

House Appropriations Committee

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FY 2015 Omnibus – Legislative Branch Appropriations

Bill maintains lower levels for House operations, provides for the safety and accessibility of the Nation's Capitol

The Legislative Branch portion of the fiscal year 2015 Omnibus holds the line on spending for the House of Representatives and provides important investments to keep our Capitol safe, functional, and accessible to the thousands who work and visit the Capitol Complex every day. In total, the bill includes \$4.3 billion in discretionary funding for the Legislative Branch – an increase of less than 1% above the fiscal year 2014 enacted level.

House Operations – The bill contains \$1.2 billion to fund the operations of the House – maintaining the 2014 fiscal year level. This account provides funding for Members' Representational Allowances (MRAs), which funds leadership, Member, and committee office expenses, as well as operating costs for officers of the House. This funding will ensure that these offices have the resources needed to serve the people they represent.

Capitol Police – The bill funds the Capitol Police at \$348 million, an increase of \$9.5 million above the fiscal year 2014 enacted level. This funding level supports 1,775 sworn officers and 370 civilian workers who provide critical safety and security functions for all Members, staff, and visitors of the Capitol Complex.

Architect of the Capitol (AoC) – The legislation provides \$600 million for the AoC, which is \$1.8 million below the fiscal year 2014 enacted level. The bill will fund essential projects that protect and promote the safety and health of those who visit and work in the Capitol Complex, including deferred maintenance projects. This also includes \$21 million in funding to continue the final phase of the Capitol Dome restoration project, and \$70 million for the Historic Buildings Trust Fund to maintain historically significant structures within the Capitol Complex.

Library of Congress (LoC) – The legislation provides \$591 million for the Library of Congress, an increase of \$11 million above the fiscal year 2014 enacted level. This includes funding for LoC personnel salaries and expenses, the Copyright Office, the Congressional Research Service, collections for the blind and physically handicapped, and other LoC programs and operations.

Government Accountability Office (GAO) – The bill contains \$522 million in funding for the GAO, an increase of \$17 million above the fiscal year 2014 enacted level. This funding level is sufficient to continue the essential work of the GAO to provide Congress with accurate, nonpartisan reporting of how taxpayer dollars are spent.

Government Publishing Office (GPO) – The legislation includes \$120 million for GPO (formerly the Government Printing Office), providing an increase of \$1 million above the fiscal year 2014 enacted level. The legislation maintains the current level of funding for congressional publishing services, and

implements limitations on delivery of documents to individual Member offices in order to reduce excess costs and the waste of both taxpayer dollars and materials.

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