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REPORT

[To accompany S. 3071]

The Committee on Appropriations reports the bill (S. 3071) making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, reports favorably thereon and recommends that the bill do pass.

Amount of new budget (obligational) authority

Total of bill as reported to the Senate	\$3,366,760,000
Amount of 2018 appropriations	3,311,306,000
Amount of 2019 budget estimate	3,512,713,000
Bill as recommended to Senate compared to—	
2018 appropriations	+ 55,454,000
2019 budget estimate	– 145,953,000

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GENERAL STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The Legislative Branch appropriations bill provides funding for the Congress and for the agencies that serve the Congress. Multiple agencies funded through this bill provide oversight of executive branch agencies, including objective, nonpartisan, and timely audits and analysis of Federal programs. The funding in this bill also ensures that the public has permanent access to printed and electronic information products of the Federal Government.

All accounts in the bill have been examined in detail to ensure that the funding provided is appropriate for the agencies to carry out their responsibilities and to continue to respond to Congress in a timely and accurate manner. Details on the accounts, the funding levels provided, and the Committee's justification for the funding levels are included in the report.

Conforming to longstanding practice under which each body of Congress determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, funds for the House are not included in the bill as reported to the Senate.

The Committee recommends new budget (obligational) authority of \$3,366,760,000 for the legislative branch for fiscal year 2019. This amount excludes House items as per normal protocol. This total is \$145,953,000 below the budget request and \$55,454,000 above the fiscal year 2018 appropriation.

The bill includes \$933,460,081 for the operations of the Senate, which is \$56,635,680 below the fiscal year 2019 request. The bill includes \$504,776,000 for the Architect of the Capitol to maintain, improve, and construct buildings and facilities for the Congress. The recommendation for the Architect of the Capitol is \$73,550,000 below the fiscal year 2019 request. The recommendation would allow for comprehensive repairs and life-safety systems improvements. The bill also includes \$453,037,000 for the Capitol Police; \$589,749,653 for the Government Accountability Office; \$687,422,000 for the Library of Congress; and \$117,000,000 for the Government Publishing Office.

Agency Spending and Obligation Report.—The Committee seeks to ensure proper oversight of taxpayer dollars and agency spending practices, and to identify areas in which to find efficiencies as the Committee provides funding to invest in new technologies, modernize outdated IT systems, and realign programs for better performance. To achieve that goal, the Committee requests that each agency provide a report outlining its spending and obligations for each appropriation account. The report should include spending and obligations for each fiscal year quarter, as well as for the last two weeks of the fiscal year and should include an illustration of data for each quarter as a percentage of overall spending for the fiscal year. The report is due to the Committee within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year.

COLA for Legislative Branch Agencies.—The Committee recommendation does not provide for a Cost of Living Adjustment [COLA] for the agencies of the Legislative Branch. This is consistent with the Executive Branch, which has proposed a freeze for fiscal year 2019.

Inspector General Budgets.—The Committee believes it is important to ensure independence between Legislative Branch Inspector Generals [IG] and their respective reporting agencies and expects to see a separate section in each agency's fiscal year 2020 budget justification reflecting a detailed budget request for the agency's IG Office. Additionally, the Committee directs each IG to keep the Committee fully apprised of its funding needs, and the Committee directs each agency not to interfere with or require approval for such communications.

Reprogramming Guidelines.—The Committee expects all agencies to notify the Committee of any significant departures from budget plans presented to the Committee in any agency's budget justifications. In particular, agencies funded through this bill are required to notify the Committee prior to any reprogramming of funds in excess of the lesser of 10 percent or \$750,000 between programs, projects or activities, or in excess of \$750,000 between object classifications (except for shifts within the pay categories, object class 11, 12, and 13 or as further specified in each agency's respective section). This includes cumulative reprogrammings that together total at least \$750,000 from or to a particular program, activity, or object classification as well as reprogramming of FTEs or funds to create new organizational entities within the Agency or to restructure entities which already exist. The Committee expects to be notified of reprogramming actions which involve less than the above-mentioned amounts if such actions would have the effect of changing an agency's funding requirements in future years or if programs or projects specifically cited in the Committee's reports are affected.

Full-Time Equivalents.—The Committee directs that budget justifications sent to the Committee shall include a comparison of FTEs based on the number of FTEs supported by the funding provided in the current enacted appropriations legislation and the number of FTEs that would be supported by the funding requested for the following fiscal year.

TITLE I
 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS
 SENATE
 EXPENSE ALLOWANCES

Appropriations, 2018	\$189,840
Budget estimate, 2019	189,840
Committee recommendation	189,840

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$189,840 for the expense allowances of the Vice President, the President pro tempore and President pro tempore emeritus of the Senate, the majority and minority leaders, the majority and minority whips, the chairmen of the majority and minority conference committees, and the chairmen of the majority and minority policy committees. The recommendation is identical to both the fiscal year 2019 request and the fiscal year 2018 appropriation. The recommended allowances are as follows:

For the expense allowance of the Vice President, the Committee recommends an amount of \$18,760.

For the expense allowance of the President Pro Tempore, the Committee recommends an amount of \$37,520.

For the expense allowance of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus, the Committee recommends an amount of \$15,000.

For the expense allowance of the majority and minority leaders, the Committee recommends \$39,920 for each leader, for a total of \$79,840.

For the expense allowance of the majority and minority whips, the Committee recommends \$9,980 for each whip, for a total of \$19,960.

For the expense allowance for the chairmen of the majority and minority conference committees, the Committee recommends \$4,690 for each chairman, for a total of \$9,380.

For the expense allowance for the chairmen of the majority and minority policy committees, the Committee recommends \$4,690 for each chairman, for a total of \$9,380.

Expenditures from all the foregoing allowances are made upon certification from the individuals for whom the allowances are authorized, and are reported semiannually in the report of the Secretary of the Senate.

REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY
 LEADERS

Appropriations, 2018	\$28,140
Budget estimate, 2019	28,140
Committee recommendation	28,140

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$28,140 for representation allowances for the majority and minority leaders. The recommendation is identical to both the fiscal year 2019 request and the fiscal year 2018 appropriation.

This allowance was established in the Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1985 (Public Law 99-88). The funds were authorized to be used by the majority and minority leaders solely for the discharge of their appropriate responsibilities in connection with official visits to the United States by members of foreign legislative bodies and representatives of foreign governments and intergovernmental agencies. The recommended amount is to be divided equally between the two leaders.

Expenditures from this allowance are made upon certification of the leaders and are reported in the semiannual report of the Secretary of the Senate.

SALARIES, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES

Appropriations, 2018	\$194,867,812
Budget estimate, 2019	213,718,812
Committee recommendation	205,376,812

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$205,376,812 for the subaccounts funded under the overall account for the salaries of officers and employees of the Senate. The recommendation is \$10,509,000 above the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$8,342,000 below the fiscal year 2019 request.

It should be noted that except for a handful of positions in the Offices of the Secretary and the Sergeant at Arms [SAA] that are required by statute, specific staffing levels are not stipulated either by the budget request or by the Committee's recommendation. Rather, lump-sum allowances are provided to fund staffing levels each office finds necessary and appropriate for the performance of its duties. Estimated staffing levels for offices funded under this appropriation for fiscal year 2019 are approximately 1,348 positions.

SALARIES, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES

	Fiscal year 2018	Fiscal year 2019 Committee recommendation
Office of the Vice President	\$2,417,248	\$2,417,248
Office of the President Pro Tempore	723,466	723,466
Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus	309,000	309,000
Offices of the majority and minority leaders	5,255,576	5,255,576
Offices of the majority and minority whips	3,359,424	3,359,424
Conference committees	3,316,000	3,316,000
Offices of the secretaries of the conference of the majority and the conference of the minority	817,402	817,402
Policy Committees	3,385,810	3,385,810
Office of the Chaplain	436,886	461,886
Office of the Secretary	25,132,000	25,783,000
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper	78,565,000	82,684,000
Offices of the secretaries for the majority and minority	1,810,000	1,810,000
Totals	125,527,812	130,322,812

Any change from the allocation of funds in the subaccounts within this appropriation is subject to the approval of the Committee.

The total amount appropriated is allocated to the various offices of the Senate as displayed under the headings for the offices that follow.

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Appropriations, 2018	\$2,417,248
Budget estimate, 2019	2,484,248
Committee recommendation	2,417,248

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$2,417,248 to fund the salaries of the administrative and clerical staff of the Office of the Vice President in connection with his duties as the President of the Senate.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Appropriations, 2018	\$723,466
Budget estimate, 2019	744,466
Committee recommendation	723,466

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$723,466 for the Office of the President Pro Tempore.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS

Appropriation, 2018	\$309,000
Budget Estimate, 2019	319,000
Committee recommendation	309,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$309,000 for the Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus.

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

Appropriations, 2018	\$5,255,576
Budget estimate, 2019	5,399,576
Committee recommendation	5,255,576

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$5,255,576 for the offices of the majority and minority leaders. The amount recommended is to be equally divided, providing \$2,627,788 for each office.

The administrative and clerical staffs funded by this appropriation were authorized under the provisions of Public Law 91-145, effective November 1, 1969.

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS

Appropriations, 2018	\$3,359,424
Budget estimate, 2019	3,455,424
Committee recommendation	3,359,424

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,359,424 for the offices of the majority and minority whips. It is to be equally divided, providing \$1,679,712 for each office.

The authority for the administrative and clerical staff funded by this appropriation was created by Public Law 84-242, effective July 1, 1955.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriations, 2018	\$15,142,000
Budget estimate, 2019	15,496,000
Committee recommendation	15,142,000

For the salaries of the staff of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$15,142,000.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Appropriations, 2018	\$3,316,000
Budget estimate, 2019	3,408,000
Committee recommendation	3,316,000

For the administrative and clerical staffs of the majority and minority conference committees, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,316,000. The appropriation provides \$1,658,000 in salaries for the staff of each conference committee. 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

Appropriations, 2018	\$817,402
Budget estimate, 2019	843,402
Committee recommendation	817,402

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$817,402 for the majority and minority conference secretaries.

These offices were created by section 6 of Senate Resolution 17, agreed to January 10, 1977, and two positions in each office were first funded in the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1977 (Public Law 95-26).

Section 102 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1979 (Public Law 96-38), abolished the specific positions and established a lump-sum allowance for the employment of staff, effective October 1, 1979. The amount recommended is to be divided equally between the majority secretary and the minority secretary.

POLICY COMMITTEES

Appropriations, 2018	\$3,385,810
Budget estimate, 2019	3,481,810
Committee recommendation	3,385,810

For the salaries of the administrative and clerical staffs of the majority and minority policy committees, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,385,810. The appropriation provides \$1,692,905 in salaries for the staff of each committee.

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

Appropriations, 2018	\$436,886
Budget estimate, 2019	474,886
Committee recommendation	461,886

For the Office of the Chaplain, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$461,886. The amount recommended provides the salaries for the Chaplain of the Senate and support staff to assist the Chaplain with his pastoral duties. The Fiscal Year 1988 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, Public Law 100–202, established the rate of pay for the Chaplain at Executive Level IV.

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

Appropriations, 2018	\$25,132,000
Budget estimate, 2019	26,315,000
Committee recommendation	25,783,000

The Committee recommends \$25,783,000 for salaries of the Office of the Secretary. Fiscal year 2019 staffing levels are estimated at 248 positions.

This appropriation provides funds for four statutory positions (Secretary of the Senate, Assistant Secretary of the Senate, Financial Clerk of the Senate, and Parliamentarian of the Senate) and lump-sum allowances for the employment and adjustment of salaries of personnel in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, as authorized by Public Law 97–51, effective October 1, 1981 (2 U.S.C. 6539).

The following departmental guidelines for fiscal year 2019 have been submitted by the Secretary to the Committee. The departmental budgets under executive offices include: the Executive Office of the Secretary of the Senate, Page School, Senate Security, Information Systems, and Web Technology. The departmental budgets grouped under administrative services include: conservation and preservation, curator, disbursing office, gift shop, historical office, human resources, interparliamentary services, library, printing and document services, public records, chief counsel for employment, and the stationery room. The departmental budgets grouped under legislative and legal services include: the bill clerk, daily digest, enrolling clerk, journal clerk, legislative clerk, Official Reporters of Debate, captioning services, executive clerk, LIS project office, and Parliamentarian.

The 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 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

Appropriations, 2018	\$78,565,000
Budget estimate, 2019	85,321,000
Committee recommendation	82,684,000

This appropriation provides funds for the salaries of three statutory positions (Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, Deputy Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, and Administrative Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper) and lump-sum allowances for employment and adjustments of salaries of personnel in the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, as authorized by Public Law 97-51, effective October 1, 1981 (2 U.S.C. 6597).

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$82,684,000 for fiscal year 2019, which supports a staffing level of 920; an increase of 10 from the current level, including the conversion of 9 contractor positions to Federal employees. The additional staff and funding will fully support the continued initiative to expand the Senate's cybersecurity capabilities. The Committee expects to be briefed quarterly on the status of this initiative.

The Sergeant at Arms is the chief law enforcement officer, the chief protocol officer and an executive officer of the Senate. To fulfill these responsibilities, the Sergeant at Arms operates through four principal units:

- The Office of Protective Services and Continuity prepares the Senate to respond to a full spectrum of emergencies that may disrupt normal business operations. This preparation includes programs that support life safety, intelligence, security, and continuity of operations policies and programs throughout the U.S. Senate, including Senate home state offices, as well as strategic and analytic assistance to the Sergeant at Arms in his capacity as Chairman or Member of the Capitol Police Board and Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the Senate.
- Capitol Operations is responsible for many of the services provided within the Capitol building that support the day-to-day operation of the Senate. Services include Chamber operations maintained by the Doorkeepers; official business visitor processing provided by the Senate Appointment Desks; as well as credentialing and interfacing with the news media via the Senate Media Galleries. In addition, the Senate Recording Studio provides audio and video services.
- The Operations Division provides an array of services to the Senate community to include, identification, transportation, parking, and photographic services; printing, publishing, graphic design, and framing services; and USPS mail screening, and mailing and package delivery services. Operations furnishes and maintains the Senate side of the Capitol Building and supports the maintenance of Senate state offices.
- The Office of the Chief Information Officer [CIO] builds, operates, and supports the Senate's information infrastructure. The CIO is responsible for information security, technology infusion, telecommunications, helpdesk, IT systems to support Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government, enterprise computing systems, data networks, web services and hosting, system development, and office equipment.

Executive and other offices provide general management, human resource, financial and training support to the Senate.

The offices and personnel covered by this appropriation are shown in the following table.

Office of Protective Services and Continuity	59 FTE
Capitol Operations	119
Operations	283
Chief Information Officer	338
Executive and administrative offices	121
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Total	920

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

New SAA Office of Member Outreach and Security Coordination.—The Committee finds that identifying and evaluating risks to Members is challenging given the large number of Members and their varying schedules for both on and off-campus events. This challenge is further heightened given evolving physical threats to Members, as highlighted by the 2017 shooting in Alexandria, Virginia. To continue addressing these challenges in the Senate, the SAA is directed to establish an Office of Member Outreach and Security Coordination using current resources and current staff dedicated to liaising with Senators’ offices. The mission and duties of the new office will be to conduct direct outreach to Senators’ offices and to groups comprised of multiple Senators in order to create better awareness, with willing Senators’ offices, of Senators’ activities off of the Capitol campus; to seek tools, such as technology, that may improve and accelerate such awareness; to educate and train staff, including schedulers, regional representatives, and Chief Clerks, to identify and alert the SAA and the United States Capitol Police [USCP] of events or activities that may warrant a threat assessment; and to facilitate threat assessments and security coordination with the USCP as well as Federal and local law enforcement, as appropriate. The SAA is directed to report to the Committee not less than 90 days after enactment on a detailed plan for the office, including identifying potential additional resources that may be needed to carryout such responsibilities.

Office Cybersecurity.—The Committee directs SAA to utilize funds provided for fiscal year 2018 to: enable personal and committee offices to utilize third-party cybersecurity services to protect the privacy and integrity of office networks; provide annual cybersecurity audits for all Senate offices; provide enhanced cybersecurity training for each Senate office; institute protections against insider threats; and institute and operationalize enhanced privacy protections within the Senate network.

Senators’ Personal Cybersecurity.—The Committee continues to be concerned that Senators are being targeted for hacking and cyberattacks, especially via their personal devices and accounts. The Committee appreciates the efforts of the bipartisan Senators’ Personal Cybersecurity Working Group established by the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2018 to identify, develop, and recommend options to provide enhanced cybersecurity for Senators’ personal communications devices and accounts. The Committee encourages the working group to continue collaborating across offices in a bipartisan manner and consulting with the Senate community

and external experts to provide a comprehensive report on options to improve Senators' personal cybersecurity by the required deadline of September 19, 2018. The Committee also reiterates that such report must include an analysis of an option or options that would provide for a direct provision of services by the Senate Sergeant At Arms upon voluntary election by an individual Senator and that privacy protections must be a component of each option.

Senate Employees' Child Care Center [SECCC].—The Committee directs the Senate Sergeant at Arms to convene a working group to review the current operations of the SECCC. Representatives from the Architect of the Capitol and the Sergeant at Arms shall form the working group. The Sergeant at Arms must receive input from related constituencies including SECCC Board Members and Executive Director. The working group shall conduct a study and provide its findings to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Rules and Administration no later than 90 days after enactment of this act. The study shall: examine the current statutory impediments to and feasibility of incorporating the SECCC into either the office of the Sergeant at Arms or the office of the Secretary of the Senate; the current costs to operate the facility, including capital, operating, salaries, benefits and other expenses and how those might convey to one of the Senate entities named; investigate the creation and operation of a revolving fund by which tuition and other payments may be received; detail the best method of dissolving the 501(c)(3) that currently runs the SECCC; and recommend a personnel process to govern hires, transfers, promotions, and approvals for training. The working group should also provide an accounting of the SECCC's requirements to maintain certification and licensing as a certified and/or accredited child care and child development facility in the District of Columbia. That accounting should also include any requirements for insurance or other liability protections for the staff or the facility. The study should disclose all costs associated with the operation of the center that are currently incurred by the SECCC, the Architect of the Capitol, the Senate Sergeant at Arms, and the Secretary of the Senate. When developing its findings, the Committee strongly encourages the working group to consider the structure and capacity of child care facilities that serve employees of other Legislative Branch agencies, the House of Representatives, and Executive Branch agencies.

Training to "Stop the Bleed".—Similar to CPR training, which is an important life-saving skill, basic bleeding control techniques are critical to saving lives. Developed by the American College of Surgeons after the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, "Stop the Bleed" training works to enhance survivability from mass shootings as well as other casualty events such as car accidents and home accidents. "Stop the Bleed" training empowers first responders, as well as non-professional individuals, with basic skills and techniques to immediately control external bleeding until medical help arrives. The American College of Surgeons provides both direct training and "train the trainer" courses with the educational component of Stop the Bleed offered free of charge and courses are run at cost. The Committee supports the expansion of "Stop the Bleed" training on the Capitol campus, as

well as in schools, workplaces, and other organizations, in order to improve survival rates of mass shootings and other events causing life-threatening external bleeding.

The Sergeant at Arms, in coordination with the Office of the Attending Physician, as appropriate, is directed to incorporate “Stop the Bleed” training into the Senate’s education and training programming for both DC and State offices. The SAA is directed to report to the Committee within 30 days of enactment on the details of such training, including planned frequency and trainer competencies.

OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY

Appropriations, 2018	\$1,810,000
Budget estimate, 2019	1,900,000
Committee recommendation	1,810,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,810,000 for the offices of the secretaries for the majority and minority. The appropriation is to be equally divided, providing \$905,000 for each office.

AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS

Appropriations, 2018	\$54,198,000
Budget estimate, 2019	64,076,000
Committee recommendation	59,912,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$59,912,000 for agency contributions for employees paid under certain appropriations, including “Salaries, officers, and employees,” “Joint Economic Committee,” “Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate,” and “Office of Senate Legal Counsel.”

Agency contributions include the Senate’s contributions as an employer to the Civil Service Retirement System, the Federal Employees’ Retirement System, the Thrift Savings Plan, Federal employee group life insurance, Federal employee health insurance programs, and Federal Insurance Contributions Act. The Senate is required by law to make these payments, and the total required is dependent upon the number of Senate employees, their compensation levels, the benefit programs in which they are enrolled, and the extent of the benefits elected.

OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 2018	\$6,115,000
Budget estimate, 2019	6,278,000
Committee recommendation	6,115,000

For the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$6,115,000. This amount provides for the salaries and expenses of the office. The increase provided allows the office to keep up with the increasing demand to help draft legislation of the quality and at the pace the Senate demands. The Committee recommendation provides the funding necessary for agency contributions for employees paid under this appropriation, under the heading, “Agency Contributions” under the appropriation, “Salaries, officers, and employees.”

OFFICE OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Appropriations, 2018	\$1,147,000
Budget estimate, 2019	1,176,000
Committee recommendation	1,147,000

The Office of Senate Legal Counsel was established pursuant to section 701 of Public Law 95–521. The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,147,000 for the Office of Senate Legal Counsel. The amount provided pays for the salaries and expenses of the office. The Committee recommendation provides the funding necessary for agency contributions for employees paid under this appropriation, under the heading, “Agency Contributions” under the appropriation “Salaries, officers, and employees.”

EXPENSE ALLOWANCES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE, AND SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 2018	\$28,440
Budget estimate, 2019	28,440
Committee recommendation	28,440

Section 119 of Public Law 97–51 authorized an expense allowance for the Secretary of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, the Secretary for the Majority, and the Secretary for the Minority. Since fiscal year 1983, the amount has been provided through a direct appropriation. The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$28,440 providing an allowance of \$7,220 for each office.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE

INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

Appropriations, 2018	\$133,265,000
Budget estimate, 2019	135,799,075
Committee recommendation	133,265,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$133,265,000 for inquiries and investigations by Senate standing, special, and select committees of which \$26,650,000 shall be available until September 30, 2021. The recommendation is equal to the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$2,534,075 below the fiscal year 2019 request.

This appropriation funds the liquidation of obligations incurred by committees under the authorization provided in Committee funding resolutions.

U.S. SENATE CAUCUS ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

Appropriations, 2018	\$508,000
Budget estimate, 2019	520,000
Committee recommendation	508,000

The Committee recommends \$508,000 for the expenses of the U.S. Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control. Established in 1985 by the Foreign Relations Authorization Act (Public Law 99–93), the Caucus was created to monitor and promote international compliance with narcotics control treaties and monitor and encourage U.S. Government and private programs seeking to ex-

pand international cooperation against drug abuse. The Caucus is composed of seven Senators, four from the majority party and three from the minority party, with a chairman from the majority party and a co-chairman from the minority party.

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 2018	\$11,136,000
Budget estimate, 2019	10,036,000
Committee recommendation	10,036,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$10,036,000 for expenses of the Office of the Secretary. The recommendation is \$1,100,000 below the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and equal to the fiscal year 2019 request. Of the total provided, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,600,000 to remain available until expended of which \$3,000,000 is for the Financial Management Information System Modernization and \$6,436,000 to remain available until September 30, 2023, of which \$5,136,000 is for the Senate Information Services program.

The 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 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.

Typical expenditures of the Secretary of the Senate include:

Consultants.—Funding is provided for not to exceed two individual consultants as authorized by section 110 of Public Law 95–94, August 5, 1977, which amends section 101 of Public Law 95–26, May 4, 1977. Consultants employed under this authority shall not be paid in excess of the per diem equivalent of the highest gross rate of annual compensation which may be paid to employees of a standing committee of the Senate.

Legal Reference Volumes.—Funding is provided to furnish U.S. Senators with volumes of the U.S. Code Annotated or U.S. Code service, pocket parts and supplements, as authorized by Public Law 92–51, July 9, 1971.

The Disbursing Office is responsible for providing the U.S. Code Annotated or the U.S. Code Service to Senators when they assume office and upon receipt of a written request of a Senator.

Contractual Legal and Administrative Services and Miscellaneous Expenses.—Funding is provided for various contractual, administrative, and miscellaneous expenses incurred by the Office of the Secretary. In addition, the Office of the Secretary has incurred various types of legal and other expenses which have been authorized by the Senate. Funding is provided for contractual and other expenses necessary to update and publish the Senate’s legislative precedents and procedure documentation. Administrative services and miscellaneous expenses are housekeeping expenses of the Office of the Secretary.

Travel and Registration Fees.—Funding is provided for travel expenses and registration fees incurred by the Secretary of the Senate and the employees of the Office of the Secretary. This line item excludes funding for travel expenses for the Federal Election Cam-

paigned Act under the Office of Public Records, which is provided separately under the authority of Public Law 92-342.

The authority for the travel portion of this account was provided for by section 101 of Public Law 94-59, July 25, 1975.

Orientation and Training.—Funding is provided for expenses incurred by the Secretary of the Senate to conduct orientation seminars or similar meetings for Senators, Senate officials, or members of staffs of Senators or Senate officials, not to exceed \$30,000 under the authority of 2 U.S.C. 6514.

The Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate is also authorized under these provisions to conduct seminars or similar meetings in the same manner and to the same extent as the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

Postage.—This account also provides funding for postage for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate for special delivery, registered mail, and additional postage not covered under the frank.

Education of Senate Pages.—Funding is provided for the education of Senate pages. Senate Resolution 184, July 29, 1983, authorized the Secretary of the Senate to enter into a contract, agreement, or other arrangement with the board of education of the District of Columbia, or to provide such educational services and items in such other manner as the Secretary may deem appropriate. Public Law 98-125, October 13, 1983, amended Public Law 98-51, July 14, 1983, striking out the heading and paragraph “Education of Pages” under the heading “Joint Items”, and redesignated the funds provided in Public Law 98-51.

Stationery.—Funding is provided for stationery supplies for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate. The funds provided have been allocated to the various departments of the Office of the Secretary.

Senate Commission on Art.—Funding is provided for the Senate Commission on Art, authorized by Public Law 100-696, November 18, 1988, to acquire any work of art, historical object, documents or material relating to historical matters, or exhibits for placement or exhibition within the Senate wing of the Capitol, any Senate office building, or in rooms, spaces, or corridors thereof, and to publish a Senate historical objects inventory and calendar of exhibits on display within the Senate wing of the Capitol and Senate office buildings.

The Senate Commission on Art was formerly the Commission on Arts and Antiquities, which was authorized by Senate Resolution 382, October 1, 1968, as amended by Senate Resolution 95, April 1, 1977, and Senate Resolution 400, March 23, 1988.

Representation Expenses.—Funding is provided, not to exceed \$50,000, to the Secretary of the Senate to coordinate and carry out responsibilities in connection with foreign parliamentary groups or other foreign officials visiting the United States. Authorized by section 2 of Public Law 101-163, November 21, 1989.

Office of Conservation and Preservation.—Funding is provided for the Office of Conservation and Preservation to develop and coordinate programs directly related to the conservation and protection of Senate records and materials for which the Secretary of the Senate has statutory authority.

Book Preservation.—Funding is provided for the Office of Conservation and Preservation to use outside sources for the preserva-

tion and protection of the Senate book collection, including historically valuable documents under the care of the Secretary of the Senate.

Office of Public Records.—Funding is provided for expenses of the Office of Public Records. This office has evolved through various pieces of legislation and various responsibilities authorized by the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended, the Ethics in Government Act, as amended, and the Lobbying Disclosure Act, as amended. Public Law 92–342, July 10, 1972, authorizes the Secretary of the Senate to procure technical support services, consultants, use of detailed employees and travel expenses in carrying out her duties under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. The Office of Public Records is mentioned for the first time in Public Law 93–145, November 1, 1973, which authorizes the Secretary of the Senate to appoint and fix the compensation of a superintendent and other positions for the Office of Public Records. In addition, under the authority of Public Law 95–521, October 26, 1978 (Ethics in Government Act) reports filed under section 101 shall be available for public inspection and a copy of the report shall be provided to any person upon request. Any person requesting a copy of a report may be required to pay a reasonable fee to cover the cost of reproduction. Any moneys received by the Secretary shall be deposited into the Office of Public Records Revolving Fund under the authority of Public Law 101–163, November 21, 1989. The office also performs functions such as registration of mass mailings.

Disbursing Office.—Funding is provided for expenses incurred in the operation of the disbursing office. Typical expenses for this office include online access charges for the Department of the Treasury systems, notary bonds, seals and supplies, necessary supplies in conjunction with the various machinery maintained in the office, which are not available in the stationery room, and necessary insurance policies required for the protection of the disbursing officer of the Senate for moneys assigned to his/her accountability.

Office of Captioning Services.—Funding is provided for the closed captioning of the televised Senate floor proceedings for the hearing impaired. Closed captioning was first authorized under Public Law 101–163, November 21, 1989.

Senate Chief Counsel for Employment.—Funding is provided for the Office of the Senate Chief Counsel for Employment. This office is a nonpartisan office formed in May 1993 at the direction of the joint leadership and is charged with providing legal advice and representation of Senate offices in all areas of employment law.

SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 2018	\$130,076,000
Budget estimate, 2019	126,595,000
Committee recommendation	126,595,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$126,595,000 for expenses of the Sergeant at Arms, to remain available until September 30, 2023, which is \$3,481,000 below the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and identical to the fiscal year 2019 request.

The following table compares the fiscal year 2019 Committee recommendation for the component categories within this account to the fiscal year 2019 budget request.

EXPENSES—OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER

	Fiscal year 2019 request	Committee recommendation	Difference
Office of Protective Service and Continuity	\$4,890,000	\$4,890,000	.....
Capitol Operations	3,536,000	3,536,000	.....
Operations	23,207,000	23,207,000	.....
Chief Information Officer	93,868,000	93,868,000	.....
Executive and Other Offices	1,094,000	1,094,000	.....
Grand Total	126,595,000	126,595,000	.....

The 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 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.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Appropriations, 2018	\$18,870,349
Budget estimate, 2019	20,870,849
Committee recommendation	20,870,849

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$20,870,849 for miscellaneous items to remain available until September 30, 2021. Any deviation of more than 10 percent cumulatively from the stated levels for each item will require the customary prior approval of the Committee.

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

FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET—MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS APPORTIONMENT SCHEDULE

Item	Fiscal year 2019 request	Committee recommendation	Difference
Resolution and reorganization reserve	\$3,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$2,000,000
Unallocated	6,000,000	6,000,000	.....
Reserve for contingencies (miscellaneous items)	800,000	800,000	.....
Employees' compensation fund reimbursement (worker's compensation) .....	.....	.....	.....
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	.....
Foreign travel—Members and employees (S. Res. 179, dated May 25, 1977)	125,000	125,000	.....
Federal employees compensation account (Public Law 96-499, dated December 5, 1980) (Unemployment Compensation)	1,230,000	1,200,000	(30,000)
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	.....
Policy Committees for the Majority and Minority (Public Law 104-53, dated November 19, 1995)	150,000	150,000	.....
Postage	6,000 ¹	6,000	.....
Stationery	16,500	16,500 ²	.....
Communications	72,000	72,000 ³	.....
Consultants—including agency contributions (2 U.S.C. 6501 as amended)	5,000,000	5,000,000	.....
National Security Working Group (S. Res. 480, November 21, 2004) (expires December 31, 2012)	700,000	700,000	.....
Committee on Appropriations (Public Law 105-275, dated October 21, 1998)	950,000	950,000	.....

FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET—MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS APPORTIONMENT SCHEDULE—Continued

Item	Fiscal year 2019 request	Committee recommendation	Difference
Office of the Chaplain (Public Law 108–199, dated January 23, 2004)	50,000	50,000	.....
Senate Child Care Center:			
Agency Contribution costs authorized by Public Laws 102–90, dated August 14, 1991 and 103–50, dated July 2, 1993	420,000	450,500	30,500
Training classes, conferences, and travel expenses as authorized by Public Law 104–197, dated September 16, 1996	20,849	20,849	.....
Total	18,870,349	20,870,849	2,000,500
¹ Postage Apportionment (Fiscal year 2019):			
President of the Senate			\$2,700
Secretary for the Majority			1,100
Secretary for the Minority			1,100
Chaplain			1,100
TOTAL			6,000
² Stationery Apportionment (Fiscal year 2019):			
President of the Senate			\$8,000
Conference of the Majority			300
Conference of the Minority			300
Chaplain			700
Senate Chamber			7,200
TOTAL			16,500
³ Communications Apportionment (Fiscal year 2019):			
Office of the Vice President			\$1,000
Secretary for the Majority			10,000
Secretary for the Minority			10,000
Office of the Chaplain			1,000
Majority Leader			15,000
Minority Leader			15,000
Majority Whip			10,000
Minority Whip			10,000
TOTAL			72,000

Veterans Hiring.—The Committee continues to encourage Members of Congress and their offices to look favorably on congressional job applicants with previous United States military service. Through their service, many veterans gain valuable leadership skills, perseverance, and perspective that can enhance the legislative process. The Committee encourages Members to incorporate these veterans' unique skills by increasing the number of veterans hired in their congressional offices. The Committee also encourages Congress to evaluate the potential for a congressional veterans fellowship program.

Resolution and Reorganization Reserve.—This line item is used to cover the costs of Senate resolutions and public laws that authorize expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate that do not have specific appropriations for such purpose.

Reserve for Contingencies.—This line item includes payment for gratuities for family members of deceased Senate employees; damage to automobiles in the Senate parking lots; contractual, legal, and administrative services; and miscellaneous expenses, and is controlled by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Employees' Compensation Fund Reimbursements (Worker's Compensation).—Reimbursements made to the U.S. Department of Labor for total benefits and other payments made on behalf of Senate employees from the employees' compensation fund. Payments are authorized to be made from expired balances, a practice that is consistent with the other agencies of the legislative branch.

Reception of Foreign Dignitaries.—The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to expend not to exceed \$30,000 each fiscal year to receive foreign dignitaries under the authority of Senate Resolution 247, agreed to February 7, 1962, as amended.

Foreign Travel: Members and Employees.—Senate Resolution 179, agreed to May 25, 1977, authorized payment from the contingent fund of the Senate, of the domestic portion of transportation costs and travel expenses incurred by Members and employees of the Senate when engaged in authorized foreign travel.

Federal Employees' Compensation Account (Unemployment Compensation).—This line item provides for expenses incurred for the Senate to reimburse the Federal employees' compensation account, pursuant to Public Law 96-499, approved December 5, 1980, for unemployment compensation payments made to Senate employees.

Conferences for the Majority and Minority.—The amount recommended provides for the expenses of the majority and minority conference committees.

Policy Committees for the Majority and Minority.—The amount recommended provides for the expenses of the majority and minority policy committees.

Postage.—Provides for postage allowances for the President of the Senate, Secretary of the Majority, Secretary of the Minority, and Senate Chaplain.

Stationery.—Provides funds for stationery and office supplies for the President of the Senate, conference committees of the Senate, Office of the Chaplain, and the Senate Chamber.

Communications.—Provides funds for cellular telephone and mobile data devices and services for the Office of the Vice President, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, Office of the Chaplain, Majority Leader, Minority Leader, Majority Whip, and Minority Whip.

Consultants: Including Agency Contributions.—Provides authority for the appointment and payment of consultants to the majority and minority leaders, President pro tempore, President pro tempore emeritus and the legislative counsel. The following summarizes the current authority and limitations:

Majority Leader.—Nine consultants at 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.

Minority Leader.—Nine consultants at 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.

Legislative Counsel (Subject to President Pro Tempore Approval).—Two consultants at 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.

President Pro Tempore.—Three consultants at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. The consultants may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

President Pro Tempore Emeritus.—One consultant at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. The consultant may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

Senate National Security Working Group.—Provides funding for the Senate National Security Working Group, under the authority of Senate Resolution 75, agreed to March 25, 1999. The Senate National Security Working Group was formerly the Senate Arms Control Observer Group.

Committee on Appropriations.—Pursuant to Public Law 105–275 provides funding for administrative expenses for the Committee on Appropriations.

Senate Employees' Child Care Center: Agency Contributions.—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. The Senate Employees' Child Care Center is intended primarily for the children of members and employees of the Senate.

Senate Employees' Child Care Center: Training Classes and Conference Costs.—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.—\$6,000,000 is provided for this program for fiscal year 2019 for the repayment of student loans, for eligible employees at the discretion of the employing office, to enhance recruitment and retention of Senate staff.

Senate Staff Compensation Review.—Ensuring that Senate staff compensation is competitive and fair is critical to attracting and retaining highly-qualified staff. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to conduct a review, or contract with an independent external entity to conduct a review, of the salaries and benefits of staff employed by Senators' offices and Senate Committees to evaluate the extent to which Senate staff receive similar pay for similar work, both internally and externally to the Senate. The review must, to the extent possible, compare staff compensation to the Executive Branch and the private sector. The review must also compare staff compensation within the Senate with respect to gender, race, and ethnicity. The review must consider job responsibilities, experience, and outside qualifications, including education, for such comparisons. Providing such compensation data is strictly voluntary for any Senator's office or Senate Committee, and any such office may direct that its data be excluded from any data provided for the review. The review should note how many offices, in the aggregate, chose not to participate. The Secretary, or contracting entity, must also take all reasonable and necessary steps to ensure that the data gathered is securely protected and kept confidential. The Committee directs that such a review be started, or contracted out, within 12 months of enactment and that a report summarizing such review be submitted, within 18 months of enactment, to the

Committee on Appropriations and upon request to any Senator. Such report must provide summaries of such comparisons and exclude any information that could be used to identify any individual, any Senators' office, any Committee, or any other entity of the Senate, similar to reports published in 2001 and 2006.

Senate Internship Opportunities Bulletin.—The Committee believes that the Senate should do more to make Senate internships accessible to those who qualify for them. The Committee directs the Senate Placement Office to establish an Internship Opportunities Bulletin on its website as a central resource for Senators' offices and Committees that wish to publicize internship opportunities in the Senate. The bulletin should be similar in format and operation to the current Senate Employment Bulletin. The bulletin should feature a clear statement that such opportunities are only those requested for public listing by Senators' Offices and Committees and that other opportunities may be available. Such bulletin should be operational not later than 90 days after enactment or as soon as practicable following prompt notification to the Committee.

SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Appropriations, 2018	\$424,000,000
Budget estimate, 2019	474,555,605
Committee recommendation	429,000,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation for fiscal year 2019 of \$429,000,000 for the Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account [SOPOEA]. The recommendation is an increase of \$5,000,000 to the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$45,555,605 below the fiscal year 2019 request. Of the funding provided, \$20,128,950 is available until September 30, 2021.

This account funds salaries and benefits of Senators' staffs as well as the office expense allowance for Senators' offices. The SOPOEA is comprised of three components. Two of these are for salaries of personnel in Senators' offices.

The allowance for administrative and clerical assistance is based on the population of States, beginning with States with a population of fewer than 5 million people to States with a population of 28 million or more. The table illustrates the allowances per population category and the States which fall into those categories. The estimate for fiscal year 2019 totals \$296,084,348.

The second component of the salaries allowance is for legislative assistance to Senators, as authorized by Public Law 95-94. This allowance provides funding for three positions in each Senator's office for a total of \$508,377 per office, or \$50,837,700 for all 100 Senators.

The third component of the SOPOEA account is for official office expenses and totals \$20,128,950. Each Senator's office is allocated an amount for office expenses, as displayed in the following table.

It should be noted that the amounts provided for the various components of the SOPOEA are interchangeable. Amounts provided for salaries may be used for expenses, and vice versa, subject to regulations set by the Committee on Rules and Administration with respect to official mail. It should also be noted that the figures in the following table are preliminary, and that official notification

of member budgets is issued by the Financial Clerk of the Senate after enactment of this bill.

The following table illustrates the several components of the SOPOEA.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE
ALLOWANCE FISCAL YEAR 2019

State	Administrative and clerical assistance allowance 1/1/2019	Legislative assistance allowance 1/1/2019	O.O.E.A. allowance 1/1/2019	Total allowance 1/1/2019
Alabama	\$2,736,660	\$508,377	\$182,501	\$3,427,538
Alaska	2,736,660	508,377	252,440	3,497,477
Arizona	2,978,106	508,377	209,140	3,695,623
Arkansas	2,736,660	508,377	168,597	3,413,634
California	4,349,344	508,377	481,342	5,339,063
Colorado	2,817,140	508,377	192,406	3,517,923
Connecticut	2,736,660	508,377	160,739	3,405,776
Delaware	2,736,660	508,377	128,872	3,373,909
Florida	3,937,413	508,377	321,311	4,767,101
Georgia	3,219,560	508,377	218,853	3,946,790
Hawaii	2,736,660	508,377	280,923	3,525,960
Idaho	2,736,660	508,377	166,234	3,411,271
Illinois	3,380,525	508,377	262,778	4,151,680
Indiana	2,897,625	508,377	192,987	3,598,989
Iowa	2,736,660	508,377	169,544	3,414,581
Kansas	2,736,660	508,377	167,529	3,412,566
Kentucky	2,736,660	508,377	176,037	3,421,074
Louisiana	2,736,660	508,377	185,677	3,430,714
Maine	2,736,660	508,377	148,069	3,393,106
Maryland	2,897,625	508,377	173,253	3,579,255
Massachusetts	2,897,625	508,377	196,383	3,602,385
Michigan	3,219,560	508,377	229,733	3,957,670
Minnesota	2,817,140	508,377	188,153	3,513,670
Mississippi	2,736,660	508,377	167,570	3,412,607
Missouri	2,897,625	508,377	195,796	3,601,798
Montana	2,736,660	508,377	162,534	3,407,571
Nebraska	2,736,660	508,377	160,735	3,405,772
Nevada	2,736,660	508,377	178,158	3,423,195
New Hampshire	2,736,660	508,377	143,450	3,388,487
New Jersey	3,139,072	508,377	203,883	3,851,332
New Mexico	2,736,660	508,377	167,544	3,412,581
New York	3,885,919	508,377	320,467	4,714,763
North Carolina	3,219,560	508,377	219,092	3,947,029
North Dakota	2,736,660	508,377	150,879	3,395,916
Ohio	3,300,044	508,377	249,098	4,057,519
Oklahoma	2,736,660	508,377	179,850	3,424,887
Oregon	2,736,660	508,377	192,043	3,437,080
Pennsylvania	3,380,525	508,377	256,849	4,145,751
Rhode Island	2,736,660	508,377	139,054	3,384,091
South Carolina	2,817,140	508,377	176,454	3,501,971
South Dakota	2,736,660	508,377	151,939	3,396,976
Tennessee	2,897,625	508,377	195,872	3,601,874
Texas	4,349,344	508,377	381,641	5,239,362
Utah	2,736,660	508,377	173,363	3,418,400
Vermont	2,736,660	508,377	136,650	3,381,687
Virginia	3,058,591	508,377	197,301	3,764,269
Washington	2,978,106	508,377	219,644	3,706,127
West Virginia	2,736,660	508,377	146,283	3,391,320
Wisconsin	2,817,140	508,377	191,198	3,516,715
Wyoming	2,736,660	508,377	153,627	3,398,664
TOTAL	148,042,174	25,418,850	10,064,475	183,525,499

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE
ALLOWANCE FISCAL YEAR 2019—Continued

State	Administrative and clerical assistance allowance 1/1/2019	Legislative assistance allowance 1/1/2019	O.O.E.A. allowance 1/1/2019	Total allowance 1/1/2019
	x2	x2	x2	x2
GRAND TOTAL	296,084,348	50,837,700	20,128,950	367,050,998

According to the most recent employment data compiled by the Secretary of the Senate, as of May 31, 2018, there were 4,085 individuals employed in Senators' offices throughout the United States and covered by this appropriation.

In addition to providing funds for compensation of employees within Senators' offices, this appropriation also provides for agency contributions for those employees; that is, the Senate's share, as an employer, of the various employee benefit programs for which Senate employees are eligible. These payments are mandatory, and fluctuate according to the programs in which employees are enrolled, the level of compensation, and the degree of participation. Budget requests for this account prepared by the Financial Clerk must be based on both experience and evaluation of trends. The fiscal year 2019 funding level for this account anticipates \$123,972,000 in agency contribution costs.

The amount recommended by the Committee for the SOPOEA is less than would be required to cover all obligations that could be incurred under the authorized allowances for all Senators. The Committee is able to recommend an appropriation of a lesser amount than potentially necessary because Senators typically do not obligate funds up to the absolute ceiling of their respective allowances.

Senate Intern Compensation.—The Committee believes that Senate internships should be available to the broadest possible pool of candidates who have the ability and interest to serve. Unfortunately, unpaid internships exclude those who cannot independently afford to work without pay, hindering students' future career opportunities and making it more difficult for Senators to attract and hire the most qualified interns, regardless of socioeconomic status. One important step to expanding Senate opportunities is to provide interns financial compensation via a salary or stipend, which would provide an avenue for more students to have the opportunity to serve their country and gain experience toward a career in public service.

In addition to funding allocated in the table above for Senators' office allowances and for agency contribution costs, the bill includes \$5,000,000 for the sole purpose of providing financial compensation to interns. Any intern compensation funding that remains unspent by any office will be returned to the Treasury in accordance with section 101 of the bill. Such funding is directed to be allocated among Senators' offices in relative proportion to funds allocated for each office's administrative and clerical assistance allowance for fiscal year 2019 shown in the table above, which reflect natural variables including State populations, with a small additional

amount for non-contiguous states. On average, each office will be allocated an estimated \$50,000 for intern compensation.

Estimated Senators' Office Allocations for Intern Compensation

State	Intern
Alabama	\$46,000
Alaska	51,000
Arizona	50,100
Arkansas	46,000
California	73,200
Colorado	47,400
Connecticut	46,000
Delaware	46,000
Florida	66,200
Georgia	54,200
Hawaii	51,000
Idaho	46,030
Illinois	56,900
Indiana	48,700
Iowa	46,000
Kansas	46,000
Kentucky	46,000
Louisiana	46,000
Maine	46,000
Maryland	48,700
Massachusetts	48,700
Michigan	54,200
Minnesota	47,400
Mississippi	46,000
Missouri	48,700
Montana	46,000
Nebraska	46,000
Nevada	46,000
New Hampshire	46,000
New Jersey	52,800
New Mexico	46,000
New York	65,400
North Carolina	54,200
North Dakota	46,000
Ohio	55,500
Oklahoma	46,000
Oregon	46,000
Pennsylvania	56,900
Rhode Island	46,000
South Carolina	47,400
South Dakota	46,000
Tennessee	48,700
Texas	73,200
Utah	46,000
Vermont	46,000
Virginia	51,400
Washington	50,100
West Virginia	46,000
Wisconsin	47,400
Wyoming	46,000

OFFICIAL MAIL COSTS

Appropriations, 2018	\$300,000
Budget estimate, 2019	300,000
Committee recommendation	300,000

For the official mail costs of the Senate, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$300,000 which is equal to the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and the fiscal year 2019 request.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 101. This provision requires that amounts remaining in the Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account be used for deficit reduction or to reduce the Federal debt.

SEC. 102. This provision relates to the cost of living adjustments for Members of Congress.

SEC. 103. This provision relates to electronic filings with the Federal Election Commission.

JOINT ITEMS

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Appropriations, 2018	\$4,203,000
Budget estimate, 2019	4,203,000
Committee recommendation	4,203,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$4,203,000 for the Joint Economic Committee [JEC]. The recommendation is equal to the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and the fiscal year 2019 request. The Joint Economic Committee was created by the Employment Act of 1946. The primary tasks of the JEC are to review economic conditions and to recommend improvements in economic policy. The JEC performs research and economic analysis, and monitors and analyzes current economic, financial, and employment conditions.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Appropriations, 2018	\$11,169,000
Budget estimate, 2019	11,169,000
Committee recommendation	11,169,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$11,169,000 for salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Taxation. The recommendation is equal to the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and the fiscal year 2019 request.

The Joint Committee is established under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to:

- investigate the operation and effects of internal revenue taxes and the administration of such taxes;
- investigate measures and methods for the simplification of such taxes;
- make reports to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance (or to the House and the Senate) on the results of such investigations and studies and to make recommendations; and
- review any proposed refund or credit of income or estate and gift taxes or certain other taxes set forth in Code section 6405 in excess of \$2,000,000. In addition to these functions that are specified in the Internal Revenue Code, the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the Joint Committee to provide revenue estimates for all tax legislation considered by either the House of Representatives or the Senate.

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

Appropriations, 2018	\$3,838,000
Budget estimate, 2019	3,798,000
Committee recommendation	3,798,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,798,000 for the Office of the Attending Physician. The recommendation is \$40,000 below the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and equal to the fiscal year 2019 request. The Office was first established by House Resolution 253, adopted December 5, 1928.

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

Appropriations, 2018	\$1,444,000
Budget estimate, 2019	1,486,000
Committee recommendation	1,486,000

The Committee recommends \$1,486,000 for the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services. This office is a successor to the Special Services Office following enactment of the Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008.

The Office of Congressional Accessibility Services [OCAS] provides and coordinates accessibility services for individuals with disabilities, including Members of Congress, staff, and visitors to the U.S. Capitol complex. These services include sign language interpreting, adaptive tours, and wheelchair loans. OCAS also provides information regarding accessibility for individuals with disabilities, as well as related training and staff development to Members of Congress and employees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

CAPITOL POLICE

Appropriations, 2018	\$426,500,000
Budget estimate, 2019	456,358,000
Committee recommendation	453,037,000

The United States Capitol Police [USCP] is charged with the protection of the United States Congress, its legislative processes, Members, employees, visitors and facilities within the U.S. Capitol complex from crime, disruption or terrorism, so that the Congress may fulfill its constitutional responsibilities in a safe and open environment.

The Committee recommends \$453,037,000 for the USCP. The recommendation is \$26,537,000 above the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and is \$3,321,000 below the fiscal year 2019 request. The recommended funding fully supports the fourth year of a 5-year plan to expand the number of USCP officers by an estimated 20 percent. Not less than 90 days after enactment, the USCP is directed to report to the Committee detailing the deployment plan for new officers requested for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 and how such plan reflects a risk-based analysis of threats to the campus and to Members of Congress. Such analysis should incorporate the findings of the updated security assessment required by the explanatory statement accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018.

Risk-Based Protections for Members of Congress.—As highlighted by the 2017 shooting in Alexandria, Virginia, evolving threats to

Congress include the physical targeting of Members of Congress. In addition to securing the Capitol campus, the Committee finds that ensuring the continuity of government must include protecting the physical security of Members. The bill includes \$1,000,000 to enhance Member security outside of the Capitol campus in the National Capital Region, as warranted by risk-based analyses. Such funds may be used to reimburse local law enforcement and/or support additional dignitary protection teams to be assigned on a flexible and dynamic basis. The Committee further expects the USCP to adopt Inspector General recommendations on improving the effectiveness of USCP units, including those other than the Uniformed Services Bureau, to better position the USCP to expand off-campus security for Members. The USCP is directed to report to the Committee within 90 days of enactment on plans for utilizing the increased funding for off-campus Member security in the National Capital Region, including cost estimates for expanding such efforts. The USCP is also directed to include in such report a recommendation to the Committee on specific features of such events that may warrant a threat assessment. Such recommendation should be made in a format that could better inform Members and staff of events that may need to be alerted to the USCP.

SALARIES

Appropriations, 2018	\$351,700,000
Budget estimate, 2019	374,804,000
Committee recommendation	371,483,000

The amount provided covers salaries, benefits, and overtime costs. USCP personnel are also eligible for hazardous duty pay and comparability pay similar to locality pay adjustments granted other Federal law enforcement personnel in the Washington, DC, area.

The Committee recommends \$371,483,000 for USCP salaries, which is \$19,783,000 above the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$3,321,000 below the fiscal year 2019 request. The Committee recommendation provides half year funding for a minimum of an additional 72 sworn and 20 civilian officers.

USCP Office of Inspector General.—The Committee includes funds to support not less than six FTEs within the USCP Office of Inspector General. The Committee notes that additional oversight of the USCP is conducted by the Government Accountability Office to supplement the work of the USCP Office of Inspector General, as needed.

Overtime.—The Committee recommends no more than \$43,668,000 for overtime in fiscal year 2019. This provides for approximately 665,262 hours of additional duty.

The Committee notes that overtime pay is a standard practice law enforcement entities utilize to respond to unscheduled and unanticipated events. However, the Committee finds that keeping overtime pay at a minimum should continue to be a goal of the USCP. The Committee appreciates the efforts of the USCP to better track and manage overtime pay in order to keep overtime costs to a minimum. The Committee directs the USCP to continue to keep the Committee apprised of these efforts.

The Committee directs the USCP to provide for overtime in accordance with the budget request, as provided for in the following table.

	Funding	Hours estimated
Scheduled, (including training)	\$40,550,000	617,762
Unscheduled	2,626,000	40,000
LOC—non-reimbursable events	492,000	7,500
Total	43,668,000	665,262

The recommendation does not include funds for USCP overtime for requirements associated with major construction projects undertaken by the Architect of the Capitol [AOC] as those funds are provided to the AOC as part of the overall project costs for those major projects and are paid to the USCP on a reimbursable basis. The Committee expects the USCP to operate within the designated funding level for requirements associated with each project. The Committee directs the USCP to provide for any additional requirement costs beyond that allocation.

GENERAL EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2018	\$74,800,000
Budget estimate, 2019	81,554,000
Committee recommendation	81,554,000

Expenses include office supplies and equipment, communications, motor vehicles, uniforms and equipment, investigations, training, and miscellaneous items.

The Committee recommends \$81,554,000 for general expenses, which is \$6,754,000 above the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and identical to the fiscal year 2019 request.

Physical Fitness Study.—Law enforcement is a physically challenging profession and a high level of physical fitness is essential to many police functions. The Committee appreciates the high level of skill and physical fitness that enables USCP sworn officers to be fully prepared to respond to any number of possible critical incidents that may occur on the Capitol complex. The Committee notes that sworn officers undergo rigorous physical fitness testing and requirements during the recruitment and onboarding process, but that there are no ongoing requirements. As such, the Committee directs USCP to conduct a study on the feasibility of implementing a continuing physical fitness program for sworn officers. The study should review the physical fitness standards and requirements of other Federal law enforcement agencies and the extent to which USCP incorporates similar standards and requirements; evaluate the feasibility of implementing a mandatory ongoing physical fitness testing and requirement program, including estimated costs and timeline for implementation; identify and evaluate alternative voluntary physical fitness and physical wellness programs for sworn officers; and assess any challenges to all such physical fitness programs identified. The report is due to the Committee not later than 120 days after enactment.

Training to “Stop the Bleed”.—Similar to CPR training, which is an important life-saving skill, basic bleeding control techniques are

critical to saving lives. Developed by the American College of Surgeons after the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, “Stop the Bleed” training works to enhance survivability from mass shootings as well as other casualty events such as car accidents and home accidents. “Stop the Bleed” training empowers first responders, as well as non-professional individuals, with basic skills and techniques to immediately control external bleeding until medical help arrives. The American College of Surgeons provides both direct training and “train the trainer” courses with the educational component of Stop the Bleed offered free of charge and courses are run at cost. The Committee supports the expansion of “Stop the Bleed” training on the Capitol campus, as well as in schools, workplaces, and other organizations, in order to improve survival rates of mass shootings and other events causing life-threatening external bleeding.

The Committee appreciates that the UCSP has begun providing bleeding control training to officers. The Committee directs the USCP to continue such efforts, utilizing the “Stop the Bleed” methodology, to ensure that all officers can respond to and administer basic bleeding control techniques to individuals with trauma. The Committee directs the USCP to provide a report to the Committee within 30 days of enactment detailing such training plans for new recruits and current officers.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2018	\$4,959,000
Budget estimate, 2019	4,552,757
Committee recommendation	6,332,670

The Office of Compliance [OOC] is an independent nonpartisan agency established to administer and enforce the Congressional Accountability Act [CAA]. The OOC administers the dispute resolution system established to resolve disagreements that arise under the CAA; carries out an education and training program for the regulated community on the rights and responsibilities of the CAA; and advises Congress on needed changes and amendments to the CAA. The OOC General Counsel has independent investigatory and enforcement authority for certain violations of the CAA.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$6,332,670 for the salaries and expenses of the OOC, which is \$1,373,670 above the fiscal year 2018 enacted level and \$1,779,913 above the fiscal year 2019 request.

Compliance and Training Additional Resources.—The Committee commends the Senate’s action on reforming the Congressional Accountability Act [CAA] and the process by which harassment and discrimination are reported in the workplace. In support of the ongoing CAA reform efforts and the increasing role of the Office of Compliance [OOC] in compliance and training of Legislative Branch offices and agencies, which includes the addition of the Library of Congress to OOC’s jurisdiction earlier this year, the Committee provides a \$1,373,670 funding increase over the fiscal year 2018 enacted level.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2018	\$49,945,000
Budget estimate, 2019	50,737,000
Committee recommendation	50,295,000

The Congressional Budget Office [CBO] is responsible for providing to the Congress objective, nonpartisan, and timely analyses to aid in economic and budgetary decisions on the wide array of programs covered by the Federal budget, and the information and estimates required for the congressional budget process.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$50,295,000 for the CBO. The recommendation is \$350,000 above the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$442,000 below the fiscal year 2019 request.

Promoting Transparency.—The Congressional Budget Office provides Congress with budgetary and economic analysis that is important to the legislative process and can have significant policy implications. The Committee supports CBO’s current and planned efforts of improving and promoting transparency of the agency’s modeling and cost estimate process. CBO should continue with efforts on transparency that respect the interests of Congress and maintain the agency’s professional independence. To that end, the Committee provides funding to support CBO’s request to hire an estimated 10 new employees (8 FTEs) for transparency and responsiveness efforts for fiscal year 2019. Further, the Committee directs CBO to provide the Committee with a report on planned future transparency efforts within 90 days of enactment, which should also include proposals on making supporting documents covering methods and assumptions used in analyses and cost estimates publicly available to a greater degree, and review the feasibility of placing interactive models online and releasing source code for computer programs used in analyses.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

The Office of the Architect of the Capitol [AOC] is responsible to the United States Congress for the maintenance, operation, development, and preservation of 16.5 million square feet of buildings and more than 450 acres of land throughout the Capitol complex. This includes the Capitol, the Capitol Visitor Center, the House and Senate office buildings, the Library of Congress buildings, the U.S. Botanic Garden, the Capitol Power Plant, and other facilities. The AOC also provides professional expertise with regard to the preservation of architectural and artistic elements entrusted to its care, and provides recommendations concerning design, construction, and maintenance of the facilities and grounds.

The Committee has recommended a funding level of \$509,776,264 for activities of the Architect of the Capitol, excluding the House Office Buildings account. The recommendation is \$5,230,439 below the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$61,549,439 below the fiscal year 2019 request.

The following table compares the Committee recommendation for the AOC accounts to the fiscal year 2019 request, excluding the House Office Buildings account.

Item	Fiscal year 2019 request	Committee recommendation	Difference
Capital Construction and Operations	\$103,962,000	\$102,131,903	\$(1,830,097)
Capitol Building	46,154,000	39,318,335	(6,835,665)
Capitol Grounds	17,978,000	16,160,439	(1,817,561)
Senate Office Buildings	80,535,000	92,918,081	+ 12,383,081
Capitol Power Plant	118,980,000	102,827,258	(16,152,742)
Library Buildings and Grounds	113,427,000	64,125,666	(49,301,334)
Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds, and Security	59,309,000	54,680,047	(4,628,953)
Botanic Garden	14,659,000	14,559,589	(99,411)
Capitol Visitor Center	23,332,000	23,054,946	(267,054)
Total	578,326,000	509,776,264	(68,549,736)

Outdoor Recycling.—The Committee commends the efforts of the Architect of the Capitol and the United States Capitol Police for implementing outdoor recycling programs on the Capitol grounds while maintaining security of the complex. The Committee encourages the Architect of the Capitol and the USCP to continue to collaborate and work together to expand these efforts where appropriate in high-traffic areas across the Capitol complex. The AOC is also 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.

Office of Inspector General.—The Committee feels strongly that the AOC IG must maintain a staffing level commensurate with the scale of AOC's vast portfolio of operations, constructions, and contract oversight. Within funds provided, the Committee directs the AOC IG to employ not fewer than 14 full-time equivalent positions during fiscal year 2019. The Committee also directs the AOC to ensure that sufficient funding is available for contracts and other expenses identified by the AOC IG to fulfill its mission. Finally, the Committee reiterates that the independence of the AOC IG is of the utmost importance.

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS

Appropriations, 2018	\$93,478,000
Budget estimate, 2019	103,962,000
Committee recommendation	102,131,903

The Capital Construction and Operations appropriation provides funding for salaries and related benefits of the Architect, officers, administrative and support staff, including engineering and architecture employees. This account also provides for administrative items such as agency-wide contractual services; surveys and studies; information technology; and safety engineering operations.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$102,131,903 for capital construction and operations. The recommendation is \$8,653,903 above the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$1,829,895 below the fiscal year 2019 request.

CAPITOL BUILDING

Appropriations, 2018	\$45,300,000
Budget estimate, 2019	46,154,000
Committee recommendation	39,318,335

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$39,318,335 for necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol, which is \$5,981,665 below the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$6,835,665 below the fiscal year 2019 request. Of the amount recommended, \$12,981,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2023.

Miscellaneous Improvements Notifications.—The Committee appreciates the AOC’s efforts to document and notify the Committee of “Miscellaneous Improvements” projects, which are completed projects that costs less than \$5,000 for labor and materials. The Committee directs 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.

The following table displays the budget detail.

CAPITOL BUILDING

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget	\$26,648,000	\$26,337,335
Fiscal Year 2019 Project Budget		
Senate Reception Room Restoration & Conservation, USC	4,750,000	.....
Kitchen and Exhaust Renovation, USC	1,775,000	.....
Fire Alarm System Upgrade, USC	2,525,000	2,525,000
Security Improvements, House Chamber USC	4,857,000	4,857,000
Conservation of Fine and Architectural Art	599,000	599,000
Minor Construction	5,000,000	5,000,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	19,506,000	12,981,999
Total, Capitol Building	46,154,000	39,318,335

CAPITOL GROUNDS

Appropriations, 2018	\$13,333,000
Budget estimate, 2019	17,978,000
Committee recommendation	16,160,439

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$16,160,439 for Capitol Grounds for the care and improvements of the grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant. The recommendation is \$2,827,439 above the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$1,817,561 below the fiscal year 2019 request. Of the amount recommended, \$5,019,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2023.

The following table displays the budget detail:

CAPITOL GROUNDS

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget	\$11,242,000	\$11,141,439
Fiscal Year 2019 Project Budget		
Capitol Square Infrastructure Repair, CG	1,217,000	.....
Light Pole Structural Repairs and Improvements, Phases III-VI, CG	2,519,000	2,519,000
Minor Construction	3,000,000	2,500,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	6,736,000	5,019,000
Total, Capitol Grounds	17,978,000	16,160,439

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Appropriations, 2018	\$101,614,000
Budget estimate, 2019	80,535,000
Committee recommendation	92,918,081

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$92,918,081 for maintenance of the Senate office buildings. The recommendation is \$8,695,919 below the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$12,383,081 above the fiscal year 2019 request. Of the amount recommended, \$31,162,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2023.

The following table displays the budget detail:

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget	\$62,400,000	\$61,756,081
Fiscal Year 2019 Project Budget		
Exterior Envelope Repair & Restoration, Phases IV & V, RSOB .....	.....	24,706,000
HVAC AHU Improvements, HSOB	11,679,000	.....
Fire Alarm System Upgrade, DSOB	606,000	606,000
Emergency Generator Replacement, HSOB	850,000	850,000
Minor Construction	5,000,000	5,000,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	18,135,000	31,162,000
Total, Senate Office Buildings	80,535,000	92,918,081

Russell Senate Office Building.—The Committee appreciates that the AOC has continued to make significant progress on implementing solutions recommended by a Blue Ribbon Panel to address potential fire hazards in the Russell Senate Office Building. The Committee believes that continued oversight of the project is essential to ensure it is completed as soon as possible.

Senate Child Care Facilities.—The Committee notes that the physical capacity of the Senate Employee Child Care Center

[SECCC] is extremely limited relative to the number of Senate employees. The SECCC currently cares for an estimated 68 infants and children while the Senate currently employs an estimated 6,400 individuals. This limited capacity has resulted in long waitlists and, ultimately, most Senate employees with children are unable to place a child with the SECCC. Without a larger capacity, the SECCC will continue to serve only a small portion of the child care needs of the Senate community. The program operations of the SECCC are not under the purview of the AOC. However, the AOC is in a unique position to evaluate potential options for expanding the physical capacity of the SECCC—specifically, the AOC maintains the existing SECCC facilities and other Capitol facilities that may contribute to expanding SECCC capacity. The AOC would also be involved in acquiring or constructing any potential new Senate facilities. The Committee directs the AOC to identify and evaluate options for expanding the physical capacity of the SECCC. The AOC should include in its evaluation existing facilities within the purview of AOC, including those associated with the Library of Congress, and should prioritize timeliness for expanding SECCC capacity. The Committee directs the AOC to provide a report to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Rules and Administration detailing such options within 180 days of enactment.

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

Appropriations, 2018	\$106,694,000
Budget estimate, 2019	118,980,000
Committee recommendation	97,827,258

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$97,827,258 for the operations of the Capitol Power Plant. This is supplemented by \$9,000,000 in reimbursements, for a total of \$106,827,258. The recommendation is \$8,866,742 below the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$21,152,742 below the fiscal year 2019 request. Of the amount provided, \$15,286,617 shall remain available until September 30, 2023.

The Power Plant provides heat, light, power, and air-conditioning for the Capitol, Senate and House office buildings, and the Library of Congress buildings; heat, light, and power for the Botanic Garden and the Senate and House Garages; light for the Capitol Grounds’ street, park, and floodlighting system; steam heat for the Government Publishing Office and Washington City Post Office, also known as Postal Square; and steam heat and air-conditioning for the Union Station complex, Folger Shakespeare Library, the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building, and the U.S. Supreme Court Building on a reimbursable basis.

The Committee supports continuation of the project, first begun in fiscal year 2012, to replace the cooling towers in the West Refrigeration Plant. The Committee notes that the project cost will total \$232,600,000 and that \$107,500,000 in appropriations has already been provided spanning eight fiscal years. The remaining \$125,100,000 will be requested over the course of another several-year period. Recognizing that funding for several phases of this project has already needed to be divided into additional, smaller phases, the Committee provides \$5,139,617 of the \$21,215,000 re-

quested for fiscal year 2019. The Committee looks forward to continuing efforts on this project.

Within the operating budget, the recommended amount for the purchase of electricity from the local private utility, payment to the government of the District of Columbia for the provision of water and sewer services, and the procurement of boiler fuel, is displayed in the following table.

FISCAL YEAR 2019 ESTIMATED UTILITY COSTS

	Cost
Purchase of electrical energy	\$26,805,000
Purchase of natural gas	14,570,000
Purchase of steam	1,060,000
Purchase of chilled water .....	.....
Purchase of oil	1,411,000
Purchase of solid fuel	500,000
Water and Sewer payments	7,668,000
Utilities for Postal Square	725,000
Energy Saving Performance Contracts	14,711,000
Energy Reduction Services Contract	650,000
Total	68,100,000

The balance of this appropriation supports a workforce to operate and maintain the Power Plant.

The following table displays the budget detail:

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget	\$82,688,000	\$82,540,641
Fiscal Year 2019 Project Budget		
Cooling Tower Renovation and Electrical Upgrades, RPR Phase IV, WRP	21,215,000	5,139,617
Switchgear B and Pump Replacement, RPR, Phase VI, WRP	724,000	724,000
Condensor Water Pump and HVAC Replacement, RPR Phase VII, WRP	714,000	714,000
Tunnel Waterproofing, Y Tunnel	4,709,000	4,709,000
Pipe Expansion Joint Improvements, G Tunnel	4,930,000	.....
Minor Construction	4,000,000	4,000,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	36,292,000	15,286,617
Total, Capitol Power Plant	127,980,000	106,827,258

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Appropriations, 2018	\$74,873,000
Budget estimate, 2019	113,427,000
Committee recommendation	64,125,666

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$64,125,666 for the care and maintenance of the Library buildings and grounds by the Architect of the Capitol, of which \$36,254,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2023. The recommendation is

\$10,747,334 below the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$49,301,334 below the fiscal year 2019 request.

The following table displays the budget detail:

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget	\$28,122,000	\$27,871,666
Fiscal Year 2019 Project Budget		
Collection Storage Module 6, Ft. Meade	46,226,000	.....
North Exit Stair B, Phase II, TJB	18,090,000	18,090,000
Emergency Lighting System Upgrade, TJB	7,490,000	7,490,000
Fire Alarm and Audibility Upgrade, JMMB	1,622,000	1,622,000
Exterior Masonry and Envelope Repairs, JAB	1,676,000	1,676,000
Exterior Masonry and Envelope Repairs, TJB	2,149,000	2,149,000
Book Conveyor System Removal and In-Fill, JMMB	4,762,000	4,762,000
ESPC Management	1,790,000	1,790,000
Minor Construction	2,500,000	2,500,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	85,305,000	36,254,000
Total, Library Buildings & Grounds	113,427,000	64,125,666

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND SECURITY

Appropriations, 2018	\$34,249,000
Budget estimate, 2019	59,309,000
Committee recommendation	54,680,047

The Committee recommends \$54,680,047 for Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds, and Security, which is \$20,431,047 above the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$4,628,953 below the fiscal year 2019 request. Of this amount, \$28,777,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2023.

The following table displays the budget detail:

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND SECURITY

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget	\$25,937,000	\$25,903,047
Fiscal Year 2019 Project Budget		
Chiller Replacement and Chilled Water System Expansion, Phase I, ACF	15,477,000	15,477,000
Perimeter Security Fence Modification, OSP	4,595,000	.....
Barrier Lifecycle and Perimeter Security Kiosk Replacement, Phase III, OSP	8,300,000	8,300,000
Minor Construction	5,000,000	5,000,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	33,372,000	28,777,000
Total, Capitol Police Buildings & Grounds	59,308,000	54,680,047

BOTANIC GARDEN

Appropriations, 2018	\$13,800,000
Budget estimate, 2019	14,659,000
Committee recommendation	14,559,589

The Committee recommends \$14,559,589 for salaries and expenses of the Botanic Garden. The recommendation is \$759,589 above the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$99,411 below the fiscal year budget request 2019 request. Of this amount, \$3,559,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2023.

The following table displays the budget detail:

BOTANIC GARDEN

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget	\$11,100,000	\$11,000,589
Fiscal Year 2019 Project Budget		
Security Upgrade	959,000	959,000
Minor Construction	2,600,000	2,600,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	3,559,000	3,559,000
Total, Botanic Garden	14,659,000	14,559,589

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Appropriations, 2018	\$21,470,000
Budget estimate, 2019	23,322,000
Committee recommendation	23,054,946

The Committee recommends a total of \$23,054,946 for the operation of the Capitol Visitor Center. The recommendation is \$1,584,946 the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$267,054 below the fiscal year 2019 request.

The following table displays the budget detail:

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget		
Subtotal, Operating Budget	\$23,322,000	\$23,054,946
Total, Capitol Visitor Center	23,322,000	23,054,946

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 110. This provision prohibits payment of bonuses to contractors behind schedule or over budget.

SEC. 111. This provision prohibits the expenditure of funds for scrim containing photographs of building facades for projects performed by the Architect of the Capitol.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world and an unmatched source of information for Congress, the American people and beyond. The Library acquires, registers, preserves, protects and makes accessible the creative record of the United States. It is the main research arm of the United States Congress and its resources and services are used by millions of people every month. Its mission is to support the Congress in fulfilling its constitutional duties and to further the progress of knowledge and creativity for the benefit of the American people. The Library's collections include more than 162 million items (books, photographs, maps, sound recordings, films, sheet music, legal materials) in 470 languages. Digital technology is transforming the way the Library does its work, and the institution plays an important leadership role in superimposing digital library collections and services on those that are analog based. The Library of Congress houses the Congressional Research Service, U.S. Copyright Office, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Law Library of Congress, and numerous other programs and services.

The Committee recommends a total of \$687,422,000 for the Library of Congress, an increase of \$17,532,000 above the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$14,767,000 above the fiscal year 2019 request.

In addition to the appropriation, the Library estimates receipts of \$55,818,000, funds from gifts and trusts totaling \$14,549,000, and reimbursable and revolving funds totaling \$194,608,000. Total funds available to support Library operations, including the Architect of the Capitol account, are expected to be approximately \$1,016,522,666 in fiscal year 2019 under the Committee recommendation.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2018:	
Salaries and expenses	\$477,017,000
Authority to spend receipts	6,350,000
Net, salaries and expenses	<u>470,667,000</u>
Budget estimate, 2019:	
Salaries and expenses	475,196,000
Authority to spend receipts	6,000,000
Net, salaries and expenses	<u>469,196,000</u>
Committee recommendation:	
Salaries and expenses	474,429,000
Authority to spend receipts	6,000,000
Net, salaries and expenses	<u>468,429,000</u>

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$468,429,000 for salaries and expenses of the Library of Congress and approves authority to spend receipts of \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2019, for a total of \$474,429,000. The recommendation is \$2,238,000 below the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$767,000 below the fiscal year 2019 request. Included within this recommendation, as requested

by the Library for fiscal year 2019, is \$17,700,000 for the third phase of relocating the Library's primary computing facility; \$4,019,000 for Special Collection Arrearage Reduction, and \$1,756,000 for Law Library Strengthening Capacity in both Digitization, and Staff Expertise and Foreign Specialists. The Committee expects the Library to provide a detailed spend plan, including any increase in FTE levels for the IT modernization intended to be addressed with the funds provided in fiscal year 2019.

Thomas Jefferson Building Visitor Experience.—The Committee and the Congress continue to support the public-private partnership to enhance visitors' experiences at the Library of Congress by expanding, revitalizing, and better showcasing the Library's available programs and historical artifacts. While the development of the Master Plan is underway, for fiscal year 2019 the Committee provides \$25,580,000 within the Architect of the Capitol's budget to address certain infrastructure needs and projects of the Thomas Jefferson Building, including two egress requirements. The Committee directs the Library to expeditiously provide a detailed budget justification for the project, as detailed in the Statement of Managers to accompany the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141).

Veterans History Project.—The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$2,349,000 for the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project [VHP]. VHP oversees a nationwide effort to build an archive of oral histories, from World War I through current conflicts, by collecting, preserving, and making available the personal stories of American war veterans and the civilian workers who support them. The VHP collection includes submissions from every State and is the largest oral history project in the United States. Through an active national outreach effort to volunteer organizations, institutions, and individuals across the country, VHP gained new participants and acquired 4,335 new collections in fiscal year 2017. The Committee supports VHP's ongoing digitization efforts, with the portion of materials digitized reaching 43,541 in fiscal year 2017.

Surplus Books Program.—The Committee supports the Library's Surplus Books Program, which acts as an ambassador of goodwill for the Library nationwide by providing excess books to local libraries and non-profits across the country. The program is utilized by participating institutions to expand literary collections and provide individuals access to a broad variety of reading materials. The Committee expects the Library to provide adequate funding for the program, at not less than the current level, in order to ensure continued nationwide access to the program.

Teaching with Primary Sources.—The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$8,653,000 for the Library of Congress' Teaching with Primary Sources program [TPS]. TPS is a teacher training initiative that encourages educators to incorporate the Library's online primary sources into school curricula. Library staff harness the power of primary sources as teaching tools by providing educators with methods and materials that build student literacy skills, content knowledge, and critical thinking abilities. TPS has successfully worked with educators in 49 States, the District of Columbia, and American Samoa. The Committee notes that the Library sponsors

many educational lectures and events and encourages the Library to incorporate excerpts from these presentations into the curriculum materials it develops.

Preservation.—The Committee notes that the Library utilizes multiple preservation strategies to extend the life of its vast collections for future generations to enjoy, including building and operating climate-controlled storage facilities, preparing new acquisitions for commercial binding and shelving, deacidification, and digital reformatting. The Committee supports the Library’s preservation efforts and directs the Library to continue funding for ongoing preservation activities at not less than the current level for each ongoing preservation strategy.

National Film and Sound Recording Preservation Programs.—The Committee recognizes 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. Consistent with the authorizing statute, the Foundations utilize both public and private matching funds to provide grants to a wide array of educational and non-profit organizations that help preserve historical and cultural artifacts that would otherwise disappear or be destroyed over time. 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 Committee expects that the Library will provide support to these programs.

World Digital Library.—The Committee appreciates the Library’s role in launching the website and daily operations of the World Digital Library since its establishment in 2009. This multi-national project has made valuable primary materials from all countries and cultures available to the public—all free of charge and in multilingual formats. This has expanded the volume and variety of cultural content on the Internet, promoting more intercultural understanding, as well as providing more accessible resources for educators, scholars, and the general public. Recognizing the value of the World Digital Library collections and content, the Library is directed to continue making these materials accessible through fiscal year 2019 as long-term, sustainable management of the project is transitioned from the Library to a partner organization, as planned.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2018:	
Salaries and expenses	\$72,011,000
Authority to spend receipts	41,305,000
Prior year unobligated balances	2,260,000
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Net, salaries and expenses	28,446,000
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Budget estimate, 2019:	
Salaries and expenses	86,438,000
Authority to spend receipts	43,464,000
Prior year unobligated balances	4,328,000
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Net, salaries and expenses	38,646,000
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Committee recommendation:	
Salaries and expenses	92,462,000
Authority to spend receipts	45,490,000
Prior year unobligated balances	4,328,000
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Net, salaries and expenses	42,644,000
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The United States Copyright Office plays an important role in our Nation's intellectual property system. Copyright law is the foundation for the creation and dissemination of American artistic works, leading to substantial economic and cultural benefits. The Copyright Office serves multiple central roles in the copyright system, overseeing the registration of copyrighted works, administering the copyright law, and providing counsel to Congress on copyright policy.

The Committee recommends the direct appropriation of \$42,644,000 for the Copyright Office; approves authority to spend receipts of \$45,490,000 in fiscal year 2019; and approves authority to spend prior year unobligated balances of \$4,328,000, for a total of \$92,462,000. The recommendation for total funding available is \$20,451,000 above the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$6,024,000 above the fiscal year 2019 request.

Information Technology Modernization.—The recommendation includes \$12,121,000 for Copyright Office IT modernization, fully funding the request. The Committee commends the collaboration of the Copyright Office with the Library's Office of Chief Information Officer [OCIO] in the overall IT modernization effort for the Library, and looks forward to the forthcoming revised IT modernization plan for the Office. The Committee directs the Copyright Office and the Library's 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 Committee directs the Copyright Office to provide a detailed spend plan for the IT enhancements intended to be addressed with the funds provided in fiscal year 2019.

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2018	\$119,279,000
Budget estimate, 2019	113,621,000
Committee recommendation	123,828,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$123,828,000 for the Congressional Research Service. The recommendation is \$4,549,000 above the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$10,207,000 above the fiscal year 2019 request.

Update to Public Products Program.—The fiscal year 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 115–141) included a provision directing the Library of Congress’s Congressional Research Service [CRS] to make available to the public all non-confidential CRS products on a website operated and maintained by the Library of Congress. As per the Statement of Managers to accompany Public Law 115–141, “Non-confidential CRS products include any written CRS products containing research or analysis that are currently available for general congressional access on the CRS Congressional Intranet, or that would be made available on the CRS Congressional Intranet in the normal course of business. Non-confidential CRS reports do not include material prepared in response to Congressional requests for confidential analysis or research.” The Committee seeks to make clear its intent that CRS will continue to treat any material prepared in response to Congressional requests for confidential analysis or research, including the requests themselves, as confidential to that Member of Congress and/or his or her Congressional staff, and CRS may not make public such requests, analysis or research. The Committee also directs CRS to conduct and participate in outreach to House and Senate Member Offices, Committees, and other Congressional users to ensure that the Congressional community is aware that such long-standing confidentiality assurances will continue unchanged.

User Friendly Information Products.—The Committee previously directed CRS to survey how its reports and information products could be re-packaged into more user friendly formats for “ready on the go” scenarios (Five things you must know, 30 second videos, etc.). The Committee remains interested in how these user-friendly formats can be incorporated in the suite of products and services that CRS provides and requests that CRS report on what sort of these information delivery systems would be most feasible to provide to Congressional members and staff.

Congressional Research Service Modernization.—The Committee recognizes the tremendous value that the Congressional Research Service [CRS] has added to Congress by providing objective, authoritative, nonpartisan, and confidential research and analysis on the breadth of policy issues considered during each legislative session since its inception in 1914. Included in the Committee’s recommendation is \$4,000,000 to continue modernization of CRS’s mission-specific information systems to increase efficiency of the office while protecting confidentiality of congressional data.

Strengthening Research Capacity.—The Committee appreciates CRS finding innovative ways to meet congressional demand in a resource constrained environment. To restore lost research capacity,

the Committee recommendation provides \$2,743,000 to support an additional 20 full-time equivalents.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2018	\$51,498,000
Budget estimate, 2019	51,192,000
Committee recommendation	52,521,000

This appropriation supports a national reading program for eligible residents of the United States and U.S. citizens living overseas who are blind or physically handicapped. Books and magazines in braille and various recorded formats are produced by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped for distribution through a network of State and locally supported libraries. At present, 55 regional libraries in 49 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands house and circulate books and magazines to eligible readers. Thirty-two sub-regional libraries in 10 States, and Guam, assist at the local public library level. In addition, 14 Advisory and Outreach Centers assist regional libraries in provision of services. Fifty-two of the regional libraries and four separate cooperating agencies distribute sound reproducers. Two multi-State centers, under contract to the National Library Service, store and distribute books and other materials in their geographical region. The program supports a readership of approximately 800,000.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$52,521,000 for salaries and expenses for Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The recommendation is \$1,023,000 above the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$1,329,000 above the fiscal year 2019 request.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 150. The Committee has included a routine administrative provision regarding reimbursable and revolving funds carried in prior years.

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

The U.S. Government Publishing Office [GPO] is the Federal Government's primary centralized resource for gathering, cataloging, producing, providing, and preserving published information in all its forms. By law and tradition, the GPO's mission is to provide expert publishing and printing services to all three branches of Government; to provide, in partnership with Federal depository libraries, permanent public access to the printed and electronic information products of all three branches of the Federal Government; and to sell copies of authentic printed and electronic documents and other government information products to the public.

GPO's core mission dates to 1813 when Congress determined that information regarding the work of the Federal Government should be available to all Americans. Over 200 years later, GPO's mission remains unchanged. However, the means for producing

and distributing that information has transformed dramatically with the advent of the digital revolution.

Today, GPO provides free online public access to more than 1.5 million searchable titles, including the Budget of the U.S. Government, the Code of Federal Regulations, the Congressional Record, and congressional bills, hearings, and reports. GPO also provides access to Government information in digital format through apps, eBooks, and related technologies. Since 2009, GPO has experienced more than 1.5 billion digital retrievals from its Federal Digital System and in February 2018 GPO introduced the next generation of its digital information system, govinfo.gov, symbolizing the evolution of how Americans access Government information in the digital era.

CONGRESSIONAL PUBLISHING

Appropriations, 2018	\$79,528,000
Budget estimate, 2019	79,000,000
Committee recommendation	79,000,000

The appropriation for Congressional Publishing supports transparency of the congressional process by funding digital and print publication of congressional proceedings, including the Congressional Record, bills, amendments, Committee reports, and hearing transcripts. This appropriation also supports the direct publication and printing needs of Congress.

The Committee recommends \$79,000,000 for congressional publishing. The recommendation is \$528,000 below the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and equal to the 2019 request.

The following table compares the component categories within this account for fiscal year 2018 and the fiscal year 2019 request. The Committee has not recommended separate amounts for each activity in order to give GPO the flexibility to meet changing requirements.

CONGRESSIONAL PUBLISHING

	Fiscal year 2018 enacted	Fiscal year 2019 requested
Congressional Record Publications	\$22,193,000	\$21,753,000
Miscellaneous publications	3,267,000	3,376,000
Miscellaneous publishing and services	18,311,000	18,839,000
Details to Congress	4,452,000	4,452,000
Document envelopes and document franks	569,000	571,000
Business and committee calendars	3,765,000	2,696,000
Bills, resolutions, and amendments	3,828,000	4,150,000
Committee reports	2,220,000	2,554,000
Documents	868,000	871,000
Hearings	16,687,000	16,770,000
Committee prints	1,018,000	839,000
Transfers	2,350,000	1,532,000
Total	79,528,000	79,000,000

PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS OF THE OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2018	\$29,000,000
Budget estimate, 2019	32,000,000
Committee recommendation	32,000,000

This appropriation provides for salaries and expenses associated with the distribution of electronic and printed Government documents to depository and international exchange libraries, the cataloging and indexing of Government publications, and the distribution of electronic and printed publications authorized by law at the request of Members of Congress and other Government agencies.

The Committee recommends \$32,000,000 for salaries and expenses of the Public Information Programs of the Office of the Superintendent of Documents. The recommendation is \$3,000,000 above the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and equal to the fiscal year 2019 request.

The Committee supports GPO's introduction of its next generation information system, govinfo.gov, as well as the agency's other information technology systems, given that these efforts continue to reduce costs.

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE BUSINESS OPERATIONS
REVOLVING FUND

Appropriations, 2018	\$8,540,000
Budget estimate, 2019	6,000,000
Committee recommendation	6,000,000

The Committee recommends \$6,000,000 for the Government Publishing Office [GPO] Business Operations Revolving Fund. The recommendation is \$2,540,000 below the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and equal to the fiscal year 2019 request.

The Committee supports continued investment in the Revolving Fund as the most efficient solution to both cutting costs and ensuring efficient online access to government documents. One reason GPO is able to meet the increased work demands and continually reduce costs is through its constant focus on capital investments to modernize information systems, production equipment, and major facility repairs.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2018	\$578,916,653
Budget estimate, 2019	616,101,000
Committee recommendation	589,749,653

The U.S. Government Accountability Office [GAO] is an independent nonpartisan agency that was established by the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921 to act as an auditor for Congress and investigate how the Federal Government spends taxpayer dollars.

The function of GAO includes auditing agency operations to determine whether Federal funds are being spent efficiently and effectively; investigating allegations of illegal and improper activities;

reporting on how well Government programs and policies are meeting their objectives; performing policy analyses and outlining options for congressional consideration; and issuing legal decisions and opinions, such as bid protest rulings and reports on agency rules.

The Committee recommends funding of \$589,749,653 for salaries and expenses of the Government Accountability Office. The recommendation is \$10,833,000 above the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$26,351,347 below the fiscal year 2019 request. The funding provided will support an additional 100 FTE to be hired in fiscal year 2019 to support greater oversight and accountability of government programs.

Additionally, \$35,900,000 is authorized in offsetting collections derived from rent receipts and reimbursements for conducting financial audits of Government corporations, for a total of \$625,649,653.

Technology Assessment.—There is general support in Congress to bolster capacity of and enhance access to quality, independent science and technological expertise. Since 2002, GAO has provided direct support to Congress in the area of technology assessment through objective, rigorous, and timely assessments of emerging science and technologies. The Center for Science, Technology, and Engineering [CSTE] within GAO has developed such a capacity, providing wide-ranging technical expertise across all of GAO's areas of work. However, because the scope of technological complexities continues to grow significantly, the Committee seeks opportunities to expand technology assessment capacity within the Legislative Branch.

The Committee encourages GAO to reorganize its technology and science function by creating a new more prominent office within GAO. GAO is directed to provide the Committee a detailed plan and timeline describing how this new office can expand and enhance GAO's capabilities in scientific and technological assessments. This plan should be developed in consultation with internal stakeholders of the Legislative Branch such as congressional staff and Members of Congress in addition to external stakeholders, including nonprofit organizations and subject matter experts knowledgeable in the field of emerging and current technologies. Further, such a plan should include a description of the revised organizational structure within GAO, provide potential cost estimates as necessary, and analyze the following issues and: the appropriate scope of work and depth of analysis; the optimum size and staff skillset needed to fulfill its mission; the opportunity and utility of shared efficiencies within GAO; and the opportunities to increase GAO's engagement and support with Congress. GAO is directed to submit this report to the Committee within 180 days of enactment.

The Committee also directs GAO to contract with the National Academy of Public Administration to evaluate previous and current efforts related to technology assessment support to the Congress, including those of the former Office of Technology Assessment, the Congressional Research Service, and GAO. The evaluation should also identify and assess options for enhancing technology assessment support to the Congress, including new legislative authorities, resources, or functions for existing agencies or entities, estab-

lishing previous agencies or entities, and/or the establishment of a new entity or entities. A report summarizing such evaluation is directed to be submitted to the Committee not later than 12 months after enactment.

OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND

Appropriations, 2018	\$5,600,000
Budget estimate, 2019	5,800,000
Committee recommendation	5,600,000

The Committee recommends \$5,600,000 as a payment to the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund, which is equal to the fiscal year 2018 appropriation and \$200,000 below the fiscal year 2019 request. The Center for Russian Leadership Development was established on December 21, 2000 (Public Law 106-554) as a legislative branch entity. The Fiscal Year 2003 Consolidated Appropriation Resolution (Public Law 108-7) carried legislation (section 1401) changing the name to the Open World Leadership Center and expanding the mission of the program to include Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union including the Baltic States. The mission of the Center is to enable emerging leaders in Russia and Newly Independent States at all levels of civic life to gain significant, first-hand exposure to the American free market economic system and the operation of American democratic institutions through visits to comparable governments and communities in the United States.

While the Committee recognizes the ongoing U.S. national interest in maintaining constructive relations with the Russian people, the Committee includes a provision that limits the Open World Leadership Center to using appropriated funds only for Russian participants engaging in free market development, humanitarian activities, and civic engagement, and not for senior officials of the central Government of Russia.

JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Appropriations, 2018	\$430,000
Budget estimate, 2019	430,000
Committee recommendation	430,000

The John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development was created by Congress in 1988. The mandate of the Center is to promote and strengthen public service. The Committee recommends the budget request of \$430,000 as authorized by 2 U.S.C. 1105, for the Center's congressional staff training and development programs.

TITLE II

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Included are several routine general provisions carried annually in the bill (sections 201–207), as follows:

Section 201 bans the use of appropriated funds for service and maintenance of private vehicles, except under such regulations as may be promulgated by the House Administration Committee and the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, respectively.

Section 202 limits the availability for obligation of appropriations to the fiscal year for which it is expressly provided in the bill accompanying this report.

Section 203 provides that any pay rate and title designation for a staff position created in this act, and not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of 1929, is to be made permanent law by this act. Further, any pay rate and title change for a position provided for in the 1929 Act is to be made permanent law by this act and any changes in the official expenses of Members, officers, and committees, and in the clerk hire of the House and Senate are to be made permanent law by this act.

Section 204 bans the use of funds for contracts unless such contracts are matters of public record and are available for public inspection.

Section 205 authorizes legislative branch entities participating in the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council [LBFMC] to finance the costs of the LBFMC.

Section 206 prohibits unauthorized transfers of funds to other agencies.

Section 207 ensures continuation of the staff-led tours of the Capitol.

Section 208 prohibits funds made available in this act to be used to acquire certain telecommunications equipment unless the agency meets certain criteria.

Section 209 prohibits the use of funds to establish or maintain a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography, except for law enforcement investigation, prosecution, or adjudication activities, or other official government activities.

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7, RULE XVI, OF THE
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Paragraph 7 of rule XVI requires that Committee reports on general appropriations bills identify, with particularity, each Committee amendment to the House bill “which proposes an item of appropriation which is not made to carry out the provisions of an existing law, a treaty stipulation, or an act or resolution previously passed by the Senate during that session.”

The Committee has recommended no such funding.

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7(c), RULE XXVI OF THE
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Pursuant to paragraph 7(c) of rule XXVI, on June 14, 2018, the Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 3071) making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, provided, that the bill be subject to amendment and that the bill be consistent with the subcommittee funding guidance, and provided that the Chairman of the Committee or his designee be authorized to offer the substance of the original bill as a Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute to the House companion measure, by a recorded vote of 31–0, a quorum being present. The vote was as follows:

Yeas	Nays
Chairman Shelby	
Mr. McConnell	
Mr. Alexander	
Ms. Collins	
Ms. Murkowski	
Mr. Graham	
Mr. Blunt	
Mr. Moran	
Mr. Hoeven	
Mr. Boozman	
Mrs. Capito	
Mr. Lankford	
Mr. Daines	
Mr. Kennedy	
Mr. Rubio	
Mrs. Hyde-Smith	
Mr. Leahy	
Mrs. Murray	
Mrs. Feinstein	
Mr. Durbin	
Mr. Reed	
Mr. Tester	

Mr. Udall
 Mrs. Shaheen
 Mr. Merkley
 Mr. Coons
 Mr. Schatz
 Ms. Baldwin
 Mr. Murphy
 Mr. Manchin
 Mr. Van Hollen

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 12, RULE XXVI, OF THE
 STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Paragraph 12 of rule XXVI requires that Committee reports on a bill or joint resolution repealing or amending any statute or part of any statute include “(a) the text of the statute or part thereof which is proposed to be repealed; and (b) a comparative print of that part of the bill or joint resolution making the amendment and of the statute or part thereof proposed to be amended, showing by stricken-through type and italics, parallel columns, or other appropriate typographical devices the omissions and insertions which would be made by the bill or joint resolution if enacted in the form recommended by the Committee.”

In compliance with this rule, the following changes in existing law proposed to be made by the bill are shown as follows: existing law to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets; new matter is printed in italic; and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman.

TITLE 52—VOTING AND ELECTIONS

SUBTITLE III—FEDERAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE

CHAPTER 301—FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

SUBCHAPTER I—DISCLOSURE OF FEDERAL CAMPAIGN FUNDS

§ 30102. Organization of political committees

[(g) Filing with and receipt of designations, statements, and reports by Secretary of Senate; forwarding to Commission; filing requirements with Commission; public inspection and preservation of designations, etc.]

(1) Designations, statements, and reports required to be filed under this Act by a candidate for the office of Senator, by the principal campaign committee of such candidate, and by the Republican and Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committees shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate, who shall receive such designations, statements, and reports, as custodian for the Commission.

(2) The Secretary of the Senate shall forward a copy of any designation, statement, or report filed with the Secretary under this subsection to the Commission as soon as possible (but no later than 2 working days) after receiving such designation, statement, or report.

(3) All designations, statements, and reports required to be filed under this Act, except designations, statements, and reports filed

in accordance with paragraph (1), shall be filed with the Commission.

(4) The Secretary of the Senate shall make the designations, statements, and reports received under this subsection available for public inspection and copying in the same manner as the Commission under section 30111(a)(4) of this title, and shall preserve such designations, statements, and reports in the same manner as the Commission under section 30111(a)(5) of this title.】

(g) *FILING WITH THE COMMISSION.—All designations, statements, and reports required to be filed under this Act shall be filed with the Commission.*

BUDGETARY IMPACT OF BILL

PREPARED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PURSUANT TO SEC. 308(a), PUBLIC LAW 93-344, AS AMENDED

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget authority		Outlays	
	Committee allocation	Amount in bill	Committee allocation	Amount in bill
Comparison of amounts in the bill with the subcommittee allocation for 2019: Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch:				
Mandatory	145	145	145	¹ 145
Discretionary	4,790	3,361	4,700	¹ 3,510
Security			NA	NA
Nonsecurity	4,790	3,361	NA	NA
Projection of outlays associated with the recommendation:				
2019				² 2,709
2020				419
2021				126
2022				38
2023 and future years				
Financial assistance to State and local governments for 2019	NA		NA	²

¹ Includes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

² Excludes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

NA: Not applicable.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019
[In thousands of dollars]

Item	2018 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or -)	
				2018 appropriation	Budget estimate
TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH					
SENATE					
Expense allowances:					
Vice President	19	19	19		
President Pro Tempore of the Senate	38	38	38		
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		
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		
Subtotal, expense allowances	192	192	192		
Representation Allowances for the Majority and Minority Leaders	28	28	28		
Total, Expense allowances and representation	220	220	220		
Salaries, Officers and Employees					
Office of the Vice President	2,417	2,484	2,417		-67
Office of the President Pro Tempore	723	744	723		-21
Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus	309	319	309		-10
Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders	5,256	5,400	5,256		-144
Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips	3,359	3,455	3,359		-96
Committee on Appropriations	15,142	15,496	15,142		-354
Conference committees	3,316	3,408	3,316		-92

Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority	817	843	817					
Policy committees	3,386	3,482	3,386					-26
Office of the Chaplain	437	475	462					-96
Office of the Secretary	25,132	26,315	25,783				+25	-13
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper	78,565	85,321	82,684				+651	-532
Offices of the Secretaries for the Majority and Minority	1,810	1,900	1,810				+4,119	-2,637
Agency contributions and related expenses	54,198	64,076	59,912					-90
Outlays							+5,714	-4,164
Total, Salaries, officers and employees	194,867	213,718	205,376				+10,509	-8,342
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate								
Salaries and expenses	6,115	6,278	6,115					-163
Office of Senate Legal Counsel								
Salaries and expenses	1,147	1,176	1,147					-29
Expense Allowances of the Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, and Secretaries for the Majority and Minority of the Senate: Expense allowances	28	28	28					
Contingent Expenses of the Senate								
Inquiries and investigations	133,265	135,799	133,265					-2,534
Expenses of United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control	508	520	508					-12
Secretary of the Senate (five year)	7,036	7,036	6,436				-600	-600
Secretary of the Senate (no year)	600		600					+600
Financial Management Information System Modernization	3,500	3,000	3,000				-500	
Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate	130,076	126,595	126,595				-3,481	
Miscellaneous items	18,870	20,871	20,871				+2,001	
Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account	424,000	474,556	429,000				+5,000	-45,556
Official Mail Costs								
Expenses	300	300	300					
Total, Contingent expenses of the Senate	718,155	768,677	720,575				+2,420	-48,102
Total, Senate	920,532	990,097	933,461				+12,929	-56,636
JOINT ITEMS								
Joint Economic Committee	4,203	4,203	4,203					

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019—Continued

(In thousands of dollars)

Item	2018 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or -)	
				2018 appropriation	Budget estimate
Joint Committee on Taxation	11,169	11,169	11,169		
Office of the Attending Physician					
Medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances	3,838	3,798	3,798	-40	
Office of Congressional Accessibility Services	1,444	1,486	1,486	+42	
Salaries and expenses					
Total, Joint items	20,654	20,656	20,656	+2	
CAPITOL POLICE					
Salaries	351,700	374,804	371,483	+19,783	-3,321
General expenses	74,800	81,554	81,554	+6,754	
Total, Capitol Police	426,500	456,358	453,037	+26,537	-3,321
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE					
Salaries and expenses	4,959	4,553	6,333	+1,374	+1,780
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses	49,945	50,737	50,295	+350	-442
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL (AOC)					
Capital Construction and Operations	93,478	103,962	102,132	+8,654	-1,830
Capitol building	45,300	46,154	39,318	-5,982	-6,836
Capitol grounds	13,333	17,978	16,160	+2,827	-1,818
Senate office buildings	101,614	80,535	92,918	-8,696	+12,383
Capitol Power Plant	113,694	127,980	106,827	-8,867	-21,153

Offsetting collections	- 9,000	- 9,000	- 9,000	.....	.....	.....
Subtotal, Capitol Power Plant	106,694	118,980	97,827	- 8,867	- 21,153	
Library buildings and grounds	74,873	113,427	64,126	- 10,747	- 49,301	
Capitol police buildings, grounds and security	34,249	59,309	54,680	+ 20,431	- 4,629	
Botanic Garden	13,800	14,659	14,560	+ 760	- 99	
Capitol Visitor Center	21,470	23,322	23,055	+ 1,585	- 267	
Total, Architect of the Capitol	504,811	578,326	504,776	- 35	- 73,550	
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS						
Salaries and expenses	477,017	475,196	474,429	- 2,588	- 767	
Authority to spend receipts	- 6,350	- 6,000	- 6,000	+ 350	.....
Subtotal, Salaries and expenses	470,667	469,196	468,429	- 2,238	- 767	
Copyright Office, Salaries and expenses	72,011	86,438	92,462	+ 20,451	+ 6,024	
Authority to spend receipts	- 41,305	- 43,464	- 45,490	- 4,185	- 2,026	
Prior year unobligated balances	- 2,260	- 4,328	- 4,328	- 2,068	.....
Subtotal, Copyright Office	28,446	38,646	42,644	+ 14,198	+ 3,998	
Congressional Research Service, Salaries and expenses	119,279	113,621	123,828	+ 4,549	+ 10,207	
Books for the blind and physically handicapped, Salaries and expenses	51,498	51,192	52,521	+ 1,023	+ 1,329	
Total, Library of Congress	669,890	672,655	687,422	+ 17,532	+ 14,767	
GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE						
Congressional publishing	79,528	79,000	79,000	- 528	.....
Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents, Salaries and expenses	29,000	32,000	32,000	+ 3,000	.....
Government Publishing Office Business Operations Revolving Fund	8,540	6,000	6,000	- 2,540	.....
Total, Government Publishing Office	117,068	117,000	117,000	- 68	.....
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE						
Salaries and expenses	602,717	640,301	625,650	+ 22,933	- 14,651	
Offsetting collections	- 23,800	- 24,200	- 35,900	- 12,100	- 11,700	

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019—Continued**

[In thousands of dollars]

Item	2018 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or -)	
				2018 appropriation	Budget estimate
Total, Government Accountability Office	578,917	616,101	589,750	+ 10,833	- 26,351
OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND					
Payment to the Open World Leadership Center (OWLC) Trust Fund	5,600	5,800	5,600	.....	- 200
JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT					
Stennis Center for Public Service	430	430	430	.....	.....
ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS					
Scorekeeping adjustment (CBO estimate) ¹	- 2,000	.....	- 2,000	.....	- 2,000
OTHER APPROPRIATIONS					
FURTHER ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RELIEF REQUIREMENTS ACT, 2018					
Government Accountability Office, Salaries and expenses (FY2018 P.L.115-123, Title IX) (emergency)	14,000	.....	.....	- 14,000	.....
Total, Other Appropriations	14,000	.....	.....	- 14,000	.....
Grand total	3,311,306	3,512,713	3,366,760	+ 55,454	- 145,953
RECAPITULATION					
Senate	920,532	990,097	933,461	+ 12,929	- 56,636
Joint Items	20,654	20,656	20,656	+ 2	.....
Capitol Police	426,500	456,358	453,037	+ 26,537	- 3,321
Office of Compliance	4,959	4,553	6,333	+ 1,374	+ 1,780
Congressional Budget Office	49,945	50,737	50,295	+ 350	- 442
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Open World Leadership Center	5,600	5,800	5,600	- 200
Stennis Center for Public Service	430	430	430
Administrative Provisions ¹	- 2,000	.....	- 2,000	.....	- 2,000
Other Appropriations	14,000	.....	.....	- 14,000	.....
Grand total	3,311,306	3,512,713	3,366,760	+ 55,454	- 145,953

¹ Fiscal year 2018 is Div. D, Sec. 101(a)(9) of Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-56) Operations Revolving Fund (reappropriation).

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