

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS, 2018

Omnibus Agreement Summary

Highlights of the FY2018 Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill:

The measure totals \$4.70 billion, an increase of \$260 million above the FY2017 enacted level, and \$168.8 million below the FY2018 budget request.

Cybersecurity – This bill makes investments across Legislative Branch agencies to strengthen and upgrade cybersecurity systems to protect data and ensure operational security, including a \$12.5 million, or 84 percent, increase for enhancing the security of the Senate network.

Promoting Government Transparency – This bill contains a provision making non-confidential CRS reports available to the public. CRS reports are taxpayer-funded and should be made available to citizens, schools, and libraries across the country. The agreement also encourages the Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) continued investment in transparency efforts. The CBO has a responsibility to ensure a high level of transparency given the far-reaching policy implications in the agency's reports and analysis can have.

U.S. Senate – \$919.9 million, \$48.8 million above the FY 2017 enacted level and \$28.3 million below the FY 2017 budget request. The increase provides funding necessary for critical modernization and upgrades of the Senate financial management system and investments in IT security.

U.S. House of Representatives – \$1.2 billion, \$10.9 million above the FY2017 enacted level and \$23.2 million below the FY2018 budget request.

U.S. Capitol Police – \$426.5 million for the U.S. Capitol Police, \$33.2 million above the FY2017 enacted level and \$4.2 million above the FY2018 budget request. This funding level will provide funding for additional personnel to increase screening and pre-screening efforts, as well as \$7.5 million specifically to enhance protection of Members through increased training, equipment and technology-related support items, ensuring officers of the Capitol Police have the best tools and resources to carry out their mission to protect the Capitol complex and its occupants.

Congressional Budget Office – \$49.9 million for the Congressional Budget Office, \$3.4 million above the FY2017 enacted level and equal to the FY2018 budget request.

Architect of the Capitol (AOC) – \$712.1 million, \$94 million above the FY2016 enacted level and \$70.9 million below the FY 2018 budget request, to allow the AOC to maintain current operations and prioritize the critical projects that address safety concerns for all who visit and work in the Capitol complex. The agreement expresses support for the time-honored tradition of sledding on Capitol Grounds, and continues a provision prohibiting payment or bonuses to contractors behind schedule or over budget.

Library of Congress (LOC) – \$669.9 million, \$37.9 million above the FY2017 enacted level and \$33.5 million below the FY2018 budget request. The increase allows the LOC to continue invest in critical Library-wide IT modernization efforts to better support Congress and maintain services for the public. The agreement includes funding for the Library of Congress’ Veterans History Project, supporting the effort to build an archive of oral histories from American war veterans from World War I through current conflicts. It also supports the Teaching with Primary Sources program which encourages educators to incorporate the Library’s online primary sources into school curricula.

Government Publishing Office (GPO) – \$117 million, the same as the FY2017 enacted level and the FY2018 budget request.

Government Accountability Office (GAO) – \$578.9 million, \$34.4 million above the FY2017 enacted level and \$11.7 million below the FY 2018 budget request. This funding will continue GAO support to Congress by providing critical oversight with accurate, nonpartisan reporting of federal programs and tracking the expenditure of taxpayer dollars.

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