center for
23 Audit Excellence Account’, which shall consist of the fees
24 deposited by the Comptroller General under section 791(c)

1 and such other amounts as may be appropriated under
2 law.

3 “(b) USE OF ACCOUNT.—Amounts in the Center for
4 Audit Excellence Account shall be available to the Comp-
5 troller General, in amounts specified in appropriations
6 Acts and without fiscal year limitation, to carry out this
7 subchapter.

8 **“§ 793. Authorization of Appropriations**

9 “There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
10 as may be necessary to carry out this subchapter.”.

11 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
12 tions for chapter 7 of title 31, United States Code,
13 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SUBCHAPTER VII—CENTER FOR AUDIT EXCELLENCE

“791. Center for Audit Excellence.

“792. Account.

“793. Authorization of appropriations.”.

14 (b) APPROVAL OF BUSINESS PLAN.—The Comp-
15 troller General may not begin operating the Center for
16 Audit Excellence under subchapter VII of chapter 7 of
17 title 31, United States Code (as added by subsection (a))
18 until—

19 (1) the Comptroller General submits a business
20 plan for the Center to the Committees on Appropria-
21 tions of the House of Representatives and Senate;
22 and

23 (2) each such Committee approves the plan.

1 SEC. 203. Whenever in this Act any office or position
2 not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of
3 1929 (46 Stat. 32 et seq.) is appropriated for or the rate
4 of compensation or designation of any office or position
5 appropriated for is different from that specifically estab-
6 lished by such Act, the rate of compensation and the des-
7 ignation in this Act shall be the permanent law with re-
8 spect thereto: *Provided*, That the provisions in this Act
9 for the various items of official expenses of Members, offi-
10 cers, and committees of the Senate and House of Rep-
11 resentatives, and clerk hire for Senators and Members of
12 the House of Representatives shall be the permanent law
13 with respect thereto.

14 SEC. 204. The expenditure of any appropriation
15 under this Act for any consulting service through procure-
16 ment contract, under section 3109 of title 5, United States
17 Code, shall be limited to those contracts where such ex-
18 penditures are a matter of public record and available for
19 public inspection, except where otherwise provided under
20 existing law, or under existing Executive order issued
21 under existing law.

22 SEC. 205. Amounts available for administrative ex-
23 penses of any legislative branch entity which participates
24 in the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council
25 (LBFMC) established by charter on March 26, 1996, shall

1 be available to finance an appropriate share of LBFMC
2 costs as determined by the LBFMC, except that the total
3 LBFMC costs to be shared among all participating legisla-
4 tive branch entities (in such allocations among the entities
5 as the entities may determine) may not exceed \$2,000.

6 SEC. 206. The Architect of the Capitol, in consulta-
7 tion with the District of Columbia, is authorized to main-
8 tain and improve the landscape features, excluding streets,
9 in the irregular shaped grassy areas bounded by Wash-
10 ington Avenue, SW on the northeast, Second Street, SW
11 on the west, Square 582 on the south, and the beginning
12 of the I-395 tunnel on the southeast.

13 SEC. 207. None of the funds made available in this
14 Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-
15 strumentality of the United States Government, except
16 pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority pro-
17 vided in, this Act or any other appropriation Act.

18 SEC. 208. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b),
19 none of the funds made available to the Architect of the
20 Capitol in this Act may be used to eliminate or restrict
21 guided tours of the United States Capitol which are led
22 by employees and interns of offices of Members of Con-
23 gress and other offices of the House of Representatives
24 and Senate.

1 (b) At the direction of the Capitol Police Board, or
2 at the direction of the Architect of the Capitol with the
3 approval of the Capitol Police Board, guided tours of the
4 United States Capitol which are led by employees and in-
5 terns described in subsection (a) may be suspended tempo-
6 rarily or otherwise subject to restriction for security or re-
7 lated reasons to the same extent as guided tours of the
8 United States Capitol which are led by the Architect of
9 the Capitol.

10 SEC. 209. Notwithstanding any other provision of
11 law, no adjustment shall be made under section 610(a)
12 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C.
13 31) (relating to cost of living adjustments for Members
14 of Congress) during fiscal year 2015.

15 SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

16 SEC. 210. The amount by which the applicable alloca-
17 tion of new budget authority made by the Committee on
18 Appropriations of the House of Representatives under sec-
19 tion 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, ex-
20 cluding Senate items, exceeds the amount of proposed new
21 budget authority is \$0.

22 This Act may be cited as the “Legislative Branch Ap-
23 propriations Act, 2015”.

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