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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS, 2005

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REPORT

[To accompany S. 2666]

The Committee on Appropriations reports the bill (S. 2666) making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes, reports favorably thereon and recommends that the bill do pass.

Amount of new budget (obligational) authority [1]

Amount of bill as reported to Senate	$2,464,589,000
Amount of 2005 budget estimate	2,796,454,000
Legislative branch appropriations, 2004	2,456,536,000
Amount of bill below budget estimate, 2005	−331,865,000
Amount of bill above legislative branch appropriations, 2004	+8,053,000

[1] Excludes House items.

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GENERAL STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The Committee recommends new budget (obligational authority) of $2,464,589,000 for the legislative branch, for fiscal year 2005. This total is $331,865,000 below the budget request and $8,053,000 above the fiscal year 2004 level. The bill excludes House items pursuant to the normal protocol.

The bill includes $226,925,000 for the U.S. Capitol Police; $308,042,000 for the Architect of the Capitol to maintain, improve, and construct buildings and facilities of the Congress; $470,000,000 for the Government Accountability Office; $544,092,000 for the Library of Congress; and $725,067,000 for operations of the Senate.

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 each reprogramming of funds in excess of the lesser of 10 percent or $500,000 between programs, projects or activities, or in excess of $500,000 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 $500,000 from or to a particular program, activity, or object classification as well as reprogramming of FTE's or funds to create new organizational entities within the Agency or to restructure entities which already exist. The Committee desires 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.

The Committee also expects all agencies to submit operating plans for the Committee's approval within 30 days of the bill's enactment.

TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

SENATE

EXPENSE ALLOWANCES

Appropriations, 2004	$127,500
Budget estimate, 2005	127,500
Committee recommendation	127,500

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $127,500 for the expense allowances of the Vice President, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the 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 recommended allowances are as follows:

For the expense allowance of the Vice President, the Committee recommends an amount of $20,000.

For the expense allowance of the President pro tempore, the Committee recommends an amount of $20,000.

For the expense allowance of the majority and minority leaders, the Committee recommends $20,000 for each leader, for a total of $40,000.

For the expense allowance of the majority and minority whips, the Committee recommends $10,000 for each whip, for a total of $20,000.

For the expense allowance of the President pro tempore emeritus, $7,500.

For the expense allowance for the chairmen of the majority and minority conference committees, the Committee recommends $5,000 for each chairman, for a total of $10,000.

For the expense allowance for the chairmen of the majority and minority policy committees, the Committee recommends $5,000 for each chairman, for a total of $10,000.

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, 2004	$30,000
Budget estimate, 2005	30,000
Committee recommendation	30,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $30,000 for representation allowances for the majority and minority leaders.

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, 2004	$125,307,000
Budget estimate, 2005	134,440,000
Committee recommendation	134,440,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $134,440,000 for the subaccounts funded under the overall account for the salaries of officers and employees of the Senate.

It should be noted that except for a handful of positions in the Offices of the Secretary and the Sergeant at Arms 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 2005 are 1,394 positions.

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

[Estimated staffing levels—fiscal years 2004 and 2005]

	2005 Request	2004
Office of the Vice President	45	45
Office of the President Pro Tempore	11	11
Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus	1	1
Offices of the majority and minority leaders	43	47
Offices of the majority and minority whips	30	28
Conference committees	48	48
Offices of the the secretaries of the conference of the majority and the conference of the minority	12	12
Policy Committees	55	55
Office of the Chaplain	4	4
Office of the Secretary	252	252
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper	859	873
Offices of the secretaries for the majority and minority	18	18
Totals	1,378	1,394

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, 2004	$2,028,000
Budget estimate, 2005	2,108,000
Committee recommendation	2,108,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $2,108,000 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, 2004	$539,000
Budget estimate, 2005	561,000
Committee recommendation	561,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $561,000 for the Office of the President pro tempore.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS

Appropriations, 2004	$156,000
Budget estimate, 2005	163,000
Committee recommendation	163,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $163,000 for the Office of the President pro tempore emeritus.

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

Appropriations, 2004	$3,220,000
Budget estimate, 2005	3,408,000
Committee recommendation	3,408,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $3,408,000 for the offices of the majority and minority leaders.

The administrative and clerical staffs funded by this appropriation were authorized under the provisions of Public Law 91–145, effective November 1, 1969. The amount recommended is to be equally divided, providing $1,704,000 for each office.

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS

Appropriations, 2004	$2,324,000
Budget estimate, 2005	2,556,000
Committee recommendation	2,556,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $2,556,000 for the offices of the majority and minority whips. It is to be equally divided, providing $1,278,000 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, 2004	$12,799,000
Budget estimate, 2005	13,301,000
Committee recommendation	13,301,000

For the salaries of the staff of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee recommends an appropriation of $13,301,000.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Appropriations, 2004	$2,716,000
Budget estimate, 2005	2,826,000
Committee recommendation	2,826,000

For the administrative and clerical staffs of the majority and minority conference committees, the Committee recommends an appropriation of $2,826,000. The appropriation provides $1,413,000 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, 2004	$674,000
Budget estimate, 2005	702,000
Committee recommendation	702,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $702,000 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, 2004	$2,834,000
Budget estimate, 2005	2,946,000
Committee recommendation	2,946,000

For the salaries of the administrative and clerical staffs of the majority and minority policy committees, the Committee recommends an appropriation of $2,946,000, or $1,473,000 for 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, 2004	$327,000
Budget estimate, 2005	341,000
Committee recommendation	341,000

For the Office of the Chaplain, the Committee recommends an appropriation of $341,000. The amount recommended would provide 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, currently $137,000.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Appropriations, 2004	$18,299,000
Budget estimate, 2005	19,586,000
Committee recommendation	19,586,000

The Committee recommends $19,586,000 for salaries of the Office of the Secretary. Fiscal year 2005 staffing levels are estimated at 252 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. 61a–11).

The following departmental guidelines for fiscal year 2005 have been submitted by the Secretary to the Committee. The departmental budgets grouped in the apportionment schedule 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 in the apportionment schedule 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 in the apportionment schedule under legislative 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 is aware of the pilot program being conducted by the Secretary of the Senate and the Judiciary Committee to provide closed captioning services during Judiciary Committee proceedings. The Committee understands that at the conclusion of the pilot, the Secretary of the Senate will provide a report on the pilot assessing its feasibility, cost and use.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

[Estimated staffing levels—fiscal years 2004 and 2005]

	2005 request	2004	Difference
Executive offices	35	35	.....
Administrative services	167	167	.....
Legislative services	50	50	.....
Totals	252	252	.....

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER

Appropriations, 2004	$45,789,000
Budget estimate, 2005	50,635,000
Committee recommendation	50,635,000

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 em-

ployment 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. 61f–7).

The Committee recommends a total of $50,635,000 for fiscal year 2005. This is an increase of $4,846,000 over the fiscal year 2004 level.

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

SALARIES—OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER

	2004 level	Committee recommendation
Capitol Division	$6,355,000	$7,317,000
Positions	144	146
Operations Division	$16,349,000	$17,817,000
Positions	374	375
Technology Development Services Division	$9,319,000	$10,381,000
Positions	126	127
IT Support Services Division	$5,960,000	$6,615,000
Positions	102	105
Office Support Services Division	$1,895,000	$1,995,000
Positions	28	27
Staff Offices	$5,911,000	$6,510,000
Positions	92	95
Total	$45,789,000	$50,635,000
Positions	866	875

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

OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY

Appropriations, 2004	$1,468,000
Budget estimate, 2005	1,528,000
Committee recommendation	1,528,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $1,528,000 for the offices of the secretaries for the majority and minority. The appropriation is to be equally divided, providing $764,000 for each office.

AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS

Appropriations, 2004	$32,134,000
Budget estimate, 2005	33,779,000
Committee recommendation	33,779,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $33,779,000 for agency contributions for employees paid under the appropriation, "Salaries, officers and employees," and employees paid under the appropriation "Expenses of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control" and employees paid under the appropriation "Joint Economic Committee."

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 FICA. 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, 2004	$4,843,000
Budget estimate, 2005	5,152,000
Committee recommendation	5,152,000

For the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate, the Committee recommends an appropriation of $5,152,000. The fiscal year 2005 staffing level is estimated to be 36 positions. The amount provided pays for the salaries, expenses, and agency contributions of the office.

OFFICE OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Appropriations, 2004	$1,222,000
Budget estimate, 2005	1,265,000
Committee recommendation	1,265,000

The Office of Senate Legal Counsel was established pursuant to section 701 of Public Law 95–521. The Committee recommends an appropriation of $1,265,000 for the Office. The amount provided pays for the salaries, expenses, and agency contributions of the Office.

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, 2004	$24,000
Budget estimate, 2005	24,000
Committee recommendation	24,000

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 $24,000, providing an allowance of $6,000 for each office.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE

INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

Appropriations, 2004	$118,462,000
Budget estimate, 2005	120,435,000
Committee recommendation	110,000,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $110,000,000 for inquiries and investigations by all Senate standing, special, and select committees.

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, 2004	$520,000
Budget estimate, 2005	520,000
Committee recommendation	520,000

The Committee recommends $520,000 for the expenses of the U.S. Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control. Established in 1985 by "The Foreign Relations Authorization Act", 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 expand international cooperation against drug abuse. The Caucus is composed of seven Senators and five members from the public sector with a chairman from the majority party and a co-chairman from the minority party. It was the intent of the original conferees that the caucus operate in the manner of the Helsinki Commission.

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 2004	$2,265,000
Budget estimate, 2005	1,700,000
Committee recommendation	1,700,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $1,700,000 for expenses of the Office of the Secretary. The reduction below the enacted level is due primarily to $500,000 in one-time funding provided in fiscal year 2004 for the Senate Preservation Fund.

The table printed below sets forth the apportionment of funds under this appropriation, followed by a brief description of the line items. Any deviation of more than 10 percent cumulatively from the stated levels for each item will require the customary prior approval of the Committee.

EXPENSES—OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

ITEM	AMOUNT AVAILABLE FISCAL YEAR 2004 PUBLIC LAW 108–83	BUDGET ESTIMATE FISCAL YEAR 2005	DIFFERENCE
DEPARTMENTAL OPERATING BUDGET:			
EXECUTIVE OFFICE	$525,000	$525,000	
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	1,100,000	1,135,000	$35,000
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES	75,000	40,000	(35,000)
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	1,700,000	1,700,000	
SPECIAL PROJECTS	565,000		(565,000)
TOTALS	2,265,000	1,700,000	(565,000)

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 and Dictionaries.—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. In addition, dictionary and dictionary stands are also furnished to Senators from funds provided for in this account.

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. The Office of the Secretary of the Senate has contractual authority under Public Law 92–342, for the Federal Election Campaign Act and has utilized this authority to employ professional legal services in the past. In addition, the Office of the Secretary has incurred various types of legal and other expenses which have been authorized by the Senate. 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 Campaign Act under the Office of Public Records, which is provided separately under the authority of Public Law 93–342.

The authority for the travel portion of this account was provided for by section 101 of Public Law 94–59, July 25, 1975. The current limitation for travel expenses was increased to $10,000 (Section 102 of Public Law 97–12, June 5, 1981). Section 1 of Public Law 98–367, July 17, 1984, removed the not-to-exceed limitation on travel expenses for the Secretary of the Senate, during any fiscal year.

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 $25,000, under the authority of 2 U.S.C. 69a.

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.

Newspapers.—Funding is provided to furnish newspapers and magazines for official purposes to the Marble Room, leadership offices, Republican and Democratic Cloakrooms, Senate officers, and certain other offices.

Senate Service Awards.—Funding is provided for the issuance of service pins or emblems as authorized by Senate Resolution 21, September 10, 1965. Senate Resolution 21 authorizes the Secretary of the Senate, under the direction of the Committee on Rules and Administration and in accordance with regulation promulgated by the Committee, to procure such pins or emblems and award them to Members, officers, and employees of the Senate who are entitled.

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 he 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 for the education of pages between the House of Representatives and the Senate. Each House is to provide for the education of its own pages.

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 preservation 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 his 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 Sen-

ate to appoint and fix the compensation of a superintendent and other position 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; and under the Lobbying Disclosure Act.

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 Department of 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 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 the authority of 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, 2004	$135,243,000
Budget estimate, 2005	136,066,000
Committee recommendation	127,182,000

The Committee recommends the appropriation of $127,182,000 for expenses of the Sergeant at Arms, a reduction of $8,061,000 below the enacted level and $8,884,000 below the request, due to the deferral of funds related to operations of the Capitol Visitor Center and funding certain expense items through a fiscal year 2004 reprogramming.

The amount recommended includes $20,045,000 to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2007. This includes $10,315,000 for the purchase of computer equipment and software for Member offices and Committees. In addition, $4,255,000 for procurement and maintenance of members' constituent mail systems is made available for obligation until September 30, 2009.

The Sergeant at Arms structure reflects seven major divisions: Capitol Division, Operations Division, Technology Development Services Division, IT Support Services Division, Office Support Services Division, Staff Offices Division, and the SMI Project Division. The Capitol Division consists of the Executive Office of the Sergeant at Arms and the Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness. These Offices provide the executive management and leadership of the Sergeant at Arms for day to day operations; for

security of the Senate side of the Capitol complex; and for liaison with the United States Capitol Police. The Operations Division provides printing, mailing, photographic and recording studio services and also furnishes and maintains the Senate side of the Capitol Building. The Technology Development Services Division supports enterprise information technology systems, applications development, Internet/intranet services, information security, and network engineering. The IT Support Services Division provides desktop computer support; correspondence management system acquisition, maintenance and support; telecommunications equipment and services; general office equipment; and new technology assessment. The Office Support Division includes desktop computer acquisition, state office liaison, and customer support. The Staff Offices Division includes Financial Management, Human Resources, The Joint Office of Education and Training, Administrative Services, and Information Technology Advisor.

The following table compares the component categories within this account for fiscal year 2004 and 2005 Committee recommendation.

EXPENSES—OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER

	2004 level	Committee recommendation
Capitol Division	$4,410,000	$2,433,000
Operations Division	27,124,000	16,116,000
Technology Development Services Division	25,059,000	26,667,000
IT Support Services Division	48,995,000	51,170,000
Office Support Services Division	27,335,000	28,266,000
Staff Offices	2,320,000	2,530,000
Total	135,243,000	127,182,000

The Committee directs that the Sergeant at Arms provide to the Committee a spending plan prior to the beginning of fiscal year 2005. Any deviation of more than 10 percent cumulatively from the level for each item in the spending plan will require the customary approval of the Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Appropriations, 2004	$18,425,000
Budget estimate, 2005	18,676,000
Committee recommendation	18,326,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $18,326,000 for miscellaneous items, a decrease of $350,000 below the budget estimate.

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:

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS APPORTIONMENT SCHEDULE

ITEM	AMOUNT AUTHORIZED FISCAL YEAR 2004 PUBLIC LAW 108–83	BUDGET ESTIMATE FISCAL YEAR 2005	DIFFERENCE
Resolution and reorganization reserve	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	$0
Unallocated	5,950,000	5,949,600	−400
Reserve for contingencies (miscellaneous items)	900,000	1,000,000	+100,000
Employees' compensation fund reimbursement (worker's compensation)	805,500	906,900	+101,400
Mailing of Town Meeting Notices (Public Law 107–68, dated Nov. 12, 2001)	500,000	500,000	0
Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program (S. Res. 193, dated Sep. 30, 1999, as amended) (expires Sep. 30, 2004)	350,000	0	−350,000
John Heinz Fellowship Program (S. Res. 356, dated Oct. 7, 1992, S. Res. 238, dated Jul. 1, 1994, and S. Res. 180, dated Sep. 30, 1999) (expires Sep. 30, 2004)	71,000	71,000	0
Reception of foreign dignitaries (S. Res. 247, dated Feb. 7, 1962, as amended by S. Res. 370, dated Oct. 10, 2000)	30,000	30,000	0
Foreign travel—Members and employees (S. Res. 179, dated May 25, 1977)	125,000	125,000	0
Federal employees compensation account (Public Law 96–499, dated Dec. 5, 1980) (Unemployment Compensation)	1,750,000	1,750,000	0
Conferences for the Majority and Minority (Public Laws: 97–51, dated Jan. 3, 1983, 101–250, dated Nov. 5, 1990, and 107–68, dated Nov. 12, 2001)	250,000	300,000	+50,000
Policy Committees for the Majority and Minority (Public Law 104–53, dated Nov. 19, 1995)	150,000	150,000	0
Postage	6,000	6,000	0
Stationery	16,500	16,500	0
Consultants—including agency contributions (2 USC 61h–6 as amended)	3,000,000	3,000,000	0
National Security Working Group (S. Res. 75, March 25, 1999) (expires Dec. 31, 2004)	700,000	700,000	0
Committee on Appropriations (Public Law 105–275, dated Oct. 21, 1998)	950,000	950,000	0
Office of the Chaplain (Public Law 108–199, dated Jan. 23, 2004)	50,000	50,000	0
Senate Child Care Center:			
Agency Contribution costs authorized by Public Laws 102–90, dated Aug. 14, 1991 and 103–50, dated Jul. 2, 1993	300,000	300,000	0
Training classes, conferences, & travel expenses as authorized by Public Law 104–197, dated Sep. 16, 1996	21,000	21,000	0
Total	18,425,000	18,326,000	−99,000

[1] Postage Apportionment (Fiscal Year 2005):

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 2005):

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

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.

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.

John Heinz Fellowship Program.—This fellowship program was first authorized by S. Res. 356 and extended by S. Res. 238, and S. Res. 180. It is authorized through September 30, 2004 and provides for up to 2 fellows each calendar year. The appointing authority is the Secretary of the Senate.

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.

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: Two 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 consultants 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.

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.—Provides for the repayment of student loans at a maximum of $500 per month, for eligible employees at the discretion of the employing office, to enhance recruitment and retention of Senate staff.

SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Appropriations, 2004	$305,719,000
Budget estimate, 2005	340,972,000
Committee recommendation	326,000,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation for fiscal year 2005 of $326,000,000 for the Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account.

This account funds salaries and benefits of Senators' staffs as well as the office expense allowance for Senators' offices. The Senators' official personnel and office expense allowance [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 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 at an annual rate of $153,599 for a total of $460,677 per office, or $46,067,700 for all 100 Senators.

The third component of the SOPOEA is for office expenses. Each Senator's office is allocated an amount for office expenses, as displayed in the following table, including the Committee on Rules and Administration's reallocations of the official mail. In addition, an amount of $20,328,942 is provided to cover additional expenses that may be incurred in the event of the death or resignation of a Senator, and to provide for transitional expenses during election years subject to regulations set by the Committee on Rules and Administration with respect to official mail.

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 final passage of this bill.

The following table illustrates the several components of the SOPOEA.

SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE—FISCAL YEAR 2005

State	Admin. & cler. assist. allowance 10/1/2004	Legislative assist. allowance 10/1/2004	O.O.E.A allowance 10/1/2004	Total allowance 10/1/2004
Alabama	$1,809,792	$460,677	$185,009	$2,455,478
Alaska	1,809,792	460,677	253,340	2,523,809
Arizona	1,869,636	460,677	203,282	2,533,595
Arkansas	1,809,792	460,677	169,769	2,440,238
California	3,008,969	460,677	466,908	3,936,554
Colorado	1,809,792	460,677	191,557	2,462,026
Connecticut	1,809,792	460,677	161,036	2,431,505
Delaware	1,809,792	460,677	128,553	2,399,022
Florida	2,587,797	460,677	311,069	3,359,543
Georgia	2,049,178	460,677	219,908	2,729,763
Hawaii	1,809,792	460,677	280,413	2,550,882
Idaho	1,809,792	460,677	165,533	2,436,002
Illinois	2,288,563	460,677	266,793	3,016,033
Indiana	1,929,484	460,677	196,905	2,587,066
Iowa	1,809,792	460,677	171,530	2,441,999
Kansas	1,809,792	460,677	169,418	2,439,887
Kentucky	1,809,792	460,677	178,942	2,449,411
Louisiana	1,809,792	460,677	187,063	2,457,532
Maine	1,809,792	460,677	148,933	2,419,402
Maryland	1,869,636	460,677	172,344	2,502,657
Massachusetts	1,929,484	460,677	195,852	2,586,013
Michigan	2,168,871	460,677	236,906	2,866,454
Minnesota	1,869,636	460,677	189,505	2,519,818
Mississippi	1,809,792	460,677	170,511	2,440,980
Missouri	1,869,636	460,677	198,869	2,529,182
Montana	1,809,792	460,677	162,824	2,433,293
Nebraska	1,809,792	460,677	161,337	2,431,806
Nevada	1,809,792	460,677	175,129	2,445,598
New Hampshire	1,809,792	460,677	143,597	2,414,066
New Jersey	2,049,178	460,677	206,397	2,716,252
New Mexico	1,809,792	460,677	167,597	2,438,066

SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE—FISCAL YEAR 2005—Continued

State	Admin. & cler. assist. allowance 10/1/2004	Legislative assist. allowance 10/1/2004	O.O.E.A allowance 10/1/2004	Total allowance 10/1/2004
New York	2,664,371	460,677	321,636	3,446,684
North Carolina	2,049,178	460,677	218,087	2,727,942
North Dakota	1,809,792	460,677	150,581	2,421,050
Ohio	2,228,718	460,677	257,118	2,946,513
Oklahoma	1,809,792	460,677	181,712	2,452,181
Oregon	1,809,792	460,677	190,909	2,461,378
Pennsylvania	2,288,563	460,677	264,210	3,013,450
Rhode Island	1,809,792	460,677	139,216	2,409,685
South Carolina	1,809,792	460,677	175,051	2,445,520
South Dakota	1,809,792	460,677	152,438	2,422,907
Tennessee	1,869,636	460,677	195,975	2,526,288
Texas	2,779,240	460,677	364,281	3,604,198
Utah	1,809,792	460,677	170,857	2,441,326
Vermont	1,809,792	460,677	137,110	2,407,579
Virginia	1,989,330	460,677	196,450	2,646,457
Washington	1,929,484	460,677	216,006	2,606,167
West Virginia	1,809,792	460,677	149,045	2,419,514
Wisconsin	1,869,636	460,677	193,194	2,523,507
Wyoming	1,809,792	460,677	153,766	2,424,235
TOTAL	97,642,192	23,033,850	10,064,471	130,740,513
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GRAND TOTAL	195,284,384	46,067,700	20,128,942	261,481,026

According to the most recent employment data compiled by the Secretary of the Senate, as of April 30, 2004, there were 4,246 individuals employed in Senators' offices throughout the United States and covered by this appropriation.

U.S. SENATORS' STAFF AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1994–2003 AND APRIL 30, 2004

Year	Number of staff
1994	4,142
1995	4,112
1996	3,959
1997	4,044
1998	4,022
1999	4,039
2000	4,072
2001	3,964
2002	4,121
2003	4,148
2004	4,246

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 2005 request for this account anticipates $77,732,000 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. Evidence of this can be found in the semiannual report of the Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE OFFICIAL MAIL COSTS

Appropriations, 2004	$300,000
Budget estimate, 2005	300,000
Committee recommendation	300,000

For the official mail costs of the Senate, the Committee recommends an appropriation of $300,000, which is the same as the budget request.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 1. This provision increases by $50,000 the allowance for administrative and clerical assistance.

SEC. 2. This provision increases by one each, the number of consultants authorized for the majority and minority leaders for fiscal year 2005.

SEC. 3. Extends for 1 year the availability of funds for the Senate art collection.

SEC. 4. Extends to the 109th Congress authority pertaining to the President Pro Tempore Emeritus.

SEC. 5. Authorizes the transfer of funds from the appropriations accounts of the Vice President, and the Offices of the Secretaries for the Majority and the Minority, to the Senate Contingency Fund, for purposes of incurring certain expenses.

SEC. 6. Technical change to 2 U.S.C. 65(f)(c) relative to the Secretary of the Senate's representation expenses for activities in relation to foreign parliamentary groups or other foreign officials visiting the United States.

SEC. 7. Authorizes the payment of reasonable transportation expenses of official records and papers to a Senator's State.

SEC. 8. Authorizes the Sergeant at Arms to retain funds received as compensation for damage to, loss of, or loss of use of property of the Sergeant at Arms.

SEC. 9. Authorizes a change in the minimum age of Senate pages to 16.

SEC. 10. Clarifies treatment of electronic information stored by the Sergeant at Arms.

JOINT ITEMS

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Appropriations, 2004	$3,988,000
Budget estimate, 2005	4,139,000
Committee recommendation	4,139,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $4,139,000 for the Joint Economic Committee. This is an increase of $15,000 over the enacted level owing to anticipated cost-of-living increases.

The Committee does not support a GAO study of the statutory responsibilities of Joint Committees of Congress.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Appropriations, 2004	$8,064,000
Budget estimate, 2005	8,476,000
Committee recommendation	8,476,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $8,476,000 for salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Taxation. This is an increase of $412,000 over the enacted level primarily to accommodate cost-of-living increases.

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

Appropriations, 2004	$2,223,000
Budget estimate, 2005	2,528,000
Committee recommendation	2,528,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $2,528,000 for the Office of the Attending Physician. The Office was first established by House Resolution 253, adopted December 5, 1928.

CAPITOL GUIDE AND SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE

Appropriations, 2004	$3,511,000
Budget estimate, 2005	3,844,000
Committee recommendation	3,844,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $3,844,000 for the Capitol Guide and Special Services Office. This provides for 72 full-time equivalent employees.

STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriations, 2004	$30,000
Budget estimate, 2005	30,000
Committee recommendation	30,000

The Committee recommends $30,000 for the preparation of detailed statements of appropriations as required by law. This account is used as payment for the preparation of the volumes, "Statements on Appropriations," for the second session of the 108th Congress. These volumes show annual appropriations made, indefinite appropriations, and contracts authorized, along with a chronological history of regular appropriations bills. The volumes are compiled jointly by the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations pursuant to a directive in the Legislative Appropriations Act of June 7, 1924.

CAPITOL POLICE

	Recommended
Salaries	$198,000,000
Expenses	28,925,000
Total, Capitol Police	226,925,000

The Committee recommends $226,925,000 for the U.S. Capitol Police. This is an increase of $7,130,000 over fiscal year 2004. In addition to the amount recommended, another $12,815,000 will be available from prior-year funds, for a total of $239,740,000 in operational resources.

The Committee directs that no organizational changes be implemented prior to notification of the Committees on Appropriations.

SALARIES

Appropriations, 2004	$196,434,000
Budget estimate, 2005 [1]	231,777,000
Committee recommendation	198,000,000

[1] The USC requested a single "salaries and expenses" appropriation. The amount displayed reflects the salaries estimate only.

The Committee recommendation totals $198,000,000 for salaries. In addition, the Committee directs that $12,815,000 of prior-year funds be made available to support personnel requirements. A total of $210,815,000 would support 1,602 sworn officers and 451 civilian FTEs. This represents an increase of 50 administrative personnel over the fiscal year 2004 level. The amount recommended will enable USCP to continue to enhance security for the Capitol complex and strengthen administrative functions.

The amount provided covers salaries, benefits, and overtime costs. Capitol Police 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 believes key staff must be hired for financial management and other critical administrative activities. According to the Government Accountability Office, without additional staffing USCP will likely encounter future difficulties in ensuring accountability for the organization's assets and resources. The Committee expects USCP will act expeditiously to hire critical administrative personnel.

The Committee supports GAO's recommendation that the Chief Administrative Officer action plan must be updated to address goals and timetables for a dual track approach of improving the controls of current management processes and implementing the strategic initiatives necessary to make long-term progress that will assist USCP in determining and targeting the highest priorities across its management functions.

GENERAL EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2004	$23,361,000
Budget estimate, 2005	32,859,000
Committee recommendation	28,925,000

The Committee recommends $28,925,000 for general expenses of the Capitol Police, an increase of $5,564,000 over fiscal year 2004. The Committee has included funds for all critical expense items. The Committee notes that almost $7,000,000 in items requested in the fiscal year 2005 budget will be funded through a fiscal year 2004 reprogramming.

The Committee strongly supports the new mounted patrol and expects the new unit will be a great asset in helping the Capitol

Police become a world-class law enforcement agency. According to experts, a mounted patrol in a crowd provides the protection of at least 15 foot patrol officers. The Committee directs the USCP and AOC to coordinate the purchase, site selection, grading, access issues and utility and installation requirements of prefabricated stables and support sheds at the D.C. Village facility. Funds necessary to purchase and install this unit have been included in the Committee's recommendation. The AOC and USCP are directed to submit, not later than 30 days from the date of this report, a plan of action that addresses the concept of operations, funding and scheduling issues to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives. Upon completion of the plan, the AOC and USCP are directed to initiate expeditiously actions outlined in the plan of action to effect the completion of the stabling facility.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 1001. The Committee has included a routine provision which allows for funds to be transferred between the "Salaries" and "General expenses" accounts.

SEC. 1002. This provision makes technical changes to Public Law 108–83, section 1006, regarding detailing of Capitol Police officers for protection of the Library of Congress. The Committee fully expects USCP officers detailed to the Library of Congress will be fully trained, experienced officers capable of handling diverse security situations, the unique requirements and sensitivities of the Library's collections as well as transitional situations that will lead to a seamless, unified police organization.

SEC. 1003. This provision authorizes USCP to retain compensation for damaged or lost property.

SEC. 1004. This provision authorizes voluntary transfer of leave with other agencies, subject to requirements of section 6334(c) of title 5.

SEC. 1005. This provision authorizes Capitol Police to carry a weapon that is different from the weapon furnished by the Department during periods when the member or officer is not on duty. Such weapons would be specifically authorized by the USCP but would not be purchased with appropriated funds.

SEC. 1006. This provision relates to the protection of information that is sensitive to the policing, protection, physical security, counterterrorism, emergency response, and preparedness of the Congress and the Capitol buildings and grounds.

SEC. 1007. This provision authorizes the acceptance of donations of animals to be used in the Department's canine or equine units.

SEC. 1008. This provision authorizes the Chief of Police to settle and pay administrative claims under the Federal Torts Claims Act [FTCA] and the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act [MPCECA].

SEC. 1009. This provision authorizes, subject to the approval of the Capitol Police Board, the Capitol Police to travel in a non-law enforcement capacity to assist overseas congressional delegations in

a security advisory and liaison role, including advance security liaison preparations for such congressional foreign travel.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2004	$2,242,000
Budget estimate, 2005	2,950,000
Committee recommendation	2,421,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $2,421,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of Compliance, an increase of $179,000 over fiscal year 2004, to support the current level of operations including a cost-of-living adjustment. Funding is not recommended for two additional FTE or new initiatives.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2004	$33,620,000
Budget estimate, 2005	35,455,000
Committee recommendation	34,790,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $34,790,000 for the Congressional Budget Office. The amount recommended represents an increase of $1,170,000 over the enacted level to cover anticipated pay and price level increases.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

The Committee has recommended a funding level of $308,042,000 and an FTE level of 1,489 for all activities of the Architect of the Capitol. Excluded are House items which are traditionally left for consideration by that body.

The following table shows the request and the Committee recommendation:

Appropriation	2004 appropriation [1]	Fiscal year 2005 request	2005 recommendation
General Administration	$76,598,000	$89,245,000	$74,558,000
Capitol Building	28,021,000	32,239,000	24,784,000
Capitol Grounds	6,846,000	8,080,000	6,940,000
Senate Office Buildings	63,014,000	65,309,000	62,303,000
Capitol Power Plant	81,062,000	63,376,000	60,928,000
Library Buildings and Grounds	38,928,000	160,678,000	65,145,000
Capitol Visitor Center	36,621,000	8,469,000	.....
Capitol Police Buildings and Grounds	3,289,000	40,292,000	7,090,000
Botanic Garden	6,152,000	11,581,000	6,294,000
Total	340,531,000	479,269,000	308,042,000

[1] Including rescission.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2004	$76,598,000
Budget estimate, 2005	89,245,000
Committee recommendation	74,558,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $74,558,000 for general administration. This will accommodate an FTE level of

322. A total of $720,000 is made available until September 30, 2009.

The reduction of $14,687,000 below the request is due to the elimination of lower priority projects, the rejection of new staffing requests, and the denial of funds for projects against which unobligated balances currently exist. The Committee strongly urges the Architect to take necessary steps to reduce unobligated prior-year balances. In addition, the Committee expects that completion of the Capitol Visitor Center project in a timely way within current funds will be the highest priority for the Architect of the Capitol.

The General Administration 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 following table displays the budget detail.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
FISCAL YEAR 2005 OPERATING BUDGET		
Personal Services	$41,273,000	$39,551,000
Rent, Communications, Utilities & Travel	7,298,000	7,298,000
Other Services	20,232,500	18,827,500
Supplies	692,500	692,500
Equipment	6,809,000	6,809,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	76,305,000	73,178,000
FISCAL YEAR 2005 PROJECT BUDGET		
Emergency Defibrillators	660,000	660,000
Alternate Computer Facility [ACF] Fit Out	7,000,000	.....
Study, Design, & Condition Assessment	2,180,000	720,000
CATV System Upgrade Design	1,500,000	.....
Enhanced Filtration	750,000	.....
ACF Security	650,000	.....
Minor Construction	100,000	.....
ACF Camera System Infrastructure	100,000	.....
Subtotal, Project Budget	12,940,000	1,380,000
Total, General Administration	89,245,000	74,558,000

Chief Operating Officer Function.—The Committee is concerned that little has been accomplished through the new Chief Operating Officer [COO] function which this Committee created in fiscal year 2003. This function was intended to improve management, streamline day-to-day AOC operations, and effectuate team-building.

Specifically, Public Law 108–7 required that the COO prepare an action plan describing "the policies, procedures, and actions" to be implemented "and timeframes for carrying out the responsibilities under this section." The Committee notes that the action plan submitted to Congress did not adequately describe how the COO will carry out the assigned responsibilities detailed in the legislation. Because the action plan is outlined at such a general level, it fails

to convey how the listed items link together to move the agency forward and address the Agency's longstanding and well-known weaknesses—the reason the Chief Operating Officer position was created. In addition, the plan lacks details of the steps necessary for completing the listed items, nor does it explain how individual items will be measured in order to monitor AOC's performance. Further, the plan does not specify how the items listed in the action plan relate to and link with the Agency's strategic plan, released on December 15, 2003, even though the legislation required that the action plan be "developed concurrently and consistent with the development of a strategic plan."

In addition, this action plan was to be submitted not later than 90 days after the appointment of the Chief Operating Officer on July 28, 2003, but the plan was not submitted until December 22, 2003—almost 2 months late and with no evidence of having benefited from additional work over that period. The Committee notes that the action plan was delivered without briefing or discussion, which could have provided the relevant Committees with better understanding regarding the details of the implementation of the plan.

Based on ongoing monitoring efforts conducted by the Government Accountability Office [GAO], it appears that there have been no substantive improvements made to overall AOC operations by the new COO. In fact, the Committee is concerned that efforts by the COO to direct changes without the context of strategic objectives and a transparent, well-organized change management process are having a negative impact on morale, productivity, and effectiveness of the AOC as an institution. It is apparent that the intended results of this law have not been seriously addressed by the COO and that he has either misunderstood or intentionally ignored the purpose for which his position was created.

The Committee expects that substantive action will be taken by the Architect of the Capitol and his Chief Operating Officer to address management deficiencies by implementing changes and practices that will reflect the full intent of the law which established the COO position, and communicate regularly the status of these efforts to this Committee.

Personnel Realignments.—The Committee recognizes and supports the responsibility of the Architect of the Capitol to make organizational changes and decisions that will enhance the ability of the AOC to achieve its mission and result in the most effective and efficient use of resources. As such, the Committee approves the realignment of the electronic engineering, electrical power and energy related maintenance functions from General Administration to other jurisdictions in order to bring common responsibilities, functions and processes under direct, mission related (line) functions. These realignments assist in better capturing the true cost of the daily operations in a jurisdiction and reduce the size of overhead in the General Administration appropriation. The Committee expects to be kept informed regarding any potential impacts on current services and project delivery in the jurisdictions as a result of these realignments.

Slave Laborers and Capitol Construction.—The Committee directs the Architect, working with the Historians of the Senate and

House and the Librarian of Congress, to study the history and contributions of slave laborers in construction of the U.S. Capitol, and provide a report within 180 days of enactment of this Act.

CAPITOL BUILDING

Appropriations, 2004	$28,021,000
Budget estimate, 2005	32,239,000
Committee recommendation	24,784,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $24,784,000 for necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol. Of this, $8,770,000 is available until September 30, 2009. The authorized FTE level is 193.

The following table displays the budget detail.

CAPITOL BUILDING

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
FISCAL YEAR 2005 OPERATING BUDGET		
Personal Services	$11,605,000	$11,497,000
Other Services	2,170,000	2,003,000
Supplies	1,094,000	1,094,000
Equipment	382,000	382,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	15,251,000	14,976,000
FISCAL YEAR 2005 PROJECT BUDGET		
Replacement of Minton Tile	473,000	473,000
Computer, Telecom, & Electrical Support	300,000	300,000
Wayfinding & ADA Signage	90,000	90,000
ADA Requirements	75,000	75,000
Client Support	250,000	.....
U.S. Capitol Master Plan	4,500,000	.....
Minor Construction	2,500,000	1,500,000
Study, Design, & Condition Assessment	100,000	100,000
Restore Shutters & Upgrade Window Lighting	400,000	.....
Install Emergency Exit Signs & Lighting	2,000,000	1,000,000
CVC Facility Maintenance	6,300,000	3,000,000
CVC Start-up Operations	.....	3,270,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	16,988,000	9,808,000
Total, Capitol Building	32,239,000	24,784,000

The Committee notes that $7,600,000 has been included in the Capitol Building account for costs associated with the care and maintenance of the Capitol Visitor Center, including equipment, furniture, materials, and supplies, as well as start-up activities for visitor services and the hiring of key personnel.

CAPITOL GROUNDS

Appropriations, 2004	$6,846,000
Budget estimate, 2005	8,080,000
Committee recommendation	6,940,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $6,940,000 for Capitol Grounds for the care and improvements of the grounds sur-

rounding the Capitol, the Senate and House office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant. The authorized FTE level is 69.

The following table displays the budget detail.

CAPITOL GROUNDS

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
FISCAL YEAR 2005 OPERATING BUDGET		
Personal Services	$4,822,000	$4,822,000
Other Services	1,393,000	853,000
Supplies	660,000	660,000
Equipment	140,000	140,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	7,015,000	6,475,000
FISCAL YEAR 2005 PROJECT BUDGET		
Restore Decorative Vases/Lights—West Terrace	78,000	78,000
Inaugural Support	10,000	10,000
Renovate Former D.C. Street Lights	177,000	177,000
Study, Design, and Condition Assessment	100,000	100,000
Wayfinding and ADA–Compliant Signage	100,000	100,000
Minor Construction	600,000	.....
Subtotal, Project Budget	1,065,000	465,000
Total, Capitol Grounds	8,080,000	6,940,000

Senate Office Buildings

Appropriations, 2004	$63,014,000
Budget estimate, 2005	65,309,000
Committee recommendation	62,303,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $62,303,000 for maintenance of the Senate office buildings, of which $9,070,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2009.

The FTE authorized level is 562 FTEs.

The following table displays the budget detail.

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
FISCAL YEAR 2005 OPERATING BUDGET		
Personal Services	$31,299,000	$31,165,000
Rent, Communications, Utilities & Travel	6,701,000	6,701,000
Other Services	3,319,000	2,945,000
Supplies	2,623,500	2,623,500
Equipment	3,896,000	3,896,000
Insurance Claims and Indemnities	1,500	1,500
Subtotal, Operating Budget	47,840,000	47,332,000
FISCAL YEAR 2005 PROJECT BUDGET		
Refinish Historic Woodwork	285,000	285,000
Repair Marble Floors & Clean Architectural Surfaces	510,000	510,000
USCP Furniture Replacement	1,500,000	.....
Roof Maintenance, SOB	300,000	300,000

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS—Continued

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Seal Fire Wall Penetrations, HSOB, DSOB	300,000	300,000
Ramp Repair, HSOB Garage	200,000	200,000
Replace Suite Counters, Sinks and Faucets-HSOB	100,000	100,000
General Painting—Senate Office Buildings	150,000	150,000
Workman Vehicle	25,000	25,000
Man-Lift (Masonry Shop)	19,000	19,000
General Purpose Utility Vehicle	12,000	12,000
Minor Construction	3,000,000	5,000,000
Replace Modular Furniture, HSOB	3,700,000	3,700,000
Renovate Restrooms ADA, HSOB	1,300,000	1,300,000
Study, Design, and Condition Assessment	1,350,000	2,350,000
Design, Smoke Management Systems, HSOB	2,195,000	.....
Design, Smoke Management Systems, DSOB	1,803,000	.....
HVAC: Elevator Machine Room Mod, SOB	420,000	420,000
Furniture—Special Allowance	300,000	300,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	17,469,000	14,971,000
Total, Senate Office Buildings	65,309,000	62,303,000

The Architect of the Capitol is directed to administer fire code regulations in the Senate Office Buildings under the same protocols used for administration of fire codes in the Capitol Building.

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

Appropriations, 2004	$81,062,000
Budget estimate, 2005	63,376,000
Committee recommendation	60,928,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $60,928,000 for the operations of the Capitol Power Plant. This is supplemented by $4,400,000 in reimbursements. Of the amount provided, $2,190,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2009.

The FTE authorized level will be 116.

The Committee has reduced funding by $2,448,000 below the request owing to the elimination of lower priority projects. Due to the significant increase anticipated in utility costs, the Committee has increased by $1,500,000 funds recommended for such costs based on the most current estimates.

The reduction of $20,108,000 below the enacted level reflects the fact that $22,021,000 was provided in fiscal year 2004 for the last installment of funding for the West Refrigeration Plant expansion project. While the project has been delayed owing to weather-related problems, unforeseen site conditions, and other factors, it is the Committee's expectation that this project will be completed within budget and in a timeframe necessary to support new requirements associated with the Capitol Visitor Center. The Committee recognizes the positive steps AOC has taken to ensure this goal is met.

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 Printing 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.

Within the operating budget, 76 percent of the recommended amount is 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, as displayed in the following table.

FISCAL YEAR 2005 ESTIMATED UTILITY COSTS

Purchase of electrical energy	$24,340,000
Purchase of natural gas	7,620,000
Purchase of steam	521,000
Purchase of chilled water	576,000
Purchase of coal	3,320,000
Purchase of oil	2,450,000
Water and sewer payments	3,710,000
Total	42,537,000

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

The following table displays the budget detail.

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
FISCAL YEAR 2005 OPERATING BUDGET		
Personal Services	$10,198,000	$9,981,000
Rent, Communications, Utilities & Travel	36,792,000	38,292,000
Other Services	3,079,000	2,543,000
Supplies	9,055,000	9,055,000
Equipment	448,000	448,000
Reimbursement	(4,400,000)	(4,400,000)
Subtotal, Operating Budget	55,172,000	55,919,000
FISCAL YEAR 2005 PROJECT BUDGET		
Implement Emergency Shoring & Repairs to Tunnels	100,000	100,000
Replace Expansion Joints	1,342,000	1,342,000
Retube Condensers WRP	866,000	866,000
Replace Water Treatment Equipment & Controls	850,000	.....
Remove Tar paper/Reinsulate Violet Tunnel	261,000	261,000
Repair/Maintenance Chiller Motors 6A & 5	250,000	250,000
Paint Baghouse	200,000	.....
Generator Load Bank (2000kw, 15kv or 480v)	100,000	.....
Procure Two Trucks	79,000	.....
Install Load Bank Connections for Various Bldgs	70,000	.....
Purchase Loader	37,000	.....
Generator Load Bank (1000kw, 480-208v)	35,000	.....
Install Backflow Preventer	13,000	.....
Replace Reverse Gas Fans	11,000	.....
Study, Design, and Condition Assessment	2,990,000	2,190,000
Minor Construction	1,000,000	.....
Subtotal, Project Budget	8,204,000	5,009,000

CAPITOL POWER PLANT—Continued

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Total, Capitol Power Plant	63,376,000	60,928,000

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Appropriations, 2004	$38,928,000
Budget estimate, 2005	160,678,000
Committee recommendation	65,145,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $65,145,000 for the care and maintenance of the Library buildings and grounds by the Architect of the Capitol, of which $47,114,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2009. The recommendation is $26,217,000 above the enacted amount for fiscal year 2004. The FTE ceiling is 156.

The Committee notes that the amount provided represents an increase of 67 percent over the current year, and includes such major projects as additional storage modules at Fort Meade, and sprinkler upgrades in the Thomas Jefferson building. Owing to budget constraints, the Committee was unable to recommend funds for a number of LOC projects.

The following table displays the budget detail.

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
FISCAL YEAR 2005 OPERATING BUDGET		
Personal Services	$11,111,000	$11,044,000
Rent, Communications, & Utilities	15,000	15,000
Other Services	4,793,000	962,000
Supplies	1,182,000	1,182,000
Equipment	2,368,000	2,368,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	19,469,000	15,571,000
FISCAL YEAR 2005 PROJECT BUDGET		
Repair Life Safety Deficiencies	800,000	400,000
Replace Partitions Supports, JMMB	250,000	250,000
Fire Safety Project Management	250,000	.....
Painting, TJB Arches & Ft. Meade Mod 1	245,000	245,000
Replace Sidewalks, JAB & TJB	100,000	100,000
Preservation Environmental Monitoring	80,000	80,000
Upgrade Filtration Efficiency to 95 percent	700,000	700,000
Replace Lighting Computerized Control System	475,000	475,000
Replace Dish Machine	210,000	210,000
Minor Construction	1,500,000	.....
Elevator Modernization	1,715,000	.....
Collections Security	860,000	860,000
Copyright Deposit Facility	59,200,000	.....
Ft. Meade Modules 3 & 4	39,500,000	39,500,000
Sprinkler System Upgrades; TJB	6,754,000	6,754,000
Smoke Detector Upgrades; TJB	3,850,000	.....
ADA Bathroom Renovations; JAB	3,700,000	.....
Smoke Detector Upgrades; JAB	3,600,000	.....
Smoke Detector Upgrades; JMMB	3,600,000	.....

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS—Continued

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
Condition Assessment—All Building Systems	3,200,000	
Sprinkler System Upgrades; JAB	2,400,000	
SDCA—Infrastructure Maint/Future Support	895,000	
Design—LOC Egress Improvements	1,800,000	
Design—Fire Alarm Aud & Intelligibility	1,500,000	
Ft. Meade Temporary Storage Fit Out	1,350,000	
Study/Design—Fire Alarm System Upgrade	1,175,000	
SDCA—Client Requests	525,000	
SDCA—Fire & Safety	625,000	
Ft. Meade Bldgs #70, 70A, 70B Renovations	250,000	
Vehicle Barrier Controls	100,000	
Total, Project Budget	141,209,000	49,574,000
Total, Library Buildings and Grounds.	160,678,000	65,145,000

Capitol Police Buildings and Grounds

Appropriations, 2004	$3,289,000
Budget estimate, 2005	40,292,000
Committee recommendation	7,090,000

The Committee recommends $7,090,000 for Capitol Police Buildings and Grounds, an increase of $3,801,000 over the current level. A total of $1,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2009. The FTE authorized level will be 3.

The increase over the enacted level is due primarily to new lease costs at the Fairchild and GPO buildings. The Committee has not funded a new firing range as this requirement will be met at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Cheltenham facility. The Committee has not recommended funds for an off-site delivery facility as no suitable site has been identified to date. Fairchild and GPO build-out requirements will be accommodated through the reprogramming of prior year funds.

The following table displays the budget detail.

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
FISCAL YEAR 2005 OPERATING BUDGET		
Personal Services	$399,000	$399,000
Rent, Communications, Utilities & Transportation of Things	6,350,000	3,727,000
Other Services	723,000	704,000
Equipment	20,000	20,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	7,492,000	4,850,000
FISCAL YEAR 2005 PROJECT BUDGET		
Minor Construction	1,000,000	1,000,000
Study, Design, & Condition Assessment	900,000	740,000
Firing Range Design	1,200,000	
Fairchild & GPO Build-Out	12,500,000	
Off-site Delivery	6,400,000	
Firing Range	10,800,000	

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS—Continued

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
USCP Furniture Replacement	.....	500,000
Subtotal, Project Budget	32,800,000	2,240,000
Total, Capitol Police Buildings and Grounds	40,292,000	7,090,000

BOTANIC GARDEN

Appropriations, 2004	$6,152,000
Budget estimate, 2005	11,581,000
Committee recommendation	6,294,000

The Committee recommends $6,294,000 for salaries and expenses of the Botanic Garden, and an FTE ceiling of 57. One additional staff has been recommended for activities associated with the opening of the National Garden in 2006.

The following table displays the budget detail.

BOTANIC GARDEN

[Request versus recommendation]

Item	Amount requested	Committee recommendation
FISCAL YEAR 2005 OPERATING BUDGET		
Personal Services	$4,514,000	$4,514,000
Rent, Communications, Utilities & Travel	4,000	4,000
Other Services	593,000	556,000
Supplies	627,000	627,000
Equipment	50,000	50,000
Subtotal, Operating Budget	5,788,000	5,751,000
FISCAL YEAR 2005 PROJECT BUDGET		
Partnership Support	450,000	300,000
D.C. Village Roof Replacement	243,000	243,000
Bartholdi Park and Fountain	5,100,000	.....
Subtotal, Project Budget	5,793,000	543,000
Total, Botanic Garden	11,581,000	6,294,000

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Committee recommends a total of $544,092,000 for the Library of Congress, an increase of $21,291,000 over the fiscal year 2004 level. Increases are provided to accommodate all mandatory pay and price level increases, as well as to increase programs in selected areas such as the Veterans History Project and the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center. In addition to the appropriation, the Library estimates receipts and reimbursements of $41,563,000, funds from gifts and trusts totaling $21,504,000, and revolving funds totaling $105,921,000. Total funds available to support Library operations, including the Architect of the Capitol ac-

count, are expected to be $778,225,000 in fiscal year 2005 under the Committee recommendation.

The following table displays the Committee recommendation for the Libray of Congress appropriations compared to the budget request and the fiscal year 2004 level.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

[In thousands of dollars]

Item	2004 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or −)	
				2004 appropriation	Budget estimate
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS					
Salaries and Expenses	368,709	393,931	379,648	+10,939	−14,283
Authority to spend receipts	−6,810	−6,350	−6,350	+460	.....
Subtotal, Salaries and expenses	361,899	387,581	373,298	+11,399	−14,283
Copyright Office, salaries and expenses	48,005	53,518	53,518	+5,513	.....
Authority to spend receipts	−29,485	−34,149	−33,339	−3,850	+810
Subtotal, Copyright Office	18,516	19,369	20,179	+1,663	+810
Congressional Research Service, salaries and expenses	91,185	100,934	96,678	+5,493	−4,256
Books for the blind and physically handicapped, Salaries and expenses	51,401	53,937	53,937	+2,536	.....
Total, Library of Congress	523,001	561,821	544,092	+21,091	−17,729

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2004:	
Salaries and expenses	$361,899,000
Authority to spend receipts	6,810,000
Net, salaries and expenses	368,709,000
Budget estimate, 2005:	
Salaries and expenses	387,581,000
Authority to spend receipts	6,350,000
Net, salaries and expenses	393,931,000
Committee recommendation:	
Salaries and expenses	373,298,000
Authority to spend receipts	6,350,000
Net, salaries and expenses	379,648,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $373,298,000 for salaries and expenses of the Library of Congress and approves authority to spend receipts of $6,350,000 in fiscal year 2005. This is $14,283,000 below the request and $11,399,000 above the enacted level.

The Committee has funded all costs for current staffing levels, as well as inflationary increases. The Committee has funded program increases in the following areas only: National Audio-Visual Conservation Center ($4,744,000), Veterans History ($1,000,000), security equipment maintenance ($930,000), information technology system maintenance ($1,000,000), and ITS XML capability ($750,000). The Committee has increased to $500,000 the budget for the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, the same level as fiscal year 2003, and has included $1,175,000 for the Adventure of the American Mind program. Owing to budget constraints, no other program increases are recommended, and a general reduction of $710,000 has been taken.

THOMAS Website.—The Committee urges the Library to continue to improve the accessibility and comprehensiveness of the THOMAS website so that the public has easy electronic access to publicly available legislative information, including the ability for users to search across multiple Congresses at one time.

Collections Security.—The Librarian has continued to express concern about collections security and the impact of many post-9/11 changes to security policies and procedures. In addition, while noting considerable effort and progress in safeguarding the collections since 1996, the Library's reporting on safeguarding controls does not provide the Committee with a comprehensive picture of where the Library is in its efforts to establish appropriate safeguarding controls and does not link its ongoing safeguarding efforts to its strategic plan.

The Committee shares the Librarians concerns regarding collection security and is therefore directing the LOC to provide an update to the Committee on its efforts to deal with security-related issues previously reported on by the General Accounting Office in March 2003; identify major security-related gaps and vulnerabilities and the LOC's efforts to address them; and identify

other apparent security-related gaps, vulnerabilities, and issues warranting the LOC's attention.

The Committee is also directing the Library to provide the Committee with a comprehensive report on the status of the Library's efforts to establish appropriate safeguarding controls over the collections. The report should address: the Library's current goals/objectives in establishing appropriate safeguarding controls over the different collection categories and how those goals/objectives relate to the Library's entity-wide strategic plan, the Library's current strategy or plan for establishing and maintaining appropriate safeguarding controls, and the significant actions taken to date and those that still need to be taken (including expected completion timeframes) to establish appropriate safeguarding controls over the collections. The report should clearly distinguish the types of controls that are appropriate for each category of the Library's collections and indicate, for each category of collection, whether or not the applicable types of controls have been established. In preparing the report, the Committee further directs the Library to consult with the Library's external auditor and the Office of Inspector General, which is responsible for overseeing the external auditor's annual work related to safeguarding controls.

Amistad Incident.—The Committee encourages the Library within available resources to create a digital archive of historic documents currently held by the Library related to the Amistad Incident of 1839.

Middle Eastern Text Initiative.—The Committee is aware of the important work of fostering greater understanding between the Islamic and American cultures through the Middle Eastern Text Initiative [METI] which for several years has published several of the important scientific, philosophic and medical writers of the Golden Age of Islam. The Committee directs that the LOC make available, through a grant, $500,000 to METI for the purpose of furthering this important translation and publishing effort.

Brademas Center.—The Committee is aware of efforts to create a John Brademas Center for the Study of Congress at New York University. This initiative would facilitate a better understanding of Federal policymaking in one of our Nation's major financial and media centers. The Committee believes that there would exist opportunities for the Center to collaborate with the Library of Congress through activities in Washington, DC, and in New York City.

Lewis and Clark Exhibit.—The Committee commends the Library for its outstanding Lewis & Clark exhibit entitled, "Rivers, Edens, Empires", and directs the Library to support the traveling portion of the schedule, which includes the Museum of Art at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2004:	
Salaries and expenses	$48,005,000
Authority to spend receipts	−29,489,000
Net, salaries and expenses	18,516,000
Budget estimate, 2005:	
Salaries and expenses	53,518,000
Authority to spend receipts	−34,149,000
Net, salaries and expenses	19,369,000
Committee recommendation:	
Salaries and expenses	53,518,000
Authority to spend receipts	−33,339,000
Net, salaries and expenses	20,179,000

The Committee recommends the direct appropriation of $20,179,000 for the Copyright Office and approves authority to spend receipts of $33,339,000 in fiscal year 2005, for a total of $53,518,000. This is the same as the revised budget request and provides for all pay and price level increases, and includes $3,660,000 for information technology reengineering.

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2004	$91,185,000
Budget estimate, 2005	100,734,000
Committee recommendation	96,678,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $96,678,000 for the Congressional Research Service. The amount recommended is an increase of $5,493,000 over the fiscal year 2004 level and is sufficient to cover all pay and price level increases for the current staffing level. In addition, the Committee has funded the request of $622,000 for security requirements at the Alternate Computing Facility and $549,000 for XML capability. Owing to budget constraints, the Committee is unable to recommend additional increases.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2004	$51,401,000
Budget estimate, 2005	53,937,000
Committee recommendation	53,937,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $53,937,000 for salaries and expenses for Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. This is an increase of $2,536,000 over the fiscal year 2004 level needed to accommodate mandatory pay and price level increases, and $1,500,000 for continued design of a digital talking book player and sound reproductions.

This appropriation supports a National Reading Program for blind and physically handicapped citizens. Books and magazines in braille and various recorded formats are produced by the National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped for distribution through a network of State and locally supported libraries. At present, 57 regional libraries in 49 States, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Guam house and circulate books and magazines to eligible readers. Seventy-eight subregional libraries in 17 States assist at the local public library level; 53 libraries and 4 cooperating agencies distribute sound reproducers. Two multistate centers, under contract to the National Library Service, store and distribute books and other materials in their geographical regions. The program supports a readership of approximately 700,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SECS. 1101–1102. The Committee has included two routine administrative provisions carried in prior years.

SEC. 1103. Extends the availability of funds for the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program.

SEC. 1104. Prohibits funds in this Act from being used for constructing U.S. diplomatic facilities. The Committee notes that the Government Accountability Office is reviewing the State Department's capital cost-sharing proposal for overseas facilities and anticipates GAO will make recommendations for a more equitable approach that relates the services provided to charging agencies for the cost of utilizing space owned and operated by the Department of State.

SEC. 1105. Extends through fiscal year 2005 authorization for the National Film Preservation program.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

Appropriations, 2004	$90,573,000
Budget estimate, 2005	88,800,000
Committee recommendation	88,800,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $88,800,000, a decrease of $1,773,000 below the enacted level. Funding is sufficient to cover all estimated printing requirements for fiscal year 2005.

The following table compares the component categories within this account for fiscal year 2004. The Committee has not recommended separate amounts for each activity in order to give the GPO the flexibility to meet changing requirements.

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

	Appropriations 2004	Requested 2005	Recommended 2005
Congressional Record Program	$21,456,000	$20,952,000	
Miscellaneous publications	5,792,000	5,846,000	
Miscellaneous printing and binding	17,711,000	18,660,000	
Details to Congress	2,795,000	2,909,000	
Document envelopes and document franks	1,044,000	906,000	

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING—Continued

	Appropriations 2004	Requested 2005	Recommended 2005
Business and committee calendars	2,859,000	2,480,000	
Bills, resolutions, and amendments	9,802,000	7,518,000	
Committee reports	3,017,000	2,681,000	
Documents	2,481,000	2,520,000	
Hearings	21,876,000	21,490,000	
Committee prints	1,740,000	2,838,000	
Total	90,573,000	88,800,000	$88,800,000

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2004	$34,253,000
Budget estimate, 2005	33,033,000
Committee recommendation	31,935,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $31,935,000. This provides for anticipated pay and price level increases and no additional employees for the Federal Depository Library program owing to budget constraints.

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

REVOLVING FUND

Appropriations, 2004	$9,941,000
Budget estimate, 2005	25,000,000
Committee recommendation	

The Committee recommends no funds for the revolving fund. While the Committee supports the Government Printing Office's restructuring efforts, GPO has yet to submit a comprehensive plan, including a spending blueprint, for restructuring. This should include a plan for dramatically reducing building-related expenses. The Committee looks forward to receiving such a plan and reviewing associated cost requirements as part of the fiscal year 2006 budget process.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The Committee has included an administrative provision authorizing the Superintendent of Documents to discount sales copies of GPO publications below the current limitation.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2004	$457,606,000
Budget estimate, 2005	480,535,000
Committee recommendation	470,000,000

The Committee recommends funding of $470,000,000 for salaries and expenses of the Government Accountability Office. Additionally, $7,419,000 is authorized in offsetting collections derived from rent receipts and reimbursements for conducting financial audits of Government corporations, for a total of $477,419,000. This is a reduction of $9,235,000 from the request level. This level of funding should not require reductions-in-force; reductions from the request level can be taken from travel, awards, and other non-essential increases. The reduction is taken without prejudice, owing to the constraints imposed by the budget.

The Committee has not made a specific appropriation for technology assessment.

Technology Assessment.—In fiscal year 2002, the Congress directed GAO to conduct a pilot technology assessment program. This Committee gave GAO further direction for this program in fiscal year 2003 and 2004 appropriations. To date, GAO has completed reviews of technological and policy issues involved in the use of biometric technologies for border security and the use of cyber-security technologies for critical infrastructure protection. GAO is currently beginning reviews of the role of technology in protecting structures from wildfires and the use of non-intrusive technologies to provide port and container security. Each of these studies has been undertaken on the basis of bi-partisan bicameral requests from members of Congress. Also at the direction of the Congress, GAO undertook an independent review of the pilot program, and more recently reported on the impact a technology assessment role would have on its mission and resources. On the basis of the Committee's review of GAO's technology assessment work to date, the Committee's view is that the performance of technology assessments can enhance the ability of Congress to address the technical and policy implications of emerging technologies. In order, however, to ensure efficient and effective use of GAO's resources, the Committee's view is that GAO should only undertake future technology assessments that are supported by the leadership of both Houses of Congress and are intended to address significant issues of national scope and concern. Further, the Committee directs the Comptroller General to consult with the Committee concerning the development of definitions and procedures to be used for technology assessments by GAO.

Mail Screening Technology.—The Committee is aware that certain x-ray technology manufactured by a company in the United Kingdom is being used in the United Kingdom to screen mail addressed to high-ranking government officials. The Committee is interested in learning whether such technology would have application to the screening procedures for mail addressed to legislative branch officials in a cost-effective way. Therefore, the Committee directs the Government Accountability Office to work with appropriate entities to obtain the necessary equipment for testing and evaluation to determine its ability to detect current and future threats from chemical, biological, or explosive agents. The testing should be conducted at a facility capable of using live chemical, biological, and explosive agents for testing, and the evaluation would include efforts to decontaminate the machines after the tests are conducted. The GAO will provide the results of this testing and

evaluation within 9 months of the enactment of the Legislative Branch Appropriations bill for 2005.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The Committee has included a provision which amends the Antideficiency Act to require the heads of executive agencies and the Mayor of the District of Columbia to transmit to the Comptroller General copies of reports of violations at the same time violations are reported to the Congress and the President, and authorizing the Comptroller General to establish a central repository of Antideficiency Act reports. The Comptroller General will track all Antideficiency Act reports, including responses to Comptroller General legal decisions and opinions and findings in audit reports and financial statement reviews.

PAYMENT TO THE OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND

Appropriations, 2004	$13,420,000
Budget estimate, 2005	15,000,000
Committee recommendation	13,500,000

The Committee recommends $13,500,000 as a payment to the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund. 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 political leaders of Russia and Newly Independent States at all levels of government 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.

TITLE II—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Included are several routine general provisions carried annually in the bill (secs. 301–309), 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 appropriation 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 appropriates such sums as may be necessary for the payment of settlements and awards pursuant to Public Law 104–1.

Section 206 authorizes legislative branch entities participating in the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council [LBFMC] to finance the costs of the LBFMC.

Section 207 prohibits unauthorized transfers of funds to other agencies.

Section 208 addresses a proposed government-wide requirement in the General Services Administration's eTravel program. The administration plans to use eTravel to collect travel data for various analyses. The Congress is concerned that the legislative branch would be required to share with the executive branch confidential and sensitive details of specific trips of its officers and employees. The Committee has added language to allow legislative branch agencies, at the discretion of the agency head, to voluntarily comply with the General Services Administration's final rule requiring use of its eTravel Services.

Section 209 is a technical correction to the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act.

Section 210. Authorizes the transfer of parcels of property to Capitol Grounds near the Japanese American Patriotism Memorial.

Congressional Award Program.—The Committee notes that the Congressional Award program was established by Congress in 1979 to recognize initiative, achievement and service in young Americans and encourage volunteer and community service. While the

program has been funded entirely by the private sector, a decrease in donations and income has forced cutbacks in the program. The Congressional Award Board is due to be reauthorized later this year. The Committee will consider funding for this program in the future based on reauthorization legislation, but anticipates any such funding will not supplant private donations.

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 July 15, 2004, the Committee ordered reported en bloc S. 2666, an original bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and S. 2674, an original bill making appropriations for Military Construction of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, with each subject to amendment, by a recorded vote of 29–0, a quorum being present. The vote was as follows:

Yeas	Nays
Chairman Stevens	
Mr. Cochran	
Mr. Specter	
Mr. Domenici	
Mr. Bond	
Mr. McConnell	
Mr. Burns	
Mr. Shelby	
Mr. Gregg	
Mr. Bennett	
Mr. Campbell	
Mr. Craig	
Mrs. Hutchison	
Mr. DeWine	
Mr. Brownback	
Mr. Byrd	
Mr. Inouye	
Mr. Hollings	
Mr. Leahy	
Mr. Harkin	
Ms. Mikulski	
Mr. Reid	
Mr. Kohl	
Mrs. Murray	
Mr. Dorgan	

Mrs. Feinstein
Mr. Durbin
Mr. Johnson
Ms. Landrieu

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.

With respect to this bill, it is the opinion of the Committee that it is necessary to dispense with these requirements in order to expedite the business of the Senate.

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 of bill	Committee allocation	Amount of bill
Comparison of amounts in the bill with Committee allocations to its subcommittees of amounts in the Budget Resolution for 2005: Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch:				
Discretionary	NA	2,465	NA	[1] 2,693
Mandatory	NA	113	NA	[1] 112
Projection of outlays associated with the recommendation:				
2005	.....	.....	.....	[2] 1,985
2006	.....	.....	.....	310
2007	.....	.....	.....	95
2008	.....	.....	.....	23
2009 and future years	.....	.....	.....	14
Financial assistance to State and local governments for 2005	NA	.....	NA	.....

[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 2004 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

[In thousands of dollars]

Item	2004 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or −)	
				2004 appropriation	Budget estimate
TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH					
SENATE					
Expense allowances:					
Vice President	20	20	20	.....	.....
President Pro Tempore of the Senate	20	20	20	.....	.....
Majority Leader of the Senate	20	20	20	.....	.....
Minority Leader of the Senate	20	20	20	.....	.....
Majority Whip of the Senate	10	10	10	.....	.....
Minority Whip of the Senate	10	10	10	.....	.....
President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the Senate	8	8	8	.....	.....
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	128	128	128	.....	.....
Representation allowances for the Majority and Minority Leaders	30	30	30	.....	.....
Total, Expense allowances and representation	158	158	158	.....	.....
Salaries, Officers and Employees					
Office of the Vice President	2,028	2,108	2,108	+80	.....
Office of the President Pro Tempore	539	561	561	+22	.....
Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus	156	163	163	+7	.....
Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders	3,220	3,408	3,408	+188	.....
Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips	2,324	2,556	2,556	+232	.....
Committee on Appropriations	12,799	13,301	13,301	+502	.....
Conference committees	2,716	2,826	2,826	+110	.....
Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority	674	702	702	+28	.....

Policy Committees	2,834	2,946	2,946	+112	.....
Office of the Chaplain	327	341	341	+14	.....
Office of the Secretary	18,299	19,586	19,586	+1,287	.....
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper	45,789	50,635	50,635	+4,846	.....
Offices of the Secretaries for the Majority and Minority	1,468	1,528	1,528	+60	.....
Agency contributions and related expenses	32,134	33,779	33,779	+1,645	.....
Outlays	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, Salaries, officers and employees	125,307	134,440	134,440	+9,133	.....
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate					
Salaries and expenses	4,843	5,152	5,152	+309	.....
Office of Senate Legal Counsel					
Salaries and expenses	1,222	1,265	1,265	+43	.....
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: Expenses allowances	24	24	24	.....	.....
Contingent Expenses of the Senate					
Inquiries and investigations	118,462	120,435	110,000	−8,462	−10,435
Expenses of United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control	520	520	520	.....	.....
Secretary of the Senate	2,265	1,700	1,700	−565	.....
Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate	135,243	136,066	127,182	−8,061	−8,884
Miscellaneous items	18,425	18,676	18,326	−99	−350
Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account	305,719	340,972	326,000	+20,281	−14,972
Official Mail Costs					
Expenses	300	300	300	.....	.....
Total, Contingent expenses of the Senate	580,934	618,669	584,028	+3,094	−34,641
Total, Senate	712,488	759,708	725,067	+12,579	−34,641
JOINT ITEMS					
Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies	1,250	.....	.....	−1,250	.....
Joint Economic Committee	3,988	4,139	4,139	+151	.....
Joint Committee on Taxation	8,064	8,476	8,476	+412	.....
Office of the Attending Physician					
Medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances	2,223	2,528	2,528	+305	.....

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Item	2004 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or −)	
				2004 appropriation	Budget estimate
Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office	3,511	3,844	3,844	+333	.....
Statements of Appropriations	30	30	30	.....	.....
Total, Joint items	19,066	19,017	19,017	−49	.....
CAPITOL POLICE					
Salaries	196,434	.....	198,000	+1,566	+198,000
General expenses	23,361	.....	28,925	+5,564	+28,925
Salaries and expenses	.....	291,641	.....	.....	−291,641
Total, Capitol Police	219,795	291,641	226,925	+7,130	−64,716
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE					
Salaries and expenses	2,242	2,950	2,421	+179	−529
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses	33,620	35,455	34,790	+1,170	−665
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL					
Capitol Buildings and Grounds					
General administration	76,598	89,245	74,558	−2,040	−14,687
Capitol building	28,021	32,239	24,784	−3,237	−7,455
Capitol grounds	6,846	8,080	6,940	+94	−1,140
Senate office buildings	63,014	65,309	62,303	−711	−3,006
Capitol Power Plant	85,436	67,776	65,328	−20,108	−2,448
Offsetting collections	−4,374	−4,400	−4,400	−26	.....
Net subtotal, Capitol Power Plant	81,062	63,376	60,928	−20,134	−2,448
Library buildings and grounds	38,928	160,678	65,145	+26,217	−95,533

Capitol police buildings and grounds	3,289	40,292	7,090	+3,801	−33,202
Transfer out	(−12,000)	.....	.....	(+12,000)	.....
Botanic garden	6,152	11,581	6,294	+142	−5,287
Capitol Visitor Center	36,621	8,469	.....	−36,621	−8,469
Transfer in (non-add)	(12,000)	.....	.....	(−12,000)	.....
Total, Capitol Visitor Center	(48,621)	(8,469)	.....	(−48,621)	(−8,469)
Total, Architect of the Capitol	340,531	479,269	308,042	−32,489	−171,227
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS					
Salaries and expenses	368,709	393,931	379,648	+10,939	−14,283
Authority to spend receipts	−6,810	−6,350	−6,350	+460	.....
Subtotal, Salaries and expenses	361,899	387,581	373,298	+11,399	−14,283
Copyright Office, salaries and expenses	48,005	53,518	53,518	+5,513	.....
Authority to spend receipts	−29,489	−34,149	−33,339	−3,850	+810
Subtotal, Copyright Office	18,516	19,369	20,179	+1,663	+810
Congressional Research Service, salaries and expenses	91,185	100,934	96,678	+5,493	−4,256
Books for the blind and physically handicapped, Salaries and expenses	51,401	53,937	53,937	+2,536	.....
Total, Library of Congress	523,001	561,821	544,092	+21,091	−17,729
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE					
Congressional printing and binding	90,573	88,800	88,800	−1,773	.....
Office of Superintendent of Documents					
Salaries and expenses	34,253	33,033	31,935	−2,318	−1,098
Government Printing Office Revolving Fund	9,941	25,000	.....	−9,941	−25,000
Office of the Inspector General	.....	4,225	.....	.....	−4,225
Total, Government Printing Office	134,767	151,058	120,735	−14,032	−30,323
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses	463,577	486,654	477,419	+13,842	−9,235
Offsetting collections	−5,971	−6,119	−7,419	−1,448	−1,300

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[In thousands of dollars]

Item	2004 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or −)	
				2004 appropriation	Budget estimate
Total, General Accounting Office	457,606	480,535	470,000	+12,394	−10,535
OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER					
Payment to the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund	13,420	15,000	13,500	+80	−1,500
Grand total	2,456,536	2,796,454	2,464,589	+8,053	−331,865
RECAPITULATION					
Senate	712,488	759,708	725,067	+12,579	−34,641
Joint Items	19,066	19,017	19,017	−49	
Capitol Police	219,795	291,641	226,925	+7,130	−64,716
Office of Compliance	2,242	2,950	2,421	+179	−529
Congressional Budget Office	33,620	35,455	34,790	+1,170	−665
Architect of the Capitol	340,531	479,269	308,042	−32,489	−171,227
Library of Congress	523,001	561,821	544,092	+21,091	−17,729
Government Printing Office	134,767	151,058	120,735	−14,032	−30,323
Government Accountability Office	457,606	480,535	470,000	+12,394	−10,535
Open World Leadership Center	13,420	15,000	13,500	+80	−1,500
Prior year outlays					
Grand total	2,456,536	2,796,454	2,464,589	+8,053	−331,865

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