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#### DIVISION I – LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2023

The following is an explanation of the effects of Division I, which makes appropriations for the legislative branch for fiscal year 2023. The joint explanatory statement accompanying this division is approved and indicates congressional intent. Unless otherwise noted, the language set forth in House Report 117–389 carries the same weight as language included in this joint explanatory statement and shall be complied with unless specifically addressed to the contrary in this joint explanatory statement. While some language is repeated for emphasis, this explanatory statement does not intend to negate the language referred to above unless expressly provided herein.

All legislative branch agencies are directed to follow prior year directives adopted in Public Law 117–103, on "Reprogramming Guidelines", "Full-Time Equivalents", "Science and Technology Assistance for Congress", and "Zero-Based Budgeting".

Congressional Requirements for Legislative Branch Cyber and Physical Data Security.—In lieu of the House language on "Congressional Requirements for Legislative Branch Cyber and Physical Data Security", the Committees reiterate that legislative branch agencies should consider proactive steps to protect critical Information Technology (IT) infrastructure, including the prevention of cyberattacks, secure data storage, and ensuring continuity of government operations. The Committees recommend that, as part of their production, redundant and backup network architecture solutions, legislative branch agencies should utilize computing and cloud facilities designed for concurrent maintainability (equivalent to ANSI/TIA-942-A or Uptime Institute Tier III standards and industry best practices) and consider geographic diversity.

*Cybersecurity for the Legislative Branch.*—The agreement includes funding requested by legislative branch agencies in fiscal year 2023 to strengthen cyber defenses.

Motorized Micromobility Devices on Capitol Grounds.—Dockless commercial scooters, or escooters, 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 Capitol Grounds. However, pursuant to the Traffic Regulations for the United States Capitol Grounds, commercial dockless scooters remain prohibited on Capitol Grounds. The agreement notes that the 2021 Terms and Conditions established by the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) have been modified for commercial

dockless scooter vendors and these Terms and Conditions now require commercial dockless scooter vendors to install geofencing on their vehicles to ensure that commercial dockless scooters do not enter onto Capitol Grounds consistent with Traffic Regulations for the United States Capitol Grounds prohibitions. The United States Capitol Police (USCP), Sergeants at Arms (SAA), and Architect of the Capitol (AOC) are expected to continue expanding outreach efforts to dockless scooter and bicycle companies and DDOT, and to work to better educate users, including congressional staff, District residents, and visitors on the appropriate operation of commercial dockless scooters and bicycles on Capitol Grounds. This may include exploring the feasibility of installing shared scooter docking points, including hubs for parking and charging, at designated locations adjacent to campus as determined by USCP, SAAs, and the AOC to ensure rider convenience while not creating a public safety risk on Capitol Grounds.

Offices of Inspectors General (OIG) Budgets.—Ensuring independence between legislative branch OIGs and their respective reporting agencies is important. Agencies are expected to include a separate section reflecting a detailed budget request for their OIGs within their fiscal year 2024 budget justifications. Each OIG is directed to keep the Committees fully apprised of its funding needs. In addition, each agency is directed to avoid interference with or require approval for such communications between the OIG and the Committees.

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 GAO or the agency's OIG 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 2024 congressional budget justification.

Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste or Abuse within the Legislative Branch.—All legislative branch agencies are directed to develop internal controls procedures designed to identify potential risk areas within the agency and to communicate the expected internal controls procedures to be implemented throughout the agency to prevent instances of fraud, waste, or abuse. These policies must be implemented consistent with the authorities of the inspector generals and established Federal laws, rules, and regulations.

Implementation of Recommendations Issued by Oversight Entities.—Each legislative branch agency is directed to address recommendations from oversight entities, such as the GAO and OIGs, in a timely manner and to request resources, as appropriate, to fully implement these recommendations. In addition, each legislative branch agency is directed to provide a summary of all open oversight recommendations within the agency's annual budget justifications, to include reasons for the recommendation remaining open and cost proposals for fully implementing each unresolved oversight recommendation.

Single-Use Plastics and Other Sustainability Efforts.—Reducing the use of single-use plastic products, as well as other recyclable waste, on the Capitol Grounds is critical. The AOC, SAAs, the Secretary of the Senate, Chief Administrative Officer of the House (CAO) and USCP are directed to identify the types of single-use plastic products currently used within their operations and for what purposes; develop recommendations on alternative products, including reuse and refill options; and report within 60 days of enactment of this Act to the Committees on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration and the Committee on House Administration on these findings and the associated costs of implementing said recommendations.

Further, the AOC and USCP are taking commendable actions to implement outdoor recycling programs on Capitol Grounds while maintaining the security of the Capitol complex. The AOC is 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 without impacting security operations. In addition, AOC is encouraged to continue to explore options from within existing resources for composting and food waste reduction with interested legislative branch entities.

Use of Government Vehicles.—Legislative branch agencies are reminded that Federal government vehicles are to be utilized for official government business only and are not to be used for general personal use. All legislative branch agencies are directed to implement policies regarding the acquisition and use of Federal government vehicles, including price limitations, equipment installation, and lifecycle replacement procedures.

Further, all legislative branch agencies are required to implement internal controls over home-towork vehicle programs where vehicles are issued to employees for the purposes of responding to their assignment to fulfil an official duty in a timely manner. These controls shall include an annual recertification of home-to-work justifications for any vehicle assigned to agency personnel for this purpose. This process should also include the justification for the issuance of the home-to-work vehicle, the estimated roundtrip mileage for the vehicle to and from the employee's residence on a daily basis, and the estimated cost to the agency resulting from the assignment of the vehicle.

#### TITLE I

#### **SENATE**

The agreement includes \$1,150,349,000 for Senate operations. This relates solely to the Senate and is in accordance with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention. Any change from the allocation of funds in the subaccounts within this appropriation is subject to the approval of the Senate Committee.

#### OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

The agreement provides \$6,196,000 for the offices of the majority and minority leaders to be equally divided.

#### OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS

The agreement provides \$3,876,000 for the offices of the majority and minority whips to be equally divided.

#### **CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**

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

The agreement provides \$940,000 for the majority and minority conference secretaries to be divided equally.

#### POLICY COMMITTEES

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

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

The agreement provides Salaries 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 Senate 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

The agreement provides funding to enhance the IT help desk experience in the Senate; continue implementation of a Unified Communications system; and fully support the continued initiative to

expand the Senate's cybersecurity capabilities. The SAA is directed to update the Senate Committee regularly as the Cybersecurity Department develops its Senate cyber defense strategic plan.

The agreement 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 Senate Committee expects to be notified in writing in a timely manner of any changes to the staffing levels, distribution of staff, or related funding.

Security and Emergency Preparedness.—The SAA is expected to continue increasing its outreach efforts to offices to improve security coordination and emergency preparedness.

Employee Assistance Program.—The agreement fully funds the requested increase for SAA to expand resources, including adding counselors and developing website services, to meet increased demand and support the mental and emotional health needs and wellbeing of the Senate community.

Office Cybersecurity.—The SAA is expected to utilize funds provided for fiscal year 2023 to conduct third-party cybersecurity auditing services and resiliency assessments for all Senate offices and committees to protect the privacy and integrity of office networks: provide enhanced cybersecurity training for each Senate office; institute protections against insider threats; and institute and operationalize enhanced privacy protections within the Senate network.

#### OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY

The agreement provides \$2,126,000 for the offices of the secretaries for the majority and minority to be equally divided.

#### OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF THE SENATE

The agreement provides \$8,150,000 for the Office of Legislative Counsel of the Senate, which will allow the office to hire three attorneys in fiscal year 2023.

#### SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

The Secretary of the Senate shall provide semi-annual updates to the Senate Committee on FMIS progress, challenges and stakeholder feedback starting within 90 days of enactment of this Act.

The Senate 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 Senate Committee expects notification in writing in a timely manner of any cumulative changes in excess of 10 percent to the funding levels between programs, projects, or activities.

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

The Senate 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 Senate 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.

Hearing Room Audiovisual Equipment.—The agreement provides \$5,000,000 in no-year funding to partially or fully renovate two to four hearing rooms per year, as per the request. The SAA is expected to continue working with the Architect of the Capitol and the Committees on Appropriations and Rules and Administration to develop a replacement plan to avoid equipment failure.

Unified Communications and Collaboration (UCC) System.—The SAA is directed to continue providing semi-annual updates to the Senate Committee on the development and implementation of the UCC system.

Training to "Stop the Bleed".—The Senate Committee commends the SAA Office of Security, Emergency Preparedness and Continuity's continued utilization of "Stop the Bleed" training on the Capitol campus and SAA is encouraged to continue to do so.

Congressional Staff Directory.—The SAA is directed, in consultation with relevant support offices and agencies, including the Office of the Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, to explore the creation of a centrally-managed staff directory for Congress and

congressional support agencies. Within 120 days of enactment of this Act, SAA shall brief the Senate Committee on the feasibility of creating a centralized congressional staff directory.

Cyber Tools.—The SAA is directed to evaluate and provide a briefing within 180 days of enactment of this Act to the Senate Committee on the feasibility of Member office and committee use of cloud-based word processing and document real-time collaboration tools in a SAA-hosted and Chief Information Officer-operated data center.

Cyber Care Education for Senators and Staff.—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 bipartisan Senators' Personal Cybersecurity 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. The SAA is directed to provide increased training opportunities so that members and staff traveling abroad are aware of cyber threats and appropriate best practices to mitigate such threats to their devices, and to brief this Committee on whether members and staff are utilizing these awareness tools.

Sergeant at Arms Fellowships Fund.—The agreement provides \$6,277,000 to establish the McCain-Mansfield Fellowship Program, established under Senate Resolution 443 (117th Congress), and the SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Christopher Horton Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Program, established under Senate Resolution 442 (117th Congress). Rather than provide this funding as requested in the fiscal year budget request, as amended, as part of the expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, the Committee provides a separate funding account and parameters for expenditures under section 102 of this Act. The SAA shall submit a spending plan to the Committee within 60 days of enactment of this Act detailing how the agency intends to allocate fiscal year 2023 funds.

*Miscellaneous Items*.—The agreement provides \$27,814,000 for miscellaneous items to remain available until September 30, 2025. Any deviation of more than 10 percent cumulatively from the stated levels for each item will require the customary prior approval of the Senate Committee.

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

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Senate Employees' Child Care Center.—The Committee acknowledges that Congress may only provide funding for employee benefits and travel expenses for employee training activities for the Senate Employees' Child Care Center (SECCC), and the reimbursement of salaries for the executive director and assistant director of the center, which are provided for and fully funded in this Act. The Committee further acknowledges that funds for all other employees' salaries and operational expenses are paid by the Center's operating budget and cannot be supplemented with appropriated funds. Furthermore, the Committee understands these payments will free up the Center's operating budget to provide salary increases for all day care faculty, allowing the Center to pay its staff competitive salaries comparable with the House of Representatives Child Care Center.

Consultants Including Agency Contributions.—The agreement provides authority for the appointment and payment of consultants 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. The following summarizes the current authority and limitations:

- *Majority Leader.*—Twelve consultants.
- *Minority Leader.*—Twelve consultants.
- Legislative Counsel (Subject to President Pro Tempore Approval).—Two consultants.
- President Pro Tempore.—Three consultants.
- President Pro Tempore Emeritus.—One consultant.

Senate Employees' Child Care Center Agency Contributions.—The agreement 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.

Senate Employees' Child Care Center Reimbursement of Salaries.—The agreement provides for the reimbursement costs to the Senate Employees' Child Care Center for the basic pay paid to the

#### FISCAL YEAR 2023 - MISCELLANEOUS APPORTIONMENT SCHEDULE

Item	Fiscal year 2023 request	Conference, 2023	Difference
Resolution and reorganization reserve	\$ 5,500,000	\$ 5,500,000	\$0
Unallocated	9,990,000	9,990,000	0
Reserve for contingencies (miscellaneous items)	800,000	800,000	0
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	0
Foreign travel—Members and employees (S. Res. 179, dated May 25, 1977)	125,000	125,000	0
Federal employees compensation account (Public Law 96–499, dated December 5, 1980) (Unemployment Compensation)	600,000	600,000	0
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	0
Policy Committees for the Majority and Minority (Public Law 104–53, dated November 19, 1995)	150,000	150,000	0
Postage	6,000	6,000	0
Stationery	16,500	16,500	0
Communications	72,000	72,000	0
Consultants—including agency contributions (2 U.S.C. 6501 as amended)	6,200,000	8,000,000	0
National Security Working Group (Public Law 115–244, dated September 21, 2018) (expires December 31, 2020)	700,000	700,000	0
Committee on Appropriations (Public Law 105–275, dated October 21, 1998)	950,000	950,000	0
Office of the Chaplain (Public Law 108-199, dated January 23, 2004)	50,000	40,000	0
Senate Child Care Center:			
Agency Contribution costs authorized by Public Laws 102–90, dated August 14, 1991 and 103–50, dated July 2, 1993	510,000	510,000	0
Reimbursement of salaries authorized by S. Res. 329, dated July 29, 2021	189,000	189,000	0
Training classes, conferences, and travel expenses as authorized by Public Law 104–197, dated September 16, 1996	15,000	15,000	0
Total	26,203,500	27,814,000	0



Executive Director and for the basic pay paid to the Assistant Director of the Center, as authorized by Senate Resolution 329, approved July 29, 2021.

Senate Employees' Child Care Center Training Classes and Conference Costs.—The agreement 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.—The agreement provides \$9,800,000 for the repayment of student loans, for eligible employees at the discretion of the employing office, to enhance recruitment and retention of Senate staff.

Enhanced Member Protection.—The Senate Sergeant at Arms is directed to develop a residential security system program designed to allow Senators, at their discretion, to participate. The program is focused on assisting in mitigating increased risks to the physical security of Senators' residences both in the District of Columbia and in their home states. The agreement provides a total of \$2,500,000 to be available until expended for the development and administration of a residential security system program.

The residential security system program, via threat assessments, shall identify threats and risks vulnerabilities on the residences of Senators. The program will be administered under memorandums of understanding with each Senate office that elects to participate. The MOU shall govern the security system options recommended to mitigate identified risks, the terms of the installation, funding, monitoring and maintenance of the system. The costs for the respective residential security systems shall be at the participating Senator's expense through the use of personal or campaign funds. If a Senator certifies that personal or campaign funding is unavailable to address the threat assessment recommendations, the Sergeant at Arms may, on a case-by-case basis, utilize available residential security system no year funds to address remaining requirements.

Within 60 days of enactment of this Act, the Senate Sergeant at Arms shall provide to the Committee, details regarding the administration of the program including the process by which the Sergeant at Arms will make determinations when to utilize no year funding.

### SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT

The following table illustrates the several components of the SOPOEA.

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Senate Intern Compensation.—The agreement includes \$7,000,000 for the sole purpose of providing financial compensation to interns.

INSERT TABLE 4A Senator Interns

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The agreement includes provisions that require that amounts remaining in the Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account be used for deficit reduction or to reduce the Federal debt, establish appropriations for the Senate Sergeant at Arms Fellowships Fund, also known as the McCain-Mansfield and SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Christopher Horton Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowships Programs, and amend funding authorities in Division I of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 for Senate Democratic Leadership offices.

### SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE FISCAL YEAR 2023

State	Administrative and clerical assistance allowance 10/1/2022	Legislative assistance allowance 10/1/2022	O.O.E.A. allowance 10/1/2022	Total allowance 10/1/2022
Alabama	3,180,569	611,100	182,780	3,974,449
Alaska	3,091,914	611,100	252,186	3,955,200
Arizona	3,357,885	611,100	241,358	4,210,343
Arkansas	3,091,914	611,100	167,671	3,870,685
California	4,868,411	611,100	444,632	5,924,143
Colorado	3,180,569	611,100	193,348	3,985,017
Connecticut	3,091,914	611,100	160,686	3,863,700
Delaware	3,091,914	611,100	129,093	3,832,107
Florida	4,471,359	611,100	323,873	5,406,332
Georgia	3,623,866	611,100	219,977	4,454,943
Hawaii	3,091,914	611,100	279,138	3,982,152
Idaho	3,091,914	611,100	166,541	3,869,555
Illinois	3,801,180	611,100	261,249	4,673,529
Indiana	3,269,229	611,100	193,582	4,073,911
Iowa	3,091,914	611,100	170,088	
Kansas	3,091,914	611,100	168,016	3,873,102 3,871,030
Kentucky	3,091,914	611,100	177,536	
Louisiana	3,091,914	611,100	182,843	3,880,550 3,885,857
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Maine	3,269,229	611,100	171,957	3,851,155
Maryland	, ,	55	*	4,052,286
Massachusetts	3,357,885	611,100	198,331	4,167,316
Michigan	3,623,866	611,100	231,933	4,466,899
Minnesota	3,180,569	611,100	189,674	3,981,343
Mississippi	3,091,914	611,100	165,809	3,868,823
Missouri	3,269,229	611,100	196,192	4,076,521
Montana	3,091,914	611,100	162,085	3,865,099
Nebraska	3,091,914	611,100	161,636	3,864,650
Nevada	3,091,914	611,100	177,015	3,880,029
New Hampshire	3,091,914	611,100	143,355	3,846,369
New Jersey	3,535,201	611,100	203,659	4,349,960
New Mexico	3,091,914	611,100	166,042	3,869,056
New York	4,414,637	611,100	319,208	5,344,945
North Carolina	3,623,866	611,100	221,770	4,456,736
North Dakota	3,091,914	611,100	150,559	3,853,573
Ohio	3,712,524	611,100	254,792	4,578,416
Oklahoma	3,091,914	611,100	179,542	3,882,556
Oregon	3,091,914	611,100	191,922	3,894,936
Pennsylvania	3,889,836	611,100	257,515	4,758,451
Rhode Island	3,091,914	611,100	138,956	3,841,970
South Carolina	3,180,569	611,100	176,999	3,968,668
South Dakota	3,091,914	611,100	152,156	3,855,170
Tennessee	3,269,229	611,100	195,967	4,076,296
Texas	4,868,411	611,100	374,770	5,854,281
Utah	3,091,914	611,100	174,685	3,877,699
Vermont	3,091,914	611,100	136,558	3,839,572
Virginia	3,446,546	611,100	197,874	4,255,520
Washington	3,357,885	611,100	219,632	4,188,617
West Virginia	3,091,914	611,100	145,311	3,848,325
Wisconsin	3,180,569	611,100	192,736	3,984,405
Wyoming	3,091,914	611,100	153,097	3,856,111
Total	167,322,883	30,555,000	10,064,475	207,942,358
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		61,110,000	20,128,950	415,884,716

#### Senators' Office Allocations for Intern Compensation

	State	Amount
Alabama		66,30
Alaska		69,55
Arizona		70,00
Arkansas		64,50
California		101,50
Colorado		66,30
Connecticut		64,50
Delaware		64,50
Florida		93,30
Georgia		75,60
Hawaii		69,55
Idaho		64,50
Illinois		79,30
Indiana		68.20
lowa		64,50
Kansas		64,50
		64,50
Kentucky Louisiana		64,50
		64,50
Maine		
Maryland		68,20
Massachusetts		70,00
Michigan		75,60
Minnesota		66,30
Mississippi		64,50
Missouri		68,20
Montana		64,50
Nebraska		64,50
Nevada		64,50
New Hampshire		64,50
New Jersey		73,70
New Mexico		64,50
New York		92,10
North Carolina		75,60
North Dakota		64,50
Ohio		77,40
Oklahoma		64,50
Oregon		64,50
Pennsylvania		81,10
Rhode Island		64,50
South Carolina		66,30
South Dakota		64,50
Tennessee		68,20
Texas		101,50
Utah		64,50
Vermont		64,50
Virginia		71,90
Washington		70,00
West Virginia		64,50
Wisconsin		66,30
Wyoming		64,50
Total		3,500,00
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#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The agreement includes \$1,847,571,000 for House operations. This item relates solely to the House and is in accordance with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention. The language included in House Report 117–389 should be complied with and carry the same emphasis as the language included in the explanatory statement, unless specifically addressed to the contrary in this explanatory statement.

Housing of U.S. House of Representatives Interns.—The agreement modifies the reporting date included in House Report 117–389 by instead directing the House Intern Resource Office to provide the list of intern housing resources and findings by not later than 180 days after the establishment of the House Intern Resource Office.

Lobbyist Disclosure Unique Identifier.— The agreement modifies the direction included in House Report 117-389 within the Office of the Clerk for the Lobbyist Disclosure Unique Identifier. The agreement instead provides \$1,400,000 to the House of Representatives Modernization Initiatives Account for the Lobbyist Disclosure Unique Identifier.

House Center for Well-Being.—The agreement modifies the direction included in House Report 117–389 to notify the Committee within 30 days in advance of contract awards. The agreement instead directs the House Center for Well-Being and the Office of Employee Assistance to provide monthly updates on the Center's plans and program offerings to staff.

House Information Websites.—The agreement modifies the direction included in House Report 117–389 for the House Information Resource Office and instead, directs the Congressional Data Task Force, in coordination with relevant stakeholders, to submit a report, no later than 180 days after enactment of this Act, on the feasibility and cost of (1) centralizing congressional information websites on one platform; (2) improving user accessibility for persons with disabilities and non-English speakers; (3) developing educational resources for the public on how to find congressional information; and (4) improving the current user interface.

Supervisory Training Development.—The agreement modifies the direction included in House Report 117-389. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI) is directed to coordinate with the Congressional Staff Academy to develop an ongoing curriculum for diversity, equity, inclusion, and

accessibility training for managers and supervisors, which can be held quarterly. ODI and the Congressional Staff Academy are directed to brief the House Committee on Appropriations on a bimonthly basis on their efforts towards creating such a curriculum, until such curriculum is developed.

Extension of Staff Benefits.— The Committee commends the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Task Force on a Diverse and Talented House Workforce for providing the House Staff Benefits and Retention Study as well as further detailed research on implementing various employee benefit programs. The agreement provides the House authority to use appropriated funds for a childcare subsidy program. The CAO Task Force on a Diverse and Talented House Workforce, in coordination with the Committee on House Administration, shall work to develop a House Child Care Subsidy Program that provides childcare subsidies for House staffers who do not use the House of Representatives Child Care Center. The Task Force shall provide details for the program along with an implementation plan to the House Committee on Appropriations within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The agreement provides for unspent amounts remaining in the Members' Representational Allowances (MRA) account to be used for deficit or debt reduction; places a limitation on the amount available to lease vehicles; limits the sharing of House information by Federal entities; establishes a House Intern Resource Office; expands the authorities of the House Student Loan Program; amends the House Services Revolving Fund; clarifies the use of the Child Care Center Revolving Fund; and provides authority for a child care subsidy program.

#### JOINT ITEMS

#### JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The agreement includes \$4,283,000 for salaries and expenses.

#### JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

The agreement includes \$12,948,000 for salaries and expenses.

#### OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

The agreement includes \$4,181,000.

# OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$1,702,000 for salaries and expenses.

### CAPITOL POLICE SALARIES

The agreement includes \$541,730,000 for salaries of the United States Capitol Police (USCP), of which \$3,450,000 shall be for agreed upon protection activities for Members of Congress and shall be available until September 30, 2024, with notification to the Committees on Appropriations prior to the obligation of funds. No more than \$64,912,000 is provided for overtime in fiscal year 2023.

Enhanced Member Protection.—The Committees recognize the emerging mission requirements for the United States Capitol Police, especially in the area of Member protection resulting from increased threats and directions of interest toward Senators and House Members. In light of this, the Committees continue to find that ensuring the continuity of government must include protecting the physical security of Members of Congress both in the District of Columbia and in their home states, districts and territories. The agreement provides a total of \$9,478,000, which includes \$3,450,000 for Salaries and \$6,028,000 for General Expenses to support the Department's recommendations to enhance Member protection including providing a security program for Congressional Leadership, expanding Dignitary Protection Division services and expanding USCP field office presence.

In order to better define the impact of the emerging mission on the Department's operations, the Committees provide \$1,000,000 in General Expenses for the development of a comprehensive Concept of Operations Plan. This plan should include, but is not limited to: defined mission requirements, both current and projected; validated post requirements; the construct of necessary departmental entities to support the mission, to include projected reorganizations; resulting sworn and civilian staffing requirements; sworn official and civilian leadership requirements; mandatory training requirements and professional skills development requirements; projected staffing levels and commensurate additional duty projections to meet the mission; areas for contracted support to the mission, to include the future use of contracted Capitol Security Officers or other like resources; the use of technology to meet mission requirements; and a comprehensive mitigation plan to address and mitigate threats and directions of interest against Members. The plan shall be completed not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act. The Department shall provide updates on its progress to develop a Concept of Operations plan monthly to the Committees.

Risk-Based Protections for Members of Congress.—The agreement provides \$2,000,000 in Salaries for the Department to provide Member security outside of the Capitol campus in the National Capital Region (NCR), as warranted by risk-based analyses. The USCP is expected to continue working closely with the House and Senate SAAs and law enforcement partners in the NCR, as well as educating Member offices, on USCP's strategy for Members' protection within the NCR while off the Capitol Grounds, per the December 2018 report detailing the Department's plans to enhance off-campus Member security in the NCR.

Mutual Aid Reimbursement.—USCP is directed to continue to expand the use of other Federal, state and local law enforcement entities through reimbursable mutual aid agreements and to ensure collaborative two-way sharing of critical information to meet mission requirements. The Department is encouraged to further expand the use of regionally-based Department personnel to focus efforts of addressing threats against Members and their families.

State and Local Law Enforcement Reimbursement.—The Department is reminded to continue making earnest efforts to increase outreach on mutual aid agreements. The Department is directed to issue a report to the Committees within 180 days of enactment of this Act on the mutual aid reimbursement costs compared to providing personal security details for Members, options for

enhancing security for Members and staff working in their districts through mutual aid, and the USCP outreach efforts to date on mutual aid.

Contract Security Officers.—The Department is directed to submit to the Committees within 90 days of enactment of this Act a report on the performance of contract Capitol Security Officers' (CSO) ability to assist the USCP with meeting mission requirements. The report should be placed in the respective House and Senate security offices for viewing by authorized representatives of the Committees and should include decisional metrics for CSO location utilization and the benefits of supporting sworn officers. The report must detail any additional security training that may be needed in future contracts and the background check process. Additionally, the report is required to detail the estimated cost savings for using CSOs.

Reopening the Capitol Campus.—Reopening the Capitol campus safely to the public is the Committees' priority. The Department is directed to provide the Committees, within 30 days after the enactment of this Act, a written reopening plan, to include a list of post/mission requirements with identified protection/security activity, sworn staffing requirements, Capitol Security Officer staffing requirements, additional duty requirements, and other resources needed to reopen the Capitol campus to its pre-pandemic posture, factoring in any additional requirements resulting from January 6, 2021, and increasing threats against Members of Congress. Further, the Department shall provide an update to the Committees every 30 days on the resources available to staff those posts and challenges that impact the proposed reopening plan. Lastly, the plan should include a proposed timeline for reopening, understanding that fluctuations in hiring occur, as well as additional security requirements, and can alter the schedule. As the plan will include law enforcement sensitive information, it should be made available within the respective House and Senate security offices to be viewed by authorized representatives of the Committees.

Responses to USCP OIG Recommendations.—When responding to recommendations detailed in USCP OIG reports, the Department is expected to develop cost proposals for each recommendation to better inform the Committees on what resources would be required to implement the recommendations, such as organizational realignment, changes in position descriptions, increased personnel, reassignment of existing personnel, and additional training and equipment.

USCP Office of Inspector General.—The agreement includes funds to support not less than 12 full-time equivalent (FTE) within the USCP OIG.

#### GENERAL EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$192,846,000 for general expenses of the Capitol Police, of which \$6,028,000 shall be for agreed upon protection activities for Members of Congress and shall be available until September 30, 2025.

Arrest Summary Data.—The Committees commend the USCP for their progress toward compliance with a directive to post arrest summary information in a user-friendly format that is searchable, sortable, downloadable, and is available on a cumulative basis. The Committees thank the Department for their briefing on arrest summary data. Furthermore, the Department is directed to submit a report of arrests made both on the Capitol complex and the surrounding Capitol Hill community on a quarterly basis to the Committee.

USCP Information Sharing.—The Department is encouraged to continue increasing its efforts to communicate with Members of Congress, congressional employees, and the public about events occurring around the Capitol complex in a manner that is consistent with and does not interfere with its primary mission of protecting the Congress and the legislative process.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The agreement includes provisions to establish authorities for volunteer chaplain services and additional protective details.

# OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE RIGHTS SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$8,000,000 for salaries and expenses, of which \$2,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2024.

### CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$63,237,000 for salaries and expenses. The Congressional Budget Office is directed to follow prior year directives adopted in Public Law 117–103, on "Promoting Transparency and Responsiveness". As with prior year budget submissions, the Committees expect CBO to include in its fiscal year 2024 budget request details about 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.

#### ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

The agreement includes \$1,315,002,000 for the activities of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC). *AOC Vehicle Usage*.—The AOC is required to comply with 31 U.S.C. 1343 and, as such, limited by the statutory controls over motor vehicle acquisition and use, including price limitation, equipment, and replacement of motor vehicles, and per regulations set forth by the General Services Administration (GSA). The AOC is also expected to adhere to GSA regulations on official use of agency vehicles to perform AOC's mission, including proper identification of the vehicle as Federal government-issued and -owned, as well as home-to-work policies. None of the fund's appropriated under this Act or any other Act, including previous Acts, may be used for a home-to-work vehicle for the Architect of the Capitol or a duly authorized designee.

AOC Office of Inspector General.—Within the total, the agreement provides no less than \$6,110,000 for the AOC OIG. The agreement includes the request of \$495,000 for 3 additional FTE. The Committees also direct 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 Committees reiterate that the independence of the AOC OIG is of the utmost importance.

#### CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS

The agreement includes \$145,843,000 for Capital Construction and Operations.

*Medical Surveillance*.—The recommendation includes \$317,000 to continue the program, administered by the OAP, for medical exams and tests designed to detect and monitor employee health effects resulting from hazardous chemical or physical exposures in the workplace.

Studying Sustainability.—The AOC's annual Performance and Accountability Report (PAR) provides the results of the AOC's financial performance each fiscal year, as well as demonstrates the AOC's commitment to the accomplishment of its mission and accountability for its financial resources. As part of the PAR completed for fiscal year 2023, the AOC is directed to report on greenhouse gas emissions analysis as data is available for the Capitol complex. The AOC is also directed to include information in each PAR that reflects all significant measures taken to address efficient use of steam and electricity. Lastly, the AOC is expected to include this information as part of this report on an annual basis to leverage energy conservation and maximize the use of energy efficient sources throughout the legislative branch facilities.

#### CAPITOL BUILDING

The agreement includes \$80,589,000, for maintenance, care, and operation of the Capitol Building, of which \$6,099,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2027, and of which \$42,785,000 shall remain available until expended.

Operating Budget:	\$31,705,000
Project Budget:	
House Kitchen and Exhaust Modernization	23,900,000
Senate Restaurant Renovation Program	18,885,000
Minor Construction	5,500,000
Conservation of Fine and Architectural Art	<u>599,000</u>

Total, Capitol Building

\$80,589,000

Hygiene Products.—The Committees appreciate and note the AOC's efforts to ensure menstrual hygiene products are available at no cost to all those who use restroom facilities throughout the Capitol Complex Buildings and Grounds. The AOC is expected to continue making bulk purchases of, storing, and distributing menstrual hygiene products throughout the Capitol Complex Buildings and Grounds, in coordination with partnering agencies.

Miscellaneous Improvements Notifications.—The Committees appreciate the AOC's efforts to document and notify the Committees of "Miscellaneous Improvements projects," which are completed projects that cost less than \$5,000 for labor and materials. The Committees continue to direct 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.

#### **CAPITOL GROUNDS**

The agreement includes \$16,365,000 for the care and improvements of the grounds surrounding the Capitol, House and Senate Office Buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant, of which \$2,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2027.

Operating Budget: \$14,365,000

Project Budget:

Minor Construction 2,000,000

2,000,000

Total, Capitol Grounds \$16,365,000

#### SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

The agreement includes \$184,596,000 for the maintenance, care, and operation of the Senate Office Buildings, of which \$66,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2027, and \$36,100,000 shall remain available until expended for Committee Room Modernization.

Operating Budget:	\$82,496,000
Project Budget:	
Low-Slope Roofing System Replacement, Dirksen	16,600,000
Fire Alarm Control & Panel Replacement, Dirksen	4,300,000
Exterior Door Conservation, Phase II, Dirksen	3,200,000
Senate Restaurant Renovation Program	8,100,000
Air Handling Unit Refurbishments & Replacements, Phase I, Hart	25,000,000
Senate Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) Construction	3,500,000
Committee Room Modernization	5,000,000
Senate Sergeant at Arms Relocation	28,000,000
Minor Construction	8,400,000
	102,100,000
Total Senate Office Buildings	\$184,596,000

For fiscal year 2023, the AOC is directed to follow prior year directives adopted in Public Law 117–103, on "Calder Mountain and Clouds Sculpture", "Composting Program", and "Senate Employees' Child Care Center (SECCC) Facility Assessment".

Senate Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) Assessment.— The Committee notes the progress made to study and design SCIF space in the Senate. The recommendation provides \$3,500,000 in 5-year funds to be used for construction of new SCIF space and to continue implementing recommendations from the SCIF study including preliminary planning, study, design, preconstruction,

and construction of additional sensitive compartmented information facility space for the Senate, in coordination with the Office of Senate Security and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and Rules and Administration.

#### HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

The agreement includes \$126,279,000 for the care and maintenance of the House Office Buildings, of which \$14,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2026, and \$40,600,000 shall remain available until expended for the restoration and renovation of the Cannon House Office Building. Of the amount made available, \$4,000,000 shall be derived by transfer from the House Office Building Fund.

Operating Budget:	\$71,179,000
Project Budget:	
CAO Project Support	7,000,000
Minor Construction	7,500,000
Cannon Building Restoration	40,600,000
	55,100,000
Total House Office Buildings	\$126,279,000

Cannon Building Costs.—The Committees recognize the urgent need to complete the Cannon Building renewal, which will replace outdated building systems, conserve historic aspects of the building, and optimize the functionality of Member suites, among other improvements. The Committees remain concerned that the cost of the Cannon renovation continues to increase from an initial project estimate of \$752,700,000 to the current project estimate of \$971,300,000.

#### CAPITOL POWER PLANT

The agreement includes \$166,951,000 for maintenance, care, and operation of the Capitol Power Plant (CPP), of which \$68,600,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2027.

Operating Budget:	\$98,351,000
Project Budget:	
Electrical Switchgear B and Pump Replacement, RPR, WRP	30,400,000
Utility Tunnel Concrete Repairs at Russell Carriage Entrance, R Tunnel	2,200,000
Utility Tunnel Concrete Repairs at 2nd and E Capitol, R Tunnel	1,800,000
Roofing System Replacement, Boiler and Generator Plant	16,500,000
Utility Tunnel Pipe Expansion Joint Replacement, Y Tunnel	12,700,000
Minor Construction	5,000,000
	68,600,000
Total, Capitol Power Plant	\$166,951,000
Offsetting Collections	(10,000,000)

Resiliency Efforts.—The AOC is encouraged to continue to find ways to increase the resilience and efficiency of the Capitol complex by exploring the feasibility of procuring increasingly efficient technologies that aim to make the Capitol complex more resilient and independent over time. To this end, the AOC shall brief the Committees within 60 days of enactment of the Act on the incremental cost differences between conventional and low-carbon or zero emissions alternatives for the Capitol campus. In addition, the AOC shall provide periodic updates on the status of the design, construction and installation of the electronic vehicle (EV) charging stations across the Capitol complex utilizing appropriated funds, as well as the estimated costs associated with operating and maintaining those EV charging stations, and any plans for expanding EV charging stations for the Senate and other areas within Capitol complex.

#### LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The agreement includes \$144,220,000 for Library of Congress Buildings and Grounds, of which \$108,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2027.

Operating Budget:	\$36,220,000
Project Budget:	
Collection Storage Module 7, Fort Meade	51,000,000
Sprinkler System Replacement for Collections, JAB	37,500,000
Fire Alarm and Audibility System Upgrade, Phase II, JMMB	15,500,000
Minor Construction	4,000,000
	108,000,000
Total, Library Buildings and Grounds	\$144,220,000

Library of Congress Visitor Experience.—The Committees are concerned with the accuracy of construction project cost estimates and schedules it has received from the AOC regarding the Library of Congress (LOC) Visitor Experience project. The AOC, in collaboration with the LOC, is directed until project completion to provide a bi-weekly project status report to the Senate and House appropriations and authorization committees of jurisdiction. The report should include costs, schedules, and progress updates for specific construction activities aligned to the three Visitor Experience project initiatives: 1) the Orientation Gallery; 2) the Treasures Gallery; and 3) the Youth Center. Further, it is the expectation of the Committees that the construction for the three project initiatives will be completed by the AOC in a phased manner over the following three years, thereby ensuring minimal impact to public access at the Thomas Jefferson Building; and all project construction actions will be completed by no later than January 1, 2026, to coincide with the activities set forth in Public Law 114–196, United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016. Lastly, the AOC is reminded that it has a responsibility to balance the historic preservation needs of the Thomas Jefferson Building, with the necessary and evolving LOC mission and engagement activities as directed by the Congress.

#### CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND SECURITY

The agreement includes \$402,907,000 for Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds and Security, of which \$346,255,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2027. \$238,455,000 shall be for the Capitol Complex Security Program and \$80,000,000 shall be for the design and construction of enhanced screening vestibules.

Operating Budget:	\$56,652,000
Project Budget:	
Barrier Lifecycle and Security Kiosk Repairs and Replacement, Phase VII, OSP	9,100,000
USCP K-9 Expansion Support	2,500,000
Capitol Complex Security Program	238,455,000
Enhanced Screening Vestibules Design & Construction Program	80,000,000
Computer Room Air Conditioning Unit Replacements, Phase I, OSF	6,200,000
Minor Construction	10,000,000
	346,255,000
Total, Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds and Security	\$402,907,000

Capitol Complex Security.—Ongoing threats against Members of Congress and staff translates into the need for adequate facilities and infrastructure support. The funds provided by the Committees to AOC for core security needs will support the USCP mission and its efforts to protect the Capitol Complex. The AOC, in coordination with the USCP, is directed to submit a detailed spend plan to the Committees on Appropriations within 30 days of enactment of this Act for both the Capitol Complex Security Program and the Enhanced Screening Vestibules Design and Construction Program. The spend plans, which may be held in a classified setting, should include details for the execution of the funds provided before any funds provided in this Act are obligated.

#### **BOTANIC GARDEN**

The agreement includes \$23,560,000 for the U.S. Botanic Garden, of which \$8,200,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2027.

Operating Budget:	\$15,360,000
Project Budget:	
Production Facility Renewal and Master Plan Design	3,200,000
Minor Construction	5,000,000
*	8,200,000
Total, Botanic Garden	\$23,560,000

#### CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

The agreement includes \$27,692,000 for the Capitol Visitor Center.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The agreement includes provisions to prohibit payments of bonuses to contractors behind schedule or over budget and authorization to extend the Fallen Heroes Flag Act of 2016.

# LIBRARY OF CONGRESS SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$582,529,000 in direct appropriations for the Library of Congress (the Library or LOC) salaries and expenses. In addition, collections that may be credited to this appropriation shall remain available until expended. The recommendation includes the following to remain available

until expended: \$12,245,000 for the Teaching with Primary Sources program, \$1,459,000 for the upgrade of the Legislative Branch Financial Management System, \$250,000 for the Surplus Books Program, \$1,500,000 for the COVID–19 American History Project, and \$3,976,000 for the Veterans History Project. In addition, the agreement includes the fiscal year 2023 request of \$1,084,000 for the Visitor Engagement Program, \$4,997,000 for the Library OCIO's role in the implementation and continuous development of the Integrated Research and Information System (IRIS), \$1,510,000 for the Legislative Branch Financial Management System (LBFMS), \$1,475,000 for the OCIO Cloud Program Office, \$4,082,000 to strengthen IT planning and project management, \$1,762,000 for the Financial Reports Division to address significant growth in accounting, workflow, and financial reporting requirements, \$3,109,000 to expand enterprise planning and management, and \$128,000 to refresh workstations.

The agreement does not include the requested \$2,394,000 to migrate the Library's personnel and payroll processing services.

Congress.gov Update Study.—The Committees recognize that Congress.gov is an important tool for members, staff, and the public to follow and understand the congressional process; however, the Committees believe that Congress.gov could provide a more complete picture of the full legislative process. Therefore, the Library, in collaboration with the Legislative Branch Data Interchange Working Group, is directed to conduct a study to determine what changes are necessary to allow Congress.gov to better track the legislative process. The study should identify technical and procedural changes required to track legislation that is introduced and later included in a separate measure, legislation introduced that is also filed as an amendment, and a better tracking of the congressional committee process, including the notation of recorded votes in committee. The Library is encouraged to consult with congressional and public stakeholders in the development of the study and to submit a report to the Committees within 180 days of enactment of this Act on the findings of the study.

Information Literacy.—In recognition of the critical need for Americans of all ages to develop information literacy skills, the Committees direct the Library of Congress to collaborate with and provide consultative support to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) as IMLS carries out the activities of the Information Literacy Taskforce for the priorities and guidelines described in the

explanatory statement to accompany the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103).

America 250.—The Library is encouraged to collaborate with the IMLS on outreach and activities to engage the diverse community of museums and libraries across the Nation in celebrating and commemorating the semiquincentennial anniversary of the Nation's founding.

*IT Modernization.*—The Committees continue to invest in IT modernization at the Library and the Library is directed to brief the Committees regularly on these efforts.

National Film and Sound Recording Preservation Programs.—The Committees recognize 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. 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 Library is expected to continue to support them.

LOC Office of Inspector General.—The agreement includes not less than \$4,500,000 for the Library's OIG, to support no fewer than 14 FTE.

Reading Room Access.—The Committees recognize that public access to the Main Reading Room at the Library of Congress is limited and acknowledges the challenge of maintaining a balance between creating a quiet environment for researchers while also allowing visitors to enjoy the beauty of the Main Reading Room. The Library is encouraged to continue exploring opportunities to enhance public access to the Reading Room while preserving the research environment and collections, and directs the Library to keep the Committees apprised of any new efforts to expand public access.

Teaching with Primary Sources.—The agreement includes \$12,245,000 for the Library's successful Teaching with Primary Sources program (TPS), a teacher training initiative that encourages educators to incorporate the Library's online primary sources into school curricula.

The Committees believes that efforts to develop learning initiatives on history, civics, and democracy have merit, and encourages the Library to further its efforts in these areas, including through the creation of a Lewis-Houghton Civics and Democracy Initiative.

Lewis-Houghton Civics and Democracy Initiative.—The Committees believe that efforts to develop digitally-enabled learning initiatives for secondary education based on creative arts driven

instruction, especially focused on music, in history, civics, and democracy have merit. As such, the Committees support the establishment of the Lewis-Houghton Civics and Democracy Initiative pilot within the Library of Congress' Teaching with Primary Sources program to be initiated in FY 2023. The Committees recognize the established Library programmatic processes and resources for successfully administering such an initiative, to include the vast collections within the Library, such as the American Folklife Center, the Songs of America collection and other important Library archives and collections. The Committees also recognize that grant products from this Initiative may be used to enrich onsite Library of Congress activities, such as but not limited to those planned by the Center for Learning, Literacy and Engagement for the New Visitor Experience.

For the purposes of establishing a pilot for the Initiative, the agreement includes \$2,300,000, of which \$300,000 is available for the administration of the Initiative. These funds are intended to develop and administer a pilot educational program as a part of the Initiative, which funds eligible organizations within the United States and its territories to develop digitally-enabled comprehensive, assessable, teaching project-based creative arts driven curricula programs focused on using the digitized primary sources of the Library of Congress related to history, civics and democracy.

Applicants selected for participation in the educational program should reflect a broad and diverse representation and be selected on competitive bases, similar to established criteria of programs administered by the Library. Applicants shall demonstrate the background, partnerships and experience to successfully implement the scope and intent of the pilot program. Applicants for participation within the Initiative do not need to have been a prior participant in a Library program in order to be eligible for participation, following existing Library announcement and selection processes.

To further the many educational programs within the Library, participants within the programs of the Initiative will be included within the Teaching with Primary Sources consortium partnership to leverage information, goals and experiences of similar or emerging programs.

Within 90 days of enactment of the Act, the Library shall provide a plan to the Committees detailing the pilot, to include eligibility for applying for funding from the Initiative, the criteria to be used to select eligible participants, the time-line for launching the pilot and an overview of program administration. In addition, the Library is directed to submit a report on the progress of the pilot at the

end of fiscal year 2023, detailing the successes and challenges of administering the Initiative and providing recommendations for refining, enhancing and expanding it in future fiscal years.

Visitor Experience Initiative.—Along with budget submissions as part of the regular appropriations process, the Library, in coordination with the AOC, is directed to provide bi-weekly status reports to the Committees including designs, cost estimates, and anticipated timelines for construction and implementation of the Library's Visitor Experience Master Plan. These updates should also include progress on fundraising initiatives for private funding, including both donations in-hand and verbal commitments, to support the Visitor Experience.

### COPYRIGHT OFFICE SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$53,762,000 in direct appropriations to the Copyright Office. An additional \$43,912,000 is made available from receipts for salaries and expenses and \$3,000,000 is available from prior year unobligated balances, for a total of \$100,674,000.

Information Technology Modernization.—The agreement continues funding for Copyright Office IT modernization. The Committees direct the Copyright Office and the Library's Office of Chief Information Officer (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 Committees direct 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 2023.

### CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$133,600,000 for salaries and expenses for the Congressional Research Service (CRS). The agreement includes \$1,000,000 for the Congressional Legal Education Forum as indicated in House Report 117-389.

Expanding Existing Data Analysis Capacity.—CRS is encouraged to explore ways to expand its ability to perform quantitative analysis of research data. Within 180 days of enactment of this Act, CRS shall brief the Committees on proposed options for such capacity expansion, including costs and resource requirements. The briefing should provide detailed information about CRS' consideration of additional research personnel, such as new analysts, data scientists, methodologists and research assistants to expand quantitative analysis on newer topics that assess the impact of legislative proposals more broadly. The briefing should include information regarding the evaluation of CRS' infrastructure investment in statistical data science visualization software to strengthen this research capacity. Included in the briefing should be specific information about the manner and means that CRS has determined will allow it to respond in a more timely manner to the Congress.

Congressional Research Service Modernization.—The Committees continue to support modernization of CRS mission-specific information systems to increase efficiency of the office while protecting confidentiality of congressional data. The Committees encourage CRS to explore its processes and utilization of resources to meet the needs of the Congress in a more timely manner based on the time-sensitive nature of the congressional schedule.

Exploratory Study on Big Data Analytics.—CRS is directed to engage with an external entity to produce a report detailing the feasibility of CRS engaging in the analysis and modeling of big data sets by highlighting the information technology infrastructure, staffing, and analytical support required to establish and maintain such a capability. The completed study would be made available to the Committees on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, the Committee on House Administration, and House and Senate leadership.

# NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$58,657,000 for salaries and expenses for the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS).

The Library of Congress, in consultation and coordination with the IMLS, is encouraged to provide increased assistance to the State Library Administrative Agencies to expand access to materials from the NLS, with additional support provided to IMLS for these activities.

Braille eReader and Talking Book Machine Initiative.—The agreement modifies House language regarding funding for the purchase of no less than 2,000 new e-Reader devices for distribution through the NLS Machine Lending.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The agreement includes provisions related to reimbursable and revolving funds and using appropriated funds for certain positions within the Little Scholars Child Development Center.

#### GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL PUBLISHING (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement includes \$82,992,000 for authorized publishing, printing and binding for the Congress.

# PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS SALARIES AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement includes \$35,257,000.

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE
BUSINESS OPERATIONS REVOLVING FUND

The agreement includes \$11,605,000 to remain available until expended.

Office of Inspector General.—The agreement includes \$6,899,000 for GPO's OIG. The agreement does not include the requested increase of \$1,050,000 to migrate the OIG's human capital (HC) and information technology (IT) support services from GPO to a third-party Federal provider. The Committees note that the OIG is not funded through a separate appropriation, but the Director submits the OIG's request without interference, as directed by these Committees. The Committees invest considerable resources through the Business Operations Revolving Fund annually in GPO's HC and IT services and therefore expects the OIG to utilize them.

# GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$790,319,000 in direct appropriations for salaries and expenses of the Government Accountability Office, of which \$5,000,000 shall remain available until expended. In addition, \$55,865,000 is available from offsetting collections, for a total of \$846,184,000.

Within the total, no less than \$2,451,000 is provided for the GAO Office of Inspector General to support no less than 11 FTE.

Appropriations and Budget Law.—The Committees acknowledge that GAO legal decisions, including those related to the Congressional Review Act, are often fact specific and time consuming. The Committees commend the improvements made by the GAO Appropriations Law Group to increase resources dedicated to supporting Congress' oversight role. GAO is encouraged to continue to find ways to speed up its adjudication process and to prioritize responding to congressional inquiries and publishing formal legal decisions stemming from congressional requests.

Community Project Funding.—In accordance with the direction in House language, the Committees direct GAO to undertake an audit of Community Project Funding contained in fiscal year 2023 appropriations legislation.

Unimplemented Government Accountability Office Recommendations.—Within 180 days of enactment of this Act, GAO shall publish on its website and provide to the Committees on Appropriations, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, and the House

Committee on Oversight and Reform a report estimating the cost savings that could be achieved if agencies acted on GAO's recommendations organized by agency.

GAO Methodology for Estimating Savings.—The Committee encourages GAO to explore a methodology for estimating potential cost savings through budget requests. Given the many assumptions and caveats required of such analysis, the Committees expect a briefing from GAO to discuss such methodology within 180 days of enactment of this Act.

Hiring Practices at CRS.—In lieu of House language regarding "Hiring Practices at CRS, LOC shall provide a report to the Committees on the Library's current barrier analysis to hiring and promotion within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

Infrastructure Investment and Johs Act.— The agreement includes \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended, for oversight, including audits, and investigations, in support of the Infrastructure Investment and Johs Act, Public Law 117–58. The Comptroller General shall submit to the Committees a spend plan for such oversight, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

# CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The agreement includes \$6,000,000 for the Congressional Office for International Leadership (COIL).

*Ukraine*.—The Committees are deeply troubled by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and support COIL's efforts to reinstate programming in Ukraine as soon and safely as possible. The Committee further urges COIL's engagement with Ukrainians outside of Ukraine to maintain democratic advancement throughout wartime.

Expansion of Program to Other Countries.—COIL is directed to keep the Committees apprised of any new developments on expanding programming to include other regions and countries that may be of strategic necessity to the United States.

JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

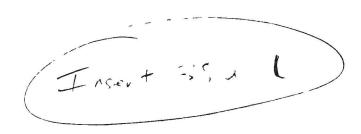
The agreement includes \$430,000 for the Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development.

# TITLE II – GENERAL PROVISIONS

The agreement continues provisions related to maintenance and care of private vehicles; fiscal year limitations; rates of compensation and designation; consulting services; costs of the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council; limitation on transfers; guided tours of the Capitol; limitation on telecommunications equipment procurement; prohibition on certain operational expenses; plastic waste reduction; and Capitol health and safety. The agreement does not include the Removal of Offensive United States Capitol Statuary language in House Report 117-389.

# DISCLOSURE OF EARMARKS AND CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING ITEMS

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, neither the bill nor the explanatory statement contains any congressional earmarks or congressionally directed spending items, limited tax benefits or limited tariff benefits as defined in the applicable House and Senate rules.



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TITLE I - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH					
Expense Allowances					
Vice President	20	20	20	* ***	
President Pro Tempore of the Senate	40	40	40		
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	- 8.8	
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	***	
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Subtotal, expense allowances	195	195	195		
Representation Allowances for the Majority and					
Minority Leaders	30	30	30		
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Total, Expense allowances and representation	225	225	225		

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Salaries, Officers and Employees					
Office of the Vice President	2,641	2,907	2,907	+266	
Office of the President Pro Tempore	796	832	832	+36	
Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus	343	359	359	+16	14.4
Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders	5,906	5,996	6,196	+290	+200
Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips	3,774	3,876	3,876	+102	
Committee on Appropriations	16,900	17,616	17,900	+1,000	+284
Conference committees	3,626	3,782	3,782	+156	
Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the					
Majority and the Conference of the Minority	900	940	940	+40	1
Policy committees	3,704	3,862	3,862	+158	
Office of the Chaplain	562	598	598	+36	
Office of the Secretary	28,091	29,282	29,282	+1,191	
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper	98,563	108,639	108,929	+10,366	+290
Offices of the Secretaries for the Majority and					
Minority	2,038	2,126	2,126	+88	
Agency contributions and related expenses	71,560	77,088	77,088	+5,528	
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Total, Salaries, officers and employees	239,404	257,903	258,677	+19,273	+774

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Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate					
Salaries and expenses	7,353	7,781	8,150	+797	+369
Office of Senate Legal Counsel					
Salaries and expenses	1.299	1,350	1,350	+51	1m.m.
Expense allowances	30	30	30		
Contingent Expenses of the Senate					
Inquiries and investigations	136,600	145,615	145,615	+9,015	(- · ·
International Narcotics Control	530	552	552	+22	
Secretary of the Senate	17,036	17,515	17,515	+479	***
Financial Management Information System Modernization.	6,000			-6,000	
Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate Sergeant at Arms Business Continuity and Disaster	151,821	176,279	171,844	+20,023	-4,435
Recovery Fund	25,000			-25,000	***
Sergeant at Arms Fellowship Fund			6,277	+6,277	+6,277
Miscellaneous items	23,022	26,204	27,814	+4,792	+1,610
Account	486,274	522,315	512,000	+25,726	-10,315

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Official Mail Costs					
Expenses	300	300	300	H. H. H.	H++
Total, Contingent expenses of the Senate	846,583	888,780	881,917	+35,334	-6,863
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Total, Senate(Discretionary)		1,156,069 (1,156,069)	1,150,349 (1,150,349)	+55,455 (+55,455)	-5,720 (-5,720)
(Mandatory)					
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES					
Payment to Widows and Heirs of Deceased Members of Congress (FY23 CR funding) (P.L. 117-180)	174		174	**-	+174
Salaries and Expenses					
House Leadership Offices					
Office of the Speaker	10,037	10,037	10,499	+462	+462
Office of the Majority Floor Leader		3,566	3,730	+164	+164
Office of the Minority Floor Leader		10,037	10,499	+462	+462
Office of the Majority Whip		2,962	3,099	+137	+137
Office of the Minority Whip		2,685	2,809	+124	+124
Republican Conference		2,831	2,962	+131	+131
Democratic Caucus	2,831	2,831	2,962	+131	+131
Subtotal, House Leadership Offices	34,949	34,949	36,560	+1,611	+1,611

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Members' Representational Allowances Including Members' Clerk Hire, Official Expenses of Members, and Official Mail					
Expenses	774,400	813,120	810,000	+35,600	-3,120
Allowance for Compensation of Interns					
House Member Offices	15,435 438 1,944 346	15,435 438 1,944 346	20,639 586 2,600 463	+5,204 +148 +656 +117	+5,204 +148 +656 +117
Committee Employees					
Standing Committees, Special and Select	167,101	182,003	180,587	+13,486	-1,416
investigations)	29,917	29,917	31,294	+1,377	+1,377
Subtotal, Committee employees	197,018	211,920	211,881	+14,863	-39

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Salaries, Officers and Employees					
Office of the Clerk	36,500	40,327	40,827	+4,327	+500
Office of the Sergeant at Arms	27,695	38,793	38,793	+11,098	
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer	193,188	211,222	211,572	+18,384	+350
Office of Diversity and Inclusion	3,000	3,000	3,500	+500	+500
Office of the Whistleblower Ombuds	1,250	1,250	1,250	***	
Office of the Inspector General	5,019	5,138	5,138	+119	
Office of General Counsel	1,912	1,912	1,912	(	
Office of the Parliamentarian	2,134	2,184	2,184	+50	
Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House	3,600	3,746	3,746	+146	
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House	12,625	13,457	13,457	+832	
Office of Interparliamentary Affairs	934	934	934		
Other authorized employees	624	744	744	+120	
Subtotal, Salaries, officers and employees	288,481	322,707	324,057	+35,576	+1,350

Allowances and Expenses  Supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal	
tort claims	
and administrative offices of the House	
Government contributions	00
Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery	00
Transition activities	30
Green and Gold Congressional Aide Program	
Office of Congressional Ethics	
Miscellaneous items	00
Subtotal, Allowances and expenses	70
House Modernization Initiatives Account	00
Subtotal, House of Representatives	71
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Total, House of Representatives	71
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JOINT ITEMS					
Joint Economic Committee	4,283 12,385	4,283 12,876	4,283 12,948	+563	+72
Office of the Attending Physician					
Medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances.	4,063	4,181	4,181	+118	
Office of Congressional Accessibility Services					
Salaries and expenses	1,606	1,702	1,702	+96	
Total, Joint items	22,337	23,042	23,114	+777	+72
CAPITOL POLICE					
SalariesGeneral expenses	468,861	522,280	541,730	+72,869	+19,450
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Total, Capitol Police	133,648	CONTROL PROPERTY		+59,198 ========== +132,067 =========	
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CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses	60,953	64,637	63,237	+2,284	-1,400
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL (AOC)					
Capital Construction and Operations	139,117	155.843	145.843	+6.726	-10.000
Capitol building	42,579	101,964	80,589	+38,010	-21,375
Capitol grounds	15,237	16,465	16,365	+1,128	-100
Senate office buildings	81,977	150,681	184,596	+102,619	+33,915
House office buildings	212,423	144,029	126,279	-86,144	-17,750
Offsetting collections	-9,000	-4,000	-4,000	+5,000	,
Subtotal, AOC House Buildings	203,423	140,029	122,279	-81,144	-17,750
Capitol Power Plant	124.598	180,211	176.951	+52.353	-3,260
Spending from offsetting collections	-10,000	-10,000	-10,000		
Subtotal, Capitol Power Plant	114,598	170,211	166,951	+52,353	-3,260
Library buildings and grounds	64.544	183.520	144.220	+79,676	-39.300
Capitol police buildings, grounds and security	62,390	699,452	402,907	+340,517	-296,545
Botanic Garden	24,464	23,560	23,560	-904	
Capitol Visitor Center	25,569	27,692	27,692	+2,123	2.2.2
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Total, Architect of the Capitol	773,898	1,669,417	1,315,002	+541,104	-354,415
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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS					
Salaries and expenses Copyright Office, Salaries and expenses Authority to spend receipts Prior year unobligated balances	550,621 98,038 -41,973 -3,000	579,876 100,674 -43,912 -3,000	582,529 100,674 -43,912 -3,000	+31,908 +2,636 -1,939	+2,653
Subtotal, Copyright Office Congressional Research Service, Salaries and expenses.	53,065 129,106	53,762 132,600	53,762 133,600	+697 +4,494	+1,000
National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled					
Salaries and expenses	61,227	58,657	58,657	-2,570	
Total, Library of Congress	794,019	824,895	828,548	+34,529	+3,653
GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE					
Congressional publishing	78,872	82,992	82,992	+4,120	• • •
Documents, Salaries and expenses	34,020	35,257	35,257	+1,237	
Revolving Fund	11,345	12,655	11,605	+260	-1,050
Total, Government Publishing Office	124,237	130,904	129,854	+5,617	-1,050

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses	758,130 -38,900	866,184 -55,865	-55,865	+88,054 -16,965	
Total, Government Accountability Office		810,319	790,319	+71,089	-20,000
CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP FUND Payment to the Congressional Office for International Leadership (COIL) Fund	6,000	6,000	6,000		
TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT  Stennis Center for Public Service  GENERAL PROVISIONS	430	430	430		
Adjustments to Compensation (CBO estimate)	-2,000 5,000	-3,000 5,000	-3,000 5,000	-1,000 	
Total, General Provisions	3,000	2,000	2,000	-1,000	

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OTHER APPROPRIATIONS ADDITIONAL UKRAINE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2022 (P.L. 117-128)					
GENERAL PROVISIONS					

Payment to Widows and Heirs of Deceased Members of Congress (Sec. 603)			174	+174	+174
Other Appropriations			174	+174	+174
Grand total	5,924,177	7,232,785	6,899,348	+975,171	-333,437

