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Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 8, 1996

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

A BILL

Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
5 Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September
6 30, 1997, and for other purposes, namely:

1 TITLE I—CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS

2 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

3 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

4 For salaries and expenses of the House of Represent-
5 atives, \$683,831,000, as follows:

6 HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES

7 For salaries and expenses, as authorized by law,
8 \$11,592,000, including: Office of the Speaker,
9 \$1,535,000, including \$25,000 for official expenses of the
10 Speaker; Office of the Majority Floor Leader, \$1,526,000,
11 including \$10,000 for official expenses of the Majority
12 Leader; Office of the Minority Floor Leader, \$1,534,000,
13 including \$10,000 for official expenses of the Minority
14 Leader; Office of the Majority Whip, including the Chief
15 Deputy Majority Whip, \$957,000, including \$5,000 for of-
16 ficial expenses of the Majority Whip; Office of the Minor-
17 ity Whip, including the Chief Deputy Minority Whip,
18 \$949,000, including \$5,000 for official expenses of the Mi-
19 nority Whip; Speaker's Office for Legislative Floor Activi-
20 ties, \$376,000; Republican Steering Committee,
21 \$664,000; Republican Conference, \$1,130,000; Demo-
22 cratic Steering and Policy Committee, \$1,191,000; Demo-
23 cratic Caucus, \$603,000; and nine minority employees,
24 \$1,127,000.

1 MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES
2 INCLUDING MEMBERS' CLERK HIRE, OFFICIAL
3 EXPENSES OF MEMBERS, AND OFFICIAL MAIL

4 For Members' representational allowances, including
5 Members' clerk hire, official expenses, and official mail,
6 \$363,313,000.

7 COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES
8 STANDING COMMITTEES, SPECIAL AND SELECT

9 For salaries and expenses of standing committees,
10 special and select, authorized by House resolutions,
11 \$80,222,000.

12 COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

13 For salaries and expenses of the Committee on Ap-
14 propriations, \$17,580,000, including studies and examina-
15 tions of executive agencies and temporary personal serv-
16 ices for such committee, to be expended in accordance with
17 section 202(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
18 1946 and to be available for reimbursement to agencies
19 for services performed.

20 SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

21 For compensation and expenses of officers and em-
22 ployees, as authorized by law, \$86,259,000, including: for
23 salaries and expenses of the Office of the Clerk, including
24 not more than \$3,500, of which not more than \$2,500 is
25 for the Family Room, for official representation and recep-
26 tion expenses, \$15,074,000; for salaries and expenses of

1 the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, including the position
2 of Superintendent of Garages, and including not more
3 than \$750 for official representation and reception ex-
4 penses, \$3,638,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office
5 of the Chief Administrative Officer, \$55,209,000, includ-
6 ing salaries, expenses and temporary personal services of
7 House Information Resources, \$22,577,000, of which
8 \$16,577,000 is provided herein: *Provided*, That House In-
9 formation Resources is authorized to receive reimburse-
10 ment from Members of the House of Representatives and
11 other governmental entities for services provided and such
12 reimbursement shall be deposited in the Treasury for cred-
13 it to this account; for salaries and expenses of the Office
14 of the Inspector General, \$3,954,000; Office of the Chap-
15 lain, \$126,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of
16 the Parliamentarian, including the Parliamentarian and
17 \$2,000 for preparing the Digest of Rules, \$1,036,000; for
18 salaries and expenses of the Office of the Law Revision
19 Counsel of the House, \$1,767,000; for salaries and ex-
20 penses of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the
21 House, \$4,687,000; and other authorized employees,
22 \$768,000.

23 ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

24 For allowances and expenses as authorized by House
25 resolution or law, \$124,865,000, including: supplies, mate-

1 rials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims,
2 \$2,374,000; official mail for committees, leadership of-
3 fices, and administrative offices of the House, \$1,000,000;
4 reemployed annuitants reimbursement, \$71,000; Govern-
5 ment contributions for health, retirement, Social Security,
6 and other applicable employee benefits, \$120,779,000; and
7 miscellaneous items including purchase, exchange, mainte-
8 nance, repair and operation of House motor vehicles,
9 interparliamentary receptions, and gratuities to heirs of
10 deceased employees of the House, \$641,000.

11 CHILD CARE CENTER

12 For salaries and expenses of the House of Represent-
13 atives Child Care Center, such amounts as are deposited
14 in the account established by section 312(d)(1) of the Leg-
15 islative Branch Appropriations Act, 1992 (40 U.S.C.
16 184g(d)(1)), subject to the level specified in the budget
17 of the Center, as submitted to the Committee on Appro-
18 priations of the House of Representatives.

19 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

20 SEC. 101. (a) Section 107A of the Legislative Branch
21 Appropriations Act, 1996 (109 Stat. 522) is amended—

22 (1) by striking out “For fiscal year 1996, sub-
23 ject” and inserting in lieu thereof “(a) Subject”;

24 (2) by striking out “of the total amount” and
25 all that follows through “cost of inventory” and in-

1 serting in lieu thereof the following: “the amounts
2 deposited in the account specified in subsection (b)
3 from vending operations of the House of Representa-
4 tives Restaurant System shall be available to pay the
5 cost of goods sold”; and

6 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 section:

8 “(b) The account referred to in subsection (a) is the
9 special deposit account established for the House of Rep-
10 resentatives Restaurant by section 208 of the First Sup-
11 plemental Civil Functions Appropriation Act, 1941 (40
12 U.S.C. 174k note).”.

13 (b) The amendments made by subsection (a) shall
14 apply with respect to fiscal years beginning after Septem-
15 ber 30, 1996.

16 SEC. 102. (a) Section 3210(a)(6)(A) of title 39, Unit-
17 ed States Code, is amended—

18 (1) in clause (i), by inserting “(or, in the case
19 of a Member of the House, fewer than 90 days)”
20 after “60 days”; and

21 (2) in clause (ii), by striking out “60 days” and
22 inserting in lieu thereof “90 days”.

23 (b) The amendments made by subsection (a) shall
24 take effect on October 1, 1996, and shall apply with re-
25 spect to any mailing postmarked on or after that date.

1 JOINT ITEMS

2 For Joint Committees, as follows:

3 JOINT COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES OF
4 1997

5 For construction of platform and seating stands and
6 for salaries and expenses of conducting the inaugural cere-
7 monies of the President and Vice President of the United
8 States in January 1997, \$950,000, to be disbursed by the
9 Secretary of the Senate and to remain available until Sep-
10 tember 30, 1997: *Provided*, That such funds shall be avail-
11 able for payment, on a direct or reimbursable basis, for
12 such purposes whether incurred on, before, or after, Octo-
13 ber 1, 1996.

14 JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

15 For salaries and expenses of the Joint Economic
16 Committee, \$3,000,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary
17 of the Senate.

18 JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

19 For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on
20 Printing, \$777,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of
21 the Senate.

22 JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

23 For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on
24 Taxation, \$5,470,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Ad-
25 ministrative Officer of the House.

1 For other joint items, as follows:

2 OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

3 For medical supplies, equipment, and contingent ex-
4 penses of the emergency rooms, and for the Attending
5 Physician and his assistants, including (1) an allowance
6 of \$1,500 per month to the Attending Physician; (2) an
7 allowance of \$500 per month each to two medical officers
8 while on duty in the Attending Physician's office; (3) an
9 allowance of \$500 per month to one assistant and \$400
10 per month each to not to exceed nine assistants on the
11 basis heretofore provided for such assistance; and (4)
12 \$867,000 for reimbursement to the Department of the
13 Navy for expenses incurred for staff and equipment as-
14 signed to the Office of the Attending Physician, which
15 shall be advanced and credited to the applicable appropria-
16 tion or appropriations from which such salaries, allow-
17 ances, and other expenses are payable and shall be avail-
18 able for all the purposes thereof, \$1,225,000, to be dis-
19 bursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House.

20 CAPITOL POLICE BOARD

21 CAPITOL POLICE

22 SALARIES

23 For the Capitol Police Board for salaries of officers,
24 members, and employees of the Capitol Police, including
25 overtime, hazardous duty pay differential, clothing allow-

1 cation of instructor and liaison personnel for the Federal
2 Law Enforcement Training Center, and \$85 per month
3 for extra services performed for the Capitol Police Board
4 by an employee of the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate
5 or the House of Representatives designated by the Chair-
6 man of the Board, \$2,685,000, to be disbursed by the
7 Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representa-
8 tives: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding any other provision
9 of law, the cost of basic training for the Capitol Police
10 at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for fis-
11 cal year 1997 shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treas-
12 ury from funds available to the Department of the Treas-
13 ury.

14 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

15 SEC. 103. Amounts appropriated for fiscal year 1997
16 for the Capitol Police Board for the Capitol Police may
17 be transferred between the headings "SALARIES" and
18 "GENERAL EXPENSES" upon the approval of—

19 (1) the Committee on Appropriations of the
20 House of Representatives, in the case of amounts
21 transferred from the appropriation provided to the
22 Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives
23 under the heading "SALARIES";

24 (2) the Committee on Appropriations of the
25 Senate, in the case of amounts transferred from the

1 appropriation provided to the Sergeant at Arms and
2 Doorkeeper of the Senate under the heading “SALA-
3 RIES”; and

4 (3) the Committees on Appropriations of the
5 Senate and the House of Representatives, in the
6 case of other transfers.

7 CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE AND SPECIAL SERVICES

8 OFFICE

9 For salaries and expenses of the Capitol Guide Serv-
10 ice and Special Services Office, \$1,991,000, to be dis-
11 bursed by the Secretary of the Senate: *Provided*, That no
12 part of such amount may be used to employ more than
13 forty individuals: *Provided further*, That the Capitol Guide
14 Board is authorized, during emergencies, to employ not
15 more than two additional individuals for not more than
16 one hundred twenty days each, and not more than ten ad-
17 ditional individuals for not more than six months each,
18 for the Capitol Guide Service.

19 STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS

20 For the preparation, under the direction of the Com-
21 mittees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House
22 of Representatives, of the statements for the second ses-
23 sion of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, showing ap-
24 propriations made, indefinite appropriations, and con-
25 tracts authorized, together with a chronological history of

1 the regular appropriations bills as required by law,
2 \$30,000, to be paid to the persons designated by the chair-
3 men of such committees to supervise the work.

4 OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

5 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

6 For salaries and expenses of the Office of Compli-
7 ance, as authorized by section 305 of the Congressional
8 Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1385), \$2,609,000.

9 CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

10 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

11 For salaries and expenses necessary to carry out the
12 provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (Pub-
13 lic Law 93-344), including not more than \$2,500 to be
14 expended on the certification of the Director of the Con-
15 gressional Budget Office in connection with official rep-
16 resentation and reception expenses, \$24,288,000: *Pro-*
17 *vided*, That no part of such amount may be used for the
18 purchase or hire of a passenger motor vehicle.

19 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

20 SEC. 104. (a) Any sale or lease of property, supplies,
21 or services to the Congressional Budget Office shall be
22 deemed to be a sale or lease to the Congress subject to
23 section 903 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1983
24 (2 U.S.C. 111b).

1 (b) Subsection (a) shall apply with respect to fiscal
2 years beginning after September 30, 1996.

3 SEC. 105. (a) The Director of the Congressional
4 Budget Office shall have the authority, within the limits
5 of available appropriations, to dispose of surplus or obso-
6 lete personal property by inter-agency transfer, donation,
7 or discarding.

8 (b) Subsection (a) shall apply with respect to fiscal
9 years beginning after September 30, 1996.

10 SEC. 106. (a) The Director of the Congressional
11 Budget Office shall have the authority to make lump-sum
12 payments to separated employees of the Congressional
13 Budget Office for unused annual leave.

14 (b) Subsection (a) shall apply with respect to fiscal
15 years beginning after September 30, 1996.

16 ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

17 OFFICE OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

18 SALARIES

19 For the Architect of the Capitol, the Assistant Archi-
20 tect of the Capitol, and other personal services, at rates
21 of pay provided by law, \$8,454,000.

22 TRAVEL

23 Appropriations under the control of the Architect of
24 the Capitol shall be available for expenses of travel on offi-
25 cial business not to exceed in the aggregate under all
26 funds the sum of \$20,000.

1 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

2 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
3 and operation of the House office buildings, \$32,556,000,
4 of which \$4,825,000 shall remain available until expended.

5 CAPITOL POWER PLANT

6 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
7 and operation of the Capitol Power Plant; lighting, heat-
8 ing, power (including the purchase of electrical energy)
9 and water and sewer services for the Capitol, Senate and
10 House office buildings, Library of Congress buildings, and
11 the grounds about the same, Botanic Garden, Senate ga-
12 rage, and air conditioning refrigeration not supplied from
13 plants in any of such buildings; heating the Government
14 Printing Office and Washington City Post Office, and
15 heating and chilled water for air conditioning for the Su-
16 preme Court Building, Union Station complex, Thurgood
17 Marshall Federal Judiciary Building and the Folger
18 Shakespeare Library, expenses for which shall be ad-
19 vanced or reimbursed upon request of the Architect of the
20 Capitol and amounts so received shall be deposited into
21 the Treasury to the credit of this appropriation,
22 \$30,749,000: *Provided*, That not more than \$4,000,000
23 of the funds credited or to be reimbursed to this appro-
24 priation as herein provided shall be available for obligation
25 during fiscal year 1997.

1 LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
2 CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE
3 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

4 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
5 of section 203 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
6 1946 (2 U.S.C. 166) and to revise and extend the Anno-
7 tated Constitution of the United States of America,
8 \$62,641,000: *Provided*, That no part of such amount may
9 be used to pay any salary or expense in connection with
10 any publication, or preparation of material therefor (ex-
11 cept the Digest of Public General Bills), to be issued by
12 the Library of Congress unless such publication has ob-
13 tained prior approval of either the Committee on House
14 Oversight of the House of Representatives or the Commit-
15 tee on Rules and Administration of the Senate: *Provided*
16 *further*, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law,
17 the compensation of the Director of the Congressional Re-
18 search Service, Library of Congress, shall be at an annual
19 rate which is equal to the annual rate of basic pay for
20 positions at level IV of the Executive Schedule under sec-
21 tion 5315 of title 5, United States Code.

22 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
23 CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

24 For authorized printing and binding for the Congress
25 and the distribution of Congressional information in any

1 format; printing and binding for the Architect of the Cap-
2 itol; expenses necessary for preparing the semimonthly
3 and session index to the Congressional Record, as author-
4 ized by law (44 U.S.C. 902); printing and binding of Gov-
5 ernment publications authorized by law to be distributed
6 to Members of Congress; and printing, binding, and dis-
7 tribution of Government publications authorized by law to
8 be distributed without charge to the recipient,
9 \$81,669,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall not
10 be available for paper copies of the permanent edition of
11 the Congressional Record for individual Representatives,
12 Resident Commissioners or Delegates authorized under 44
13 U.S.C. 906: *Provided further*, That this appropriation
14 shall be available for the payment of obligations incurred
15 under the appropriations for similar purposes for preced-
16 ing fiscal years.

17 This title may be cited as the “Congressional Oper-
18 ations Appropriations Act, 1997”.

19 TITLE II—OTHER AGENCIES

20 BOTANIC GARDEN

21 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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

1 motor vehicle; all under the direction of the Joint Commit-
2 tee on the Library, \$2,902,000.

3 LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

4 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

5 For necessary expenses of the Library of Congress
6 not otherwise provided for, including development and
7 maintenance of the Union Catalogs; custody and custodial
8 care of the Library buildings; special clothing; cleaning,
9 laundering and repair of uniforms; preservation of motion
10 pictures in the custody of the Library; preparation and
11 distribution of catalog cards and other publications of the
12 Library; hire or purchase of one passenger motor vehicle;
13 and expenses of the Library of Congress Trust Fund
14 Board not properly chargeable to the income of any trust
15 fund held by the Board, \$215,007,000, of which not more
16 than \$7,869,000 shall be derived from collections credited
17 to this appropriation during fiscal year 1997, and shall
18 remain available until expended, under the Act of June
19 28, 1902 (chapter 1301; 32 Stat. 480; 2 U.S.C. 150): *Pro-*
20 *vided*, That the Library of Congress may not obligate or
21 expend any funds derived from collections under the Act
22 of June 28, 1902, in excess of the amount authorized for
23 obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: *Provided*
24 *further*, That the total amount available for obligation
25 shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are

1 less than the \$7,869,000: *Provided further*, That of the
2 total amount appropriated, \$8,458,000 is to remain avail-
3 able until expended for acquisition of books, periodicals,
4 and newspapers, and all other materials including sub-
5 scriptions for bibliographic services for the Library, in-
6 cluding \$40,000 to be available solely for the purchase,
7 when specifically approved by the Librarian, of special and
8 unique materials for additions to the collections.

9 COPYRIGHT OFFICE

10 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

11 For necessary expenses of the Copyright Office, in-
12 cluding publication of the decisions of the United States
13 courts involving copyrights, \$33,402,000, of which not
14 more than \$17,340,000 shall be derived from collections
15 credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 1997
16 under 17 U.S.C. 708(d), and not more than \$4,929,000
17 shall be derived from collections during fiscal year 1997
18 under 17 U.S.C. 111(d)(2), 119(b)(2), 802(h), and 1005:
19 *Provided*, That the total amount available for obligation
20 shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are
21 less than \$22,269,000: *Provided further*, That not more
22 than \$100,000 of the amount appropriated is available for
23 the maintenance of an “International Copyright Institute”
24 in the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress for the
25 purpose of training nationals of developing countries in

1 intellectual property laws and policies: *Provided further*,
2 That not more than \$2,250 may be expended, on the cer-
3 tification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with
4 official representation and reception expenses for activities
5 of the International Copyright Institute.

6 BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

7 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

8 For salaries and expenses to carry out the Act of
9 March 3, 1931 (chapter 400; 46 Stat. 1487; 2 U.S.C.
10 135a), \$44,964,000, of which \$11,694,000 shall remain
11 available until expended.

12 FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS

13 For necessary expenses for the purchase and repair
14 of furniture, furnishings, office and library equipment,
15 \$4,882,000.

16 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

17 SEC. 201. Appropriations in this Act available to the
18 Library of Congress shall be available, in an amount of
19 not more than \$194,290, of which \$58,100 is for the Con-
20 gressional Research Service, when specifically authorized
21 by the Librarian, for attendance at meetings concerned
22 with the function or activity for which the appropriation
23 is made.

1 SEC. 202. (a) No part of the funds appropriated in
2 this Act shall be used by the Library of Congress to ad-
3 minister any flexible or compressed work schedule which—

4 (1) applies to any manager or supervisor in
5 a position the grade or level of which is equal to or
6 higher than GS-15; and

7 (2) grants such manager or supervisor the
8 right to not be at work for all or a portion of a
9 workday because of time worked by the manager or
10 supervisor on another workday.

11 (b) For purposes of this section, the term “manager
12 or supervisor” means any management official or super-
13 visor, as such terms are defined in section 7103(a) (10)
14 and (11) of title 5, United States Code.

15 SEC. 203. Appropriated funds received by the Library
16 of Congress from other Federal agencies to cover general
17 and administrative overhead costs generated by perform-
18 ing reimbursable work for other agencies under the au-
19 thority of 31 U.S.C. 1535 and 1536 shall not be used to
20 employ more than 65 employees and may be expended or
21 obligated—

22 (1) in the case of a reimbursement, only to
23 such extent or in such amounts as are provided in
24 appropriations Acts; or

1 (2) in the case of an advance payment,
2 only—

3 (A) to pay for such general or adminis-
4 trative overhead costs as are attributable to the
5 work performed for such agency; or

6 (B) to such extent or in such amounts
7 as are provided in appropriations Acts, with re-
8 spect to any purpose not allowable under sub-
9 paragraph (A).

10 SEC. 204. Of the amounts appropriated to the Li-
11 brary of Congress in this Act, not more than \$5,000 may
12 be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Con-
13 gress, in connection with official representation and recep-
14 tion expenses for the incentive awards program.

15 SEC. 205. Of the amount appropriated to the Library
16 of Congress in this Act, not more than \$12,000 may be
17 expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Con-
18 gress, in connection with official representation and recep-
19 tion expenses for the Overseas Field Offices.

20 SEC. 206. (a) For fiscal year 1997, the obligational
21 authority of the Library of Congress for the activities de-
22 scribed in subsection (b) may not exceed \$108,275,000.

23 (b) The activities referred to in subsection (a) are re-
24 imbursable and revolving fund activities that are funded

1 from sources other than appropriations to the Library in
2 appropriations Acts for the legislative branch.

3 SEC. 207. (a)(1) Subject to subsection (b), for fiscal
4 year 1997, the obligational authority of the Library of
5 Congress for the activities described in paragraph (2) may
6 not exceed \$2,000,000.

7 (2) The activities referred to in paragraph (1) are
8 non-expenditure transfer activities in support of par-
9 liamentary development that are funded from sources
10 other than appropriations to the Library in appropriations
11 Acts for the legislative branch.

12 (b) The obligational authority under subsection (a)—

13 (1) shall be available only with respect to Rus-
14 sia, Ukraine, Albania, Slovakia, and Romania; and

15 (2) shall expire on December 31, 1996.

16 SEC. 208. (a) Amounts appropriated for fiscal year
17 1997 for the Library of Congress under the headings spec-
18 ified in subsection (b) may be transferred among such
19 headings, upon approval of the Committee on Appropria-
20 tions of the House of Representatives and the Committee
21 on Appropriations of the Senate.

22 (b) The headings referred to in subsection (a) are as
23 follows: (1) in title I, “CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERV-
24 ICE”, “SALARIES AND EXPENSES”; and (2) in this title,
25 “SALARIES AND EXPENSES”; “COPYRIGHT OFFICE”,

1 “SALARIES AND EXPENSES”, “BOOKS FOR THE BLIND
2 AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED”, “SALARIES AND EX-
3 PENSES”; and “FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS”.

4 SEC. 209. From and after October 1, 1996, the Dis-
5 bursing Officer of the Library of Congress is authorized
6 to disburse funds appropriated for the Office of Compli-
7 ance, and the Library of Congress shall provide financial
8 management support to the Office of Compliance as may
9 be required and mutually agreed to by the Librarian of
10 Congress and the Executive Director of the Office of Com-
11 pliance. The Library of Congress is further authorized to
12 compute and disburse the basic pay of all personnel of the
13 Office of Compliance pursuant to the provisions of section
14 5504 of title 5.

15 All vouchers certified for payment by duly authorized
16 certifying officers of the Library of Congress shall be sup-
17 ported with a certification by an officer or employee of
18 the Office of Compliance duly authorized in writing by the
19 Executive Director of the Office of Compliance to certify
20 payments from appropriations of the Office of Compliance.
21 The Office of Compliance certifying officers shall (1) be
22 held responsible for the existence and correctness of the
23 facts recited in the certificate or otherwise stated on the
24 voucher or its supporting paper and the legality of the pro-
25 posed payment under the appropriation or fund involved,

1 (2) be held responsible and accountable for the correctness
2 of the computations of certifications made, and (3) be held
3 accountable for and required to make good to the United
4 States the amount of any illegal, improper, or incorrect
5 payment resulting from any false, inaccurate, or mislead-
6 ing certificate made by them, as well as for any payment
7 prohibited by law which did not represent a legal obliga-
8 tion under the appropriation or fund involved: *Provided,*
9 That the Comptroller General of the United States may,
10 at his discretion, relieve such certifying officer or employee
11 of liability for any payment otherwise proper whenever he
12 finds (1) that the certification was based on official
13 records and that such certifying officer or employee did
14 not know, and by reasonable diligence and inquiry could
15 not have ascertained the actual facts, or (2) that the obli-
16 gation was incurred in good faith, that the payment was
17 not contrary to any statutory provision specifically prohib-
18 iting payments of the character involved, and the United
19 States has received value for such payment: *Provided fur-*
20 *ther,* That the Comptroller General shall relieve such cer-
21 tifying officer or employee of liability for an overpayment
22 for transportation services made to any common carrier
23 covered by section 3726 of title 31, whenever he finds that
24 the overpayment occurred solely because the administra-
25 tive examination made prior to payment of the transpor-

1 tation bill did not include a verification of transportation
2 rates, freight classifications, or land grant deductions.

3 The Disbursing Officer of the Library of Congress
4 shall not be held accountable or responsible for any illegal,
5 improper, or incorrect payment resulting from any false,
6 inaccurate, or misleading certificate, the responsibility for
7 which is imposed upon a certifying officer or employee of
8 the Office of Compliance.

9 ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL
10 LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
11 STRUCTURAL AND MECHANICAL CARE

12 For all necessary expenses for the mechanical and
13 structural maintenance, care and operation of the Library
14 buildings and grounds, \$9,003,000, of which \$560,000
15 shall remain available until expended.

16 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
17 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS
18 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

19 For expenses of the Office of Superintendent of Doc-
20 uments necessary to provide for the cataloging and index-
21 ing of Government publications and their distribution to
22 the public, Members of Congress, other Government agen-
23 cies, and designated depository and international exchange
24 libraries as authorized by law, \$29,077,000: *Provided*,
25 That travel expenses, including travel expenses of the De-

1 pository Library Council to the Public Printer, shall not
2 exceed \$150,000: *Provided further*, That amounts of not
3 more than \$2,000,000, from current year appropriations
4 are authorized for producing and disseminating Congres-
5 sional serial sets and other related publications for 1995
6 and 1996 to depository and other designated libraries.

7 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND

8 The Government Printing Office is hereby authorized
9 to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds
10 available and in accord with the law, and to make such
11 contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year
12 limitations as provided by section 9104 of title 31, United
13 States Code, as may be necessary in carrying out the pro-
14 grams and purposes set forth in the budget for the current
15 fiscal year for the Government Printing Office revolving
16 fund: *Provided*, That not more than \$2,500 may be ex-
17 pended on the certification of the Public Printer in connec-
18 tion with official representation and reception expenses:
19 *Provided further*, That the revolving fund shall be available
20 for the hire or purchase of not more than twelve passenger
21 motor vehicles: *Provided further*, That expenditures in con-
22 nection with travel expenses of the advisory councils to
23 the Public Printer shall be deemed necessary to carry out
24 the provisions of title 44, United States Code: *Provided*
25 *further*, That the revolving fund shall be available for tem-

1 porary or intermittent services under section 3109(b) of
2 title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals
3 not more than the daily equivalent of the annual rate of
4 basic pay for level V of the Executive Schedule under sec-
5 tion 5316 of such title: *Provided further*, That the revol-
6 ving fund and the funds provided under the headings “OF-
7 FICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS” and “SALA-
8 RIES AND EXPENSES” together may not be available for
9 the full-time equivalent employment of more than 3,700
10 workyears: *Provided further*, That activities financed
11 through the revolving fund may provide information in any
12 format: *Provided further*, That the revolving fund shall not
13 be used to administer any flexible or compressed work
14 schedule which applies to any manager or supervisor in
15 a position the grade or level of which is equal to or higher
16 than GS-15: *Provided further*, That expenses for attend-
17 ance at meetings shall not exceed \$75,000.

18 GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

20 For necessary expenses of the General Accounting
21 Office, including not more than \$7,000 to be expended on
22 the certification of the Comptroller General of the United
23 States in connection with official representation and recep-
24 tion expenses; temporary or intermittent services under
25 section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates

1 for individuals not more than the daily equivalent of the
2 annual rate of basic pay for level IV of the Executive
3 Schedule under section 5315 of such title; hire of one pas-
4 senger motor vehicle; advance payments in foreign coun-
5 tries in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3324; benefits com-
6 parable to those payable under sections 901(5), 901(6)
7 and 901(8) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C.
8 4081(5), 4081(6) and 4081(8)); and under regulations
9 prescribed by the Comptroller General of the United
10 States, rental of living quarters in foreign countries;
11 \$332,520,000: *Provided*, That not more than \$100,000 of
12 reimbursements received incident to the operation of the
13 General Accounting Office Building shall be available for
14 use in fiscal year 1997: *Provided further*, That notwith-
15 standing 31 U.S.C. 9105 hereafter amounts reimbursed
16 to the Comptroller General pursuant to that section shall
17 be deposited to the appropriation of the General Account-
18 ing Office then available and remain available until ex-
19 pended, and not more than \$5,805,000 of such funds shall
20 be available for use in fiscal year 1997: *Provided further*,
21 That this appropriation and appropriations for adminis-
22 trative expenses of any other department or agency which
23 is a member of the Joint Financial Management Improve-
24 ment Program (JFMIP) shall be available to finance an
25 appropriate share of JFMIP costs as determined by the

1 JFMIP, including the salary of the Executive Director
2 and secretarial support: *Provided further*, That this appro-
3 priation and appropriations for administrative expenses of
4 any other department or agency which is a member of the
5 National Intergovernmental Audit Forum or a Regional
6 Intergovernmental Audit Forum shall be available to fi-
7 nance an appropriate share of Forum costs as determined
8 by the Forum, including necessary travel expenses of non-
9 Federal participants. Payments hereunder to either the
10 Forum or the JFMIP may be credited as reimbursements
11 to any appropriation from which costs involved are initially
12 financed: *Provided further*, That to the extent that funds
13 are otherwise available for obligation, agreements or con-
14 tracts for the removal of asbestos, and renovation of the
15 building and building systems (including the heating, ven-
16 tilation and air conditioning system, electrical system and
17 other major building systems) of the General Accounting
18 Office Building may be made for periods not exceeding
19 five years: *Provided further*, That this appropriation and
20 appropriations for administrative expenses of any other
21 department or agency which is a member of the American
22 Consortium on International Public Administration
23 (ACIPA) shall be available to finance an appropriate share
24 of ACIPA costs as determined by the ACIPA, including

1 any expenses attributable to membership of ACIPA in the
2 International Institute of Administrative Sciences.

3 TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

4 SEC. 301. No part of the funds appropriated in this
5 Act shall be used for the maintenance or care of private
6 vehicles, except for emergency assistance and cleaning as
7 may be provided under regulations relating to parking fa-
8 cilities for the House of Representatives issued by the
9 Committee on House Oversight and for the Senate issued
10 by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

11 SEC. 302. No part of the funds appropriated in this
12 Act shall remain available for obligation beyond fiscal year
13 1997 unless expressly so provided in this Act.

14 SEC. 303. Whenever in this Act any office or position
15 not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of
16 1929 is appropriated for or the rate of compensation or
17 designation of any office or position appropriated for is
18 different from that specifically established by such Act,
19 the rate of compensation and the designation in this Act
20 shall be the permanent law with respect thereto: *Provided,*
21 That the provisions in this Act for the various items of
22 official expenses of Members, officers, and committees of
23 the Senate and House of Representatives, and clerk hire
24 for Senators and Members of the House of Representa-
25 tives shall be the permanent law with respect thereto.

1 SEC. 304. The expenditure of any appropriation
2 under this Act for any consulting service through procure-
3 ment contract, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109, shall be limited
4 to those contracts where such expenditures are a matter
5 of public record and available for public inspection, except
6 where otherwise provided under existing law, or under ex-
7 isting Executive order issued pursuant to existing law.

8 SEC. 305. (a) It is the sense of the Congress that,
9 to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and prod-
10 ucts purchased with funds made available in this Act
11 should be American-made.

12 (b) In providing financial assistance to, or entering
13 into any contract with, any entity using funds made avail-
14 able in this Act, the head of each Federal agency, to the
15 greatest extent practicable, shall provide to such entity a
16 notice describing the statement made in subsection (a) by
17 the Congress.

18 SEC. 306. During fiscal year 1997 and fiscal years
19 thereafter, amounts appropriated to the Architect of the
20 Capitol (including amounts relating to the Botanic Gar-
21 den) may be transferred among accounts available to the
22 Architect of the Capitol upon the approval of—

23 (1) the Committee on Appropriations of the
24 House of Representatives, in the case of amounts
25 transferred from the appropriation for Capitol build-

1 ings and grounds under the heading “HOUSE OFFICE
2 BUILDINGS”;

3 (2) the Committee on Appropriations of the
4 Senate, in the case of amounts transferred from the
5 appropriation for Capitol buildings and grounds
6 under the heading “SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS”;
7 and

8 (3) the Committees on Appropriations of the
9 Senate and the House of Representatives, in the
10 case of amounts transferred from any other appro-
11 priation.

12 SEC. 307. (a) Upon approval of the Committee on
13 Appropriations of the House of Representatives, and in
14 accordance with conditions determined by the Committee
15 on House Oversight, positions in connection with House
16 public address sound system activities and related funding
17 shall be transferred from the appropriation for the Archi-
18 tect of the Capitol for Capitol buildings and grounds under
19 the heading “CAPITOL BUILDINGS” to the appropriation
20 for salaries and expenses of the House of Representatives
21 for the Office of the Clerk under the heading “SALARIES,
22 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES”.

23 (b) For purposes of section 8339(m) of title 5, United
24 States Code, the days of unused sick leave to the credit
25 of any such employee as of the date such employee is

1 transferred under subsection (a) shall be included in the
2 total service of such employee in connection with the com-
3 putation of any annuity under subsections (a) through (e)
4 and (o) of such section.

5 (c) In the case of days of annual leave to the credit
6 of any such employee as of the date such employee is
7 transferred under subsection (a), the Architect of the Cap-
8 itol is authorized to make a lump sum payment to each
9 such employee for that annual leave. No such payment
10 shall be considered a payment or compensation within the
11 meaning of any law relating to dual compensation.

12 SEC. 308. (a) Effective October 1, 1996, the respon-
13 sibility for maintenance of security systems for the Capitol
14 buildings and grounds is transferred from the Architect
15 of the Capitol to the Capitol Police Board. Such mainte-
16 nance shall be carried out under the direction of the Com-
17 mittee on House Oversight of the House of Representa-
18 tives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of
19 the Senate. On and after October 1, 1996, any alteration
20 to a structural, mechanical, or architectural feature of the
21 Capitol buildings and grounds that is required for security
22 system maintenance under the preceding sentence may be
23 carried out only with the approval of the Architect of the
24 Capitol.

1 (b)(1) Effective October 1, 1996, all positions speci-
2 fied in paragraph (2) and each individual holding any such
3 position (on a permanent basis) immediately before that
4 date, as identified by the Architect of the Capitol, shall
5 be transferred to the Capitol Police.

6 (2) The positions referred to in paragraph (1) are
7 those positions which, immediately before October 1,
8 1996, are—

9 (A) under the Architect of the Capitol;

10 (B) within the Electronics Engineering Division
11 of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol; and

12 (C) related to the maintenance of security sys-
13 tems for the Capitol buildings and grounds.

14 (3) All annual leave and sick leave standing to the
15 credit of an individual immediately before such individual
16 is transferred under paragraph (1) shall be credited to
17 such individual, without adjustment, in the new position
18 of the individual.

19 SEC. 309. Such sums as may be necessary are appro-
20 priated to the account described in subsection (a) of sec-
21 tion 415 of Public Law 104–1 to pay awards and settle-
22 ments as authorized under such subsection.

23 This Act may be cited as the “Legislative Branch Ap-
24 propriations Act, 1997”.

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