DIVISION E - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

The following is an explanation of the effects of Division E, which makes appropriations for the legislative branch for fiscal year 2020. Unless otherwise noted, reference to the House and Senate reports are to House Report 116-64 and Senate Report 116-124. The language included in these reports should be complied with and carries the same emphasis as the language included in the explanatory statement, unless specifically addressed to the contrary in this explanatory statement. While repeating some report language for emphasis, this explanatory statement does not intend to negate the language referred to above unless expressly provided herein.

Reprogramming Guidelines: It is expected that all agencies notify the Committees on Appropriations of the House and the Senate (hereinafter "the Committees") of any significant departures from budget plans presented to the Committees in any agency's budget justifications. In particular, agencies funded through this bill are required to notify the Committees prior to any reprogramming of funds in excess of the lesser of 10 percent or \$750,000 between programs, projects or activities, or in excess of \$750,000 between object classifications (except for shifts within the pay categories, object class 11, 12, and 13 or as further specified in each agency's respective section). This includes cumulative reprogrammings that together total at least \$750,000 from or to a particular program, activity, or object classification as well as reprogramming full time equivalents (FTE) or funds to create new organizational entities within the agency or to restructure entities which already exist. In addition, the Committees must be notified of reprogramming actions that 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 Committees' reports are affected.

Updating Congressional Budget Justifications: Congressional Budget Justifications are essential tools within the appropriations process. The efforts of the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council (LBFMC) to share financial information and improve financial processes across the entire legislative branch are applauded. With these efforts in mind, the members of the LBFMC are directed to explore refining and standardizing Congressional Budget Justifications and present the findings to the Committees within 180 days of the enactment of this act. The findings should include but not be limited to best practices for using Zero Base Budgeting,

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aligning FTE levels with current enacted appropriations and the funding requested in the budget year and providing detailed justifications for large multi-year or joint projects.

Offices of Inspectors General Budgets: It is important to ensure independence between legislative branch Offices of Inspectors General (OIG) and their respective reporting agencies. There shall be a separate section in each agency's fiscal year 2021 budget justification reflecting a detailed budget request for the agency's OIG. Each OIG is directed to keep the Committees fully apprised of its funding needs. In addition, each agency is directed to avoid interference with or require approval for such communications.

Science and Technology Needs in Congress: The report released on November 14, 2019, by the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) identified the existing gaps in science and technology expertise and resources available to Congress. The Committees, Members, stakeholders and other committees of jurisdiction working together will continue to evaluate the recommendations in the report to address this gap.

Data Centers: Legislative branch agencies use information technology (IT) infrastructure, systems and services to support critical functions to carry out their statutory missions, including functions essential to carrying out the constitutional responsibilities of the legislative branch.

IT infrastructure, systems and services may be located in data centers covering several geographic regions or using several types of cloud services. Regardless of how such infrastructure, systems and services are provisioned, an agency's IT infrastructure, systems or services must satisfy, or have a plan to achieve, the following requirements: must meet "concurrently maintainable" requirements, as set forth by the Uptime Institute or a designated agency authority; must maintain continuous operation against agency-defined hazards and risks; and must incorporate technical communications capabilities to ensure that all necessary IT resources required to support the mission of the legislative branch can interoperate effectively with the House, Senate, and other agencies.

Advertising Contracts: Each agency is directed to include the following information in its fiscal year 2021 budget justification: Expenditures for fiscal year 2019 for (1) all contracts for advertising services; and (2) contracts for the advertising services with (I) socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns (as defined in section 8(a)(4) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(4)); and (II) women- and minority-owned businesses.

TITLE I

SENATE

The agreement includes \$969,395,000 for Senate operations. This item relates solely to the Senate and is in accordance with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention. The language included in the Senate report should be complied with and carry the same emphasis as the language included in the explanatory statement, unless specifically addressed to the contrary in this explanatory statement.

In lieu of language included in the Senate report, the agreement includes:

Under the heading "Contingent Expenses of the Senate", the amount provided for the Secretary of the Senate for the Senate Information Services program is \$5,136,000 and under the heading "Miscellaneous Items", the amount provided for Postage is \$6,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The agreement provides for unspent amounts remaining in Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account to be used for deficit or debt reduction.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The agreement includes \$1,365,725,000, for House operations, which includes a rescission of \$5,000,000. This item relates solely to the House and is in accordance with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention. The language included in the House report should be complied with and carry the same emphasis as the language included in the explanatory statement, unless specifically addressed to the contrary in this explanatory statement.

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress: The Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress has issued several constructive recommendations to improve the operations of Congress. All House Officers and Offices are encouraged to review the recommendations for feasibility and begin implementation where possible, in consultation with the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on House Administration.

House Annunciator Project: The Sergeant at Arms is directed to provide a status update regarding the House Annunciator Project within 180 days from the enactment of this act.

Government Contributions: The increase for this account is due to the Office of Personnel Management revising long term economic assumptions and changes to the demographic assumptions for use in actuarial valuations of the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS).

Wounded Warrior and Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Program: The agreement includes \$3,000,000 for the Wounded Warrior Program and the Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Program. The Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Program was established on October 29, 2019, and is cited as the SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Christopher Horton Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Program Act (H. Res. 107).

In lieu of language included in the House report, the agreement includes:

Under the heading "House Leadership Offices", the amount provided is \$28,884,000, the amount provided for Office of the Speaker is \$8,295,000, the amount for Office of the Majority Floor Leader is \$2,947,000, the amount for Office of the Minority Floor Leader is \$8,295,000, the amount for Office of the Majority Whip is \$2,219,000, the amount for Republican Conference is \$2,340,000, and the amount for Democratic Caucus is \$2,340,000; under the heading "Salaries, Officers and Employees" the amount provided is \$231,903,000, the amount provided for Office of the Clerk is \$30,766,000, the amount provided for Office of the Sergeant of Arms is \$20,225,000, the amount provided for Chief Administrative Officer is \$153,550,000, and the amount provided for Office of General Counsel is \$1,751,000; under the heading "Allowances and Expenses", the amount provided is \$323,920,000, the amount provided for Government Contributions is \$2294,377,000.

Legislative Information Management System: The bill provides \$1,500,000, which is below the request but consistent with the project timeline and current needs for the upgrade of the Legislative Information Management System. With this major investment for House

operations, the Clerk is directed to provide quarterly status updates including project milestones and spending targets.

Funding for the Chief Administrative Officer: The bill provides \$153,550,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), including \$88,450,000 for House Information Resources; \$5,450,000 for House-Wide Training Programs; and \$1,413,000 for the Office of Employee Advocacy. The CAO is directed to provide quarterly status updates on spending including IT project milestones and spending targets.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The agreement provides for unspent amounts remaining in the Members' Representational Allowances account to be used for deficit or debt reduction; places a limitation on amount available to lease vehicles; amends the allowance for compensation of interns in member offices and allows transfer authority; provides an allowance for compensation of interns in Leadership offices and allows transfer authority; limits the sharing of House information by Federal entities; rescinds amounts in the Stationery and Page Dorm revolving funds; provides for using available balances of expired funds for death gratuity payment and workers compensation and unemployment compensation payments; and provides for reduction in the amount of tuition charged for children of House Child Care Center employees.

JOINT ITEMS JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The agreement includes \$4,203,000 for salaries and expenses.

JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES OF 2021

The agreement includes \$1,500,000 for salaries and expenses associated with conducting the inaugural ceremonies of the President and Vice President of the United States on January 20, 2021, in accordance with such program as may be adopted by the joint congressional committee authorized to conduct the inaugural ceremonies of 2021.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

The agreement includes \$11,563,000 for salaries and expenses.

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

The agreement includes \$3,868,000.

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$1,509,000 for salaries and expenses.

CAPITOL POLICE SALARIES

The agreement includes \$379,062,000 for salaries of the United States Capitol Police (USCP). The increase includes funds to support 57 additional sworn officers as well as one additional position for the USCP Office of Inspector General. No more than \$47,048,000 is recommended for overtime in fiscal year 2020. This provides for approximately 717,791 hours of additional duty including coverage of the 2020 National Conventions and pre-inauguration.

USCP Office of Inspector General: The agreement provides funding to support not less than six FTE within the USCP Office of Inspector General.

The agreement reiterates directives included in the Senate report and/or House report related to:

USCP Wellness Program: The Department's efforts to date to develop an overall Wellness Program for the officers and civilian personnel of the U.S. Capitol Police are encouraging. It is important to ensure the Capitol Police workforce has the needed support in order to perform its critical national security mission of defending the legislative process. As a part of this law enforcement function, it is important for the Department to continue its effort to maintain the highest level of readiness.

Therefore, the Department is encouraged to begin implementation of a holistic wellness and resiliency program for its workforce that emphasizes the importance of physical fitness, nutritional health, mental and emotional health, and financial wellness. Mindfulness plays an important role in having a first responder workforce that is holistically balanced and resilient. With an emphasis on improving and maintaining both physical fitness and mental health, the Department will be able to provide the support to its workforce to enable them to maintain full focus and attention to the Department's critical mission.

Within 45 days of enactment of this act, the Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees providing the scope, timeline and the cost estimates for implementation and maintenance of such a program. This report should include specific details on how the Department plans to utilize its current resources, such as fitness centers and contracted fitness training support in this effort, and how it would expand these capabilities to provide the greatest opportunity for its workforce to improve and maintain their physical fitness and nutritional health. The Department should also include details of the other focus areas for its Wellness Program, to include, but not limited to mental, emotional and financial health. This Program should be designed to achieve the highest level of participation of the USCP's workforce. The Committees look forward to working closely with the Department to achieve this effort.

Micromobility Options on U.S. Capitol Grounds: Dockless commercial scooters, or escooters, and other motorized devices for rent have grown as a commuting option for congressional staffers, tourists and other visitors to the District of Columbia and Capitol Grounds. It is recognized that new and expanding micromobility options in the District can offer alternatives to car travel and increase access to public transportation. However, these options can create a public safety concern impacting vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the Capitol Grounds if not appropriately regulated and if left unchecked. The safety and security concerns – specifically e-scooters left unattended on sidewalks, roadways, and high-pedestrian access areas throughout the Capitol Grounds – raised by the Capitol Police and other members of the congressional community should continue to be addressed by both the USCP and the House and Senate Sergeants at Arms. The Capitol Police and the Sergeants at Arms are directed to continue and expand efforts to communicate to e-scooter companies, congressional staff, District residents

and visitors current restrictions for using and/or parking e-scooters on or around Capitol Grounds. The USCP and the Sergeants at Arms are also directed to engage with the e-scooter companies and the District to explore the feasibility of having locations adjacent to campus to designate as e-scooter parking areas.

Use of Grounds: The Committees understand the need to maintain safety and order on the Capitol Grounds and the USCP is commended for its efforts. Given the family-style neighborhood that the Capitol shares with the surrounding community the Capitol Police is instructed to forebear enforcement of 2 U.S.C. 1963 ("an act to protect the public property, turf, and grass of the Capitol Grounds from injury") and the Traffic Regulations for the United States Capitol Grounds when encountering snow sledders on the grounds.

GENERAL EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$85,279,000 for general expenses of the Capitol Police. USCP Office of Inspector General: The agreement provides funding not less than \$452,500 for expenses of the Office of Inspector General.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The agreement amends 2 U.S.C. 1926(c), by increasing the employee educational assistance program reimbursement limit from \$40,000 to \$60,000 for student loan repayments.

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE RIGHTS SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$6,333,000 for salaries and expenses.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$54,941,000 for salaries and expenses.

Responsiveness: The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) is expected to ensure a high level of responsiveness to committees, leadership and Members, to the greatest extent practicable under the priorities for CBO set by law, especially when working on current pending legislation. As an agency that prides itself as being nonpartisan, CBO should be providing the same information to all stakeholders at the appropriate time when addressing legislation that has been made public.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

The agreement includes \$695,933,000 for the activities of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC).

AOC Office of Inspector General (OIG): The agreement includes not less than \$3,810,000 to support no fewer than 15 FTE within the AOC OIG during fiscal year 2020.

AOC Response to Sexual Harassment Complaints: There continues to be a concern with the findings of the March 15, 2019, AOC OIG review of the AOC's response to sexual harassment complaints over the previous 10-year period. Employees of the AOC should feel their work environment is safe and that complaints of harassment and discrimination are taken seriously.

The AOC is directed to report to the Committees within 60 days of enactment of this act on the status of implementation for each of the 16 inquiry results listed in the AOC OIG's report, to include the implementation of the recommendations identified in prior OIG sexual harassment management advisories that went unimplemented in previous years. The report should detail the timeline for implementation as well as any updates or revisions to the AOC's internal policies relating to harassment and discrimination, including employee training on how to prevent and properly report incidents.

Improved Coordination of Legislative Branch Data Centers: Each legislative branch agency independently determines how to manage its data center needs, including: which type of computing (center-based versus cloud-based) to use, the appropriate location for its data centers and required tier of security, the type of facility business model (owned or leased) and expected length of occupancy. While it is appropriate for each agency to make these decisions unilaterally, it does create governance issues across the legislative branch. The AOC manages several facilities that provide space for data centers, but their use is subject to individual agency decisions, making it difficult for AOC to plan for building maintenance and renovations. Coordination of agency decisions regarding data centers would likely result in cost savings from economies of scale and agreements on physical building space usage. The chief information officers (CIOs) of the legislative branch agencies are directed to form a governance board that will have authority over common elements among agencies' management of their data centers. Such elements should include agreements on the use of available space in data centers that are owned and managed by the AOC. The board should identify the expected rate of occupancy of AOC data centers over the next 5 to 10 years, their required level of security, and agreed-upon uses of unused space for other purposes. The CIOs should report to the Committees within 180 days of enactment of this act that the governance board has been created. Thereafter, the board should provide annual reports to the Committees on its deliberations and decisions, with the first report being due by January 30, 2021.

Data Provided for AOC Projects in Budget Justifications: The AOC is requested to provide in its fiscal year 2022 budget justification additional information about the line item construction projects requested that total \$25,000,000 or more. Similar to the information provided for Department of Defense projects in form 1391 (DD 1391), the budget justifications should include data such as: (1) project description, to include phases (if applicable) delineated by fiscal year, funding for each phase by fiscal year, and a detailed description of what that funding procures; (2) project justification and analysis of benefits; (3) a comparison of budget authority with the prior year's budget for budget authority already received and needed in future years; (4) a justification of any cost, schedule, or design change from prior years; (5) total estimated cost with a detailed breakout by design, construction, and operating costs; (6) a complete project schedule to include dates indicating design start, 35 percent design completion, award of construction documents, design completion, award of construction completion; (7) design contract type; and (8) an analysis of alternatives with associated costs.

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS

The agreement includes \$120,000,000 for Capital Construction and Operations.

With respect to operations and projects, the agreement includes the	following:
Operating Budget:	\$120,000,000
Total, Capital Construction and Operations	\$120,000,000

CAPITOL BUILDING

The agreement includes \$68,878,000, for maintenance, care, and operation of the Capitol, of which \$40,899,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2024.

With respect to operations and projects, the agreement includes th	e following:
Operating Budget:	\$27,979,000
Project Budget:	
Exterior Stone and Metal Preservation, West, Phase III	22,300,000
FY2021 Presidential Inaugural Stands & Support Facilities	7,000,000
Electric Power Distribution System Replacement, House	5,500,000
Conservation of Fine and Architectural Art	599,000
Minor Construction	<u>5,500,000</u>
	40,899,000
Total, Capitol Building	\$68,878,000

Accessibility: It is critical for all individuals visiting the U.S. Capitol complex to have the opportunity to be inspired and learn. Individuals with disabilities should receive the same information and experiences as those who do not have disabilities. Signage, brochures and many exhibit descriptions are available in Braille and/or large print. There are several touchable models available as is an audio descriptive tour of Exhibition Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center (CVC). The efforts of the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services (OCAS) to develop a touchable model/map of the CVC and the Capitol complex are helpful, as well as its development of a descriptive audio tour for the redesigned Exhibition Hall located in the CVC. In addition, its efforts to enhance independent navigation and access to visual information for those who are blind or have low vision are important. However, emerging access technologies, including remote video connectivity to trained visual interpreters that can support such access, should be considered. The AOC, working with the OCAS, is encouraged to research and

evaluate access technologies for those who are blind or have low vision that enable access to visual information and enhance independent navigation. The AOC is expected to provide a briefing to the Committees within 180 days of enactment of this act on plans to incorporate these technologies into the visitor experience in the Capitol building.

Display of the Official Flags of Federally Recognized Indian Tribes: The AOC is encouraged to study the feasibility of the display of the official flags of federally recognized Indian Tribes in visible spaces on the Capitol campus. The AOC is requested to provide a report to the Committees within 120 days of enactment of this act describing potential scope and display method options.

Depictions of Native Americans and Native American History in the Capitol: There are depictions of Native Americans throughout the Capitol complex that do not portray Native Americans as equals or Indian Tribes as independent sovereigns. The AOC is urged to work with the Native American historians and professionals at the National Museum of the American Indian to ensure that the Capitol complex describes more accurately and respectfully represents the history of Native Americans. The AOC is also encouraged to acknowledge in its exhibitions on American history and tradition the elements that have originated from Native American cultures.

CAPITOL GROUNDS

The agreement includes \$15,024,000 for the care and improvements of the grounds surrounding the Capitol, House and Senate office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant, of which \$3,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2024.

With respect to operations and projects, the agreement includes	the following:
Operating Budget:	\$12,024,000
Project Budget:	
Minor Construction	3,000,000
	3,000,000
Total, Capitol Grounds	\$15,024,000

Summerhouse: The historic Summerhouse on the Capitol grounds designed in 1880 by Frederick Law Olmsted is badly deteriorated and has needed masonry structure renovation for years. Yet, the project has been deemed lower priority than other important projects and not funded. The Architect is encouraged to apply to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission for the \$3,200,000 requested in the fiscal year 2020 budget for renovation of the Summerhouse. The Commission uses the Capitol Preservation Fund to provide financing for preservation of the Capitol and structures on Capitol grounds, making the Summerhouse an appropriate project recipient. The Architect is requested to notify the Committees when a request has been made to the Commission for Summerhouse funding.

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

The agreement includes \$88,424,000 for the maintenance, care and operation of the Senate Office Buildings, of which \$23,100,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2024.

Operating Budget:	\$65,324,000
Project Budget:	
HVAC AHU Improvements, HSOB	13,700,000
Prescriptive Egress Improvements, HSOB	1,800,000
Exterior Envelope Rehabilitation, DSOB	1,600,000
Minor Construction	<u>6,000,000</u>
	23,100,000
Total, Senate Office Buildings	\$88,424,000

This item relates solely to the Senate and is in accordance with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements, and the other concurs without intervention.

Senate Employees' Child Care Center (SECCC): In anticipation of receipt by March 31, 2020, of the AOC report to identify and evaluate potential options for expanding the physical capacity of the SECCC, and a potential decision made on the path forward for SECCC facility expansion, the agreement concurs with the Senate Report and provides an additional \$1,000,000

for Senate Office Buildings Minor Construction above the fiscal year 2020 budget request to be used for pre-design activities if the selection of a preferred option from the ongoing study is finalized. Such pre-design activities would include developing a site-specific program of requirements, an acquisition plan, and an independent government estimate.

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement includes \$153,273,000 for the care and maintenance of the House Office Buildings, of which \$30,300,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2024, and \$62,000,000 shall remain available until expended for the restoration and renovation of the Cannon House Office Building.

Operating Budget:	\$60,973,000
Project Budget:	
Electrical Distribution Switchgear Upgrade, LHOB	17,200,000
CAO Project Support	6,100,000
Minor Construction	7,000,000
Cannon Building Restoration	<u>62,000,000</u>
	92,300,000
Total House Office Buildings (base program)	\$153,273,000

This item relates solely to the House and is in accordance with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements, and the other concurs without intervention.

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

In addition to the \$10,000,000 made available from receipts credited as reimbursements to this appropriation, the agreement includes \$98,957,000 for maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol Power Plant, of which \$15,300,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2024.

With respect to operations and projects, the agreement includes the f	ollowing:
Operating Budget:	\$83,657,000
Project Budget:	
R Tunnel Improvements, Constitution	10,100,000
Switchgear A and the Final Chiller Replacement, RPF, Phase VIII, WRP	1,200,000
Minor Construction	4,000,000
	15,300,000
Total, Capitol Power Plant	\$98,957,000
Offsetting Collections	10,000,000

Reimbursable Authority: The reimbursable authority for steam and chilled water provides additional resources for Capitol Power Plant operations beyond those provided through appropriated funds. However, the use of this funding, expected to total \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2020, is not described in Architect of the Capitol budget justifications or controlled by Congress in any way. The AOC is directed to include projected uses of this reimbursable authority in its future budgets.

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The agreement includes \$55,746,000 for Library of Congress Buildings and Grounds, of which \$25,200,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2024.

With respect to operations and projects, the agreement includes the following:		
Operating Budget:	\$30,546,000	
Project Budget:		
Copper Roof Replacement and Fall Protection, JAB	16,500,000	
ESPC Management Program, LBG	5,200,000	
Minor Construction	<u>3,500,000</u>	
	25,200,000	
Total, Library Buildings and Grounds	\$55,746,000	

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND SECURITY

The agreement includes \$55,216,000 for Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds and Security, of which \$28,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2024.

With respect to operations and projects, the agreement includes the	e following:
Operating Budget:	\$27,216,000
Project Budget:	
Barrier Lifecycle Perimeter Security Kiosk Rplcmt, Phase IV, OSP	8,300,000
Roof Replacement, Alternate Computer Facility	7,300,000
Perimeter Security Fence Modification, OSP	4,900,000
Off-Site Delivery Screening Center Study, OSP	1,500,000
Visitor Vestibules, USC	1,000,000
Minor Construction	5,000,000
	28,000,000
Total, Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds and Security	\$55,216,000

BOTANIC GARDEN

The agreement includes \$16,094,000 for the U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG), of which \$4,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2024. Within Operating Expenses, the recommendation includes the \$150,000 increase requested for the exhibits program celebrating the USBG's 200th anniversary year. The agreement also includes the requested \$200,000 increase for the partnerships program for urban agriculture, which will expand the Botanic Garden's urban agricultural training and education initiative.

With respect to operations and projects, the agreement incl	ludes the following:
Operating Budget:	\$12,094,000
Project Budget:	
Minor Construction	4,000,000
	4,000,000
Total, Botanic Garden	\$16,094,000

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

The agreement includes \$24,321,000 for the Capitol Visitor Center.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The agreement prohibits payments of bonuses to contractors behind schedule or over budget.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$504,164,000 in direct appropriations and authority to spend receipts of \$6,000,000 for a total of \$510,164,000. This amount includes \$3,587,000 for the Veterans History Project.

Office of Inspector General: The agreement includes not less than \$3,991,000 for the Library's Office of Inspector General during fiscal year 2020.

Centralized Funding for Information Technology: As requested by the Library, funding for centralized IT services is appropriated directly to the main Library of Congress Salaries and Expenses account for use by the Office of the Chief Information Officer instead of to the component organizations receiving the IT services. This realignment reflects where services are actually being performed, avoiding the need for repeated reimbursement transactions, and will help facilitate the final phases of IT centralization across the Library. As a result, a total of \$13,556,000 is provided to the Salaries and Expenses account, with \$2,708,000 allocated for Copyright Office IT services, \$8,767,000 designated for Congressional Research Service IT services. As a result of this realignment, funding for the three agencies may appear lower, compared to fiscal year 2019. The Library is expected to provide a detailed spending plan within 60 days of enactment of this act, including any increase in FTE levels associated with the IT modernization.

Primary Computing Facility: Included within this recommendation is \$7,000,000 for Data Center Transformation and Modernization (phase II). The Library's Office of the Chief Information Officer has confirmed that it is on schedule to complete the Data Center Transformation Program by the end of fiscal year 2020. The Librarian of Congress is directed to provide a written report, within 30 days of enactment of this act, outlining a month-by-month timeline of when the data center migration will be completed, including a detailed overview of how the Library intends to meet its fiscal year 2020 deadline to migrate to an offsite certified Tier III data center.

IT Modernization and Integrated Master Schedule: The agreement continues to build on investments in IT modernization at the Library, including updating outdated infrastructure, supporting migration to a Tier III data center, and improving the security of the networks. To facilitate the oversight of these investments, the Library is directed to develop an integrated master schedule for its overarching IT modernization efforts. The integrated master schedule should use best practice criteria from the Government Accountability Office, Project Management Institute, or other entity with similar expertise to outline the span of the modernization effort, to be updated on a rolling basis as milestones are met and modernization moves forward. In order to measure the modernization cost and schedule performance on an ongoing basis, the integrated master schedule should also include a comparison of the applicable planned cost of completed work to actual cost incurred, to be updated quarterly. The baselined integrated master schedule should be completed and shared with the Committees within 60 days of enactment of this act.

Visitor Experience Project: The agreement provides \$10,000,000 to be available until expended for further design and development of the Visitor Experience Project. This brings the total Federal investment provided thus far for the project to \$20,000,000. The Library is expected to complete a detailed plan with further design, along with cost estimates completed by the Architect of the Capitol, for the project. This material should be made available as part of the Library's annual budget request. Language is included making this funding available only upon approval of the House and Senate Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittees. Such approval will be contingent upon agreement that the Library has completed the necessary design and development of the project, along with detailed cost estimates. The Library is also requested to provide semi-annually the amount of non-Federal funding committed or received for this project.

National Film and Sound Recording Preservation Programs: The important work of the National Film Preservation Program and the National Sound Recording Preservation Program is

recognized, including the federally chartered National Film and National Recording Preservation Foundations (Foundations). Consistent with the authorizing statute, the Foundations utilize both public and private matching funds to provide grants to a wide array of educational and non-profit organizations that help preserve historical and cultural artifacts that would otherwise disappear or be destroyed over time. Given that these programs were reauthorized under the Library of Congress Sound Recording and Film Preservation Programs Reauthorization Act of 2016 (Public Law 114-217), the Library is expected to provide support to these programs.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$42,137,000 in direct appropriations to the Copyright Office. An additional \$45,700,000 is made available from receipts for salaries and expenses and \$4,003,000 is available from prior year unobligated balances, for a total of \$91,840,000.

Information Technology Modernization: The recommendation continues funding for Copyright Office IT modernization. The Copyright Office is directed to provide a detailed spend plan for the IT modernization efforts intended to be addressed with the funds provided in fiscal year 2020. Additionally, the Copyright Office is directed to develop an integrated and reliable master schedule for its mission specific modernization efforts. The integrated master schedule should use best practice criteria from the Government Accountability Office, Project Management Institute, or other entity with similar expertise to outline a set of detailed milestones and outcome measures over the span of the modernization effort, to be updated on a rolling basis as milestones are met and modernization moves forward. In order to measure the modernization cost and schedule performance on an ongoing basis, the integrated master schedule should also include a comparison of the applicable planned cost of completed work to actual cost incurred, to be updated quarterly. The baselined integrated master schedule should be completed and shared with the Committees within 60 days of enactment of this act.

In lieu of language included in the Senate report, the agreement includes the following:

Satellite Subsidy Expiration: There is a concern that the distant signal provision contained in the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-200) may provide a below-market incentive for a mature satellite industry to restrict local news transmission. Recognizing that this law is set to expire on December 31, 2019, the Register of Copyrights is directed to conduct a study on the impact on the market post-expiration, and report to the Committees within 18 months of enactment of this act.

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$120,495,000 for salaries and expenses.

Congressional Staff Education: The Congressional Research Service (CRS) provides valuable education seminars for congressional staff on the legislative process. CRS is encouraged to continue to incorporate analyses of Federal law and related judicial developments, legislation and the regulatory process, and international law into its curriculum.

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

The agreement includes \$58,563,000 for salaries and expenses.

Modernization: The recommendation includes \$5,000,000 for replacement of the Braille and Audio Reading by Download (BARD) website which will enhance service to existing National Library Service (NLS) patrons and is expected to increase its number of users. The recommendation also includes \$2,375,000 to increase the supply of talking book machines and Braille eReaders.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The agreement includes a provision regarding reimbursable and revolving funds.

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE CONGRESSIONAL PUBLISHING (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement includes \$79,000,000 for authorized publishing, printing and binding for the Congress.

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

The agreement includes \$31,296,000.

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE BUSINESS OPERATIONS REVOLVING FUND

The agreement includes \$6,704,000.

Office of Inspector General. The agreement includes not less than \$4,172,000 for the Government Publishing Office's (GPO) Office of Inspector General (OIG) during fiscal year 2020.

Responsiveness to Congress: The GPO OIG is responsible for providing independent and objective information to the Director of GPO and to the Congress. The information provided is crucial to the oversight functions of Congress and the daily functions of the agency and its employees. The OIG shall fully inform the Committees of any problems and deficiencies within the agency, as provided by statute. The OIG should inform the Committees periodically and upon request of all completed activities of the OIG that are not classified in nature. In instances when information or reports are deemed agency-sensitive, the OIG is expected to be transparent and work collectively with the Committees to ensure that Congress has access to information critical to its legislative branch oversight functions.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes \$630,000,000 in direct appropriations for salaries and expenses of the Government Accountability Office (GAO). In addition, \$24,800,000 is available from offsetting collections, for a total of \$654,800,000.

GAO Office of Inspector General: The agreement also includes not less than \$2,375,000 for the GAO Office of Inspector General, which supports not less than 11 FTE.

Science and Technology Issues: The funding provided will allow GAO to increase support for Congress' work on evolving science and technology issues. The 2019 report from the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) identified the need for GAO to focus its advice to Congress on technical assessments and short-to-medium term studies. The study also highlighted that although GAO's support requests from Congress have increased, GAO should consider expanding its outreach to the science and technology community and coordination with CRS to better fill these gaps. GAO is encouraged to dedicate a specific number of experts to work exclusively on GAO's Science, Technology Assessment, and Analytics (STAA) team that was created in January 2019, a recommendation that was included in the NAPA report.

GAO Budget Appropriations Group: The GAO Budget Appropriations Group provides important services to Congress through its formal legal opinions, informal legal advice, the updating of its three-volume treatise on appropriations law, and its responsibilities under the Impoundment Control Act. The number of requests to the Budget Appropriations Group has increased dramatically over the last five years, making it more difficult for GAO to respond to Congressional inquiries. Within the increases provided, GAO is encouraged to enhance the resources allocated to its important appropriations law functions.

OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND

The agreement includes \$5,900,000.

Mission: The Open World Leadership Center (OWLC) is applauded on its twentieth year of operation. The highlight of OWLC's accomplishments has been the engagement of program participants with United States Government officials, including Members of Congress, which helps to improve the image of the United States in countries where leaders have limited direct interface with Americans and our values.

Open World should continue to support Congress in fostering relationships with select foreign states in its programs as an adjunct to United States diplomatic relations, and to gain greater understanding between our nations. Such a course of action would be in line with a national strategy to compete for influence in Central and Eastern Europe as well as Central Asian countries, given the current multi-polar world that presents both challenges and opportunities.

JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The agreement includes \$430,000.

TITLE II – GENERAL PROVISIONS

The agreement continues provisions related to maintenance and care of private vehicles; fiscal year limitations; rates of compensation and designation; consulting services; costs of the LBFMC; limitation on transfers; guided tours of the Capitol; limitation on telecommunications equipment procurement; prohibition on certain operational expenses; plastic waste reduction; adjustments to normal cost percentage rates; and congressional staff compensation.

(Amounts in thousands)

FY 2019	FY 2020		Final Bill	Final Bill
Enacted	Request	Final Bill	vs FY 2019	vs Request

TITLE I - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SENATE

Payment to Widows and Heirs of Deceased Members					
of Congress	174			-174	
Vice President	19	20	19		-1
President Pro Tempore of the Senate	38	40	38		-2
Majority Leader of the Senate	40	40	40		
Minority Leader of the Senate	40	40	40		
Majority Whip of the Senate	10	10	10		
Minority Whip of the Senate	10	10	10		
President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the Senate	15	15	15		
Chairman of the Majority Conference Committee	5	5	5		
Chairman of the Minority Conference Committee	5	5	5		
Chairman of the Majority Policy Committee	5	5	5		
Chairman of the Minority Policy Committee	5	5	5		
Subtotal, expense allowances	192	195	192		- 3
Representation Allowances for the Majority and					
Minority Leaders	28	30	28		- 2
Total, Expense allowances and representation	220	225	220		- 5

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(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2020 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2019	Final Bill vs Request
Salaries, Officers and Employees					
Office of the Vice President	2,484	2,533	2,533	+49	
Office of the President Pro Tempore	744	759	759	+15	
office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus	319	327	326	+7	- 1
Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders	5,400	5,506	5,506	+106	
Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips	3,455	3,525	3,525	+70	
Committee on Appropriations	15,496	15,793	15,793	+297	
Conference committees	3,408	3,476	3,476	+68	
Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the					
Majority and the Conference of the Minority	843	863	862	+19	- 1
Policy committees	3,482	3,552	3,552	+70	
Office of the Chaplain	475	511	510	+35	-1
Office of the Secretary	26,315	26,818	26,818	+503	
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper	84,157	85,867	85,867	+1,710	
Offices of the Secretaries for the Majority and					
Minority	1,900	1,940	1,940	+40	
gency contributions and related expenses	59,912	64,855	64,854	+4,942	- 1
 Total, Salaries, officers and employees	208,390	216,325	216,321	+7,931	- 4
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate					
Galaries and expenses	6,278	6,397	6,397	+119	
Office of Senate Legal Counsel					
alaries and expenses	1,176	1.197	1.197	+21	

(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2020 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2019	
Expense Allowances of the Secretary of the Senate,					
Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, and					
Secretaries for the Majority and Minority of the					
Senate: Expense allowances	28	30	28		- 2
Contingent Expenses of the Senate					
Inquiries and investigations	133,265	133,265	133,265		
Expenses of United States Senate Caucus on					
International Narcotics Control	508	516	508		- 8
Secretary of the Senate	10,036	9,536	14,536	+4,500	+5,000
Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate	126,595	128,753	128,753	+2,158	
Miscellaneous items	18,871	18,879	18,871		- 8
Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense					
Account	429,000	531,054	449,000	+20,000	-82,054
Official Mail Costs					
Expenses	300	300	300		
Total, Contingent expenses of the Senate	718,575	822,303	745,233	+26,658	-77,070
Total, Senate	934,841	1,046,477	969,396	+34,555	-77,081
(Discretionary)	(934,667)	(1,046,477)	(969,396)	(+34,729)	
(Mandatory)	(174)			(-174)	
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FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2020 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2019	Final Bill vs Request		
174			-174			
7,124	7,822	8,295	+1,171	+473		
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				+349		
1,776	2,043	2,340	+564	+297		
25,379	27,916	28,884	+3,505	+968		
573,630	613,000	615,000	+41,370	+2,000		
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(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2020 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2019	Final Bill vs Request
Allowance for Compensation of Interns					
House Member Offices House Leadership Offices	8,800	8,820	11,025 365	+2,225 +365	+2,205 +365
Committee Employees					
Standing Committees, Special and Select	127,903	139,143	135,359	+7,456	-3,784
Committee on Appropriations (including studies and investigations)	23,113	25,424	24,269	+1,156	-1,155
Subtotal, Committee employees	151,016	164,567	159,628	+8,612	-4,939
Salaries, Officers and Employees					
Office of the Clerk Office of the Sergeant at Arms Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Office of Diversity and Inclusion Office of of the Whistleblower Ombudsman Office of the Inspector General Office of General Counsel	28,305 18,773 148,058 5,019 1,502 2,026	32,826 23,720 166,603 600 5,019 1,518	30,766 20,225 153,550 1,000 750 5,019 1,751 2,088	+2,461 +1,452 +5,492 +1,000 +750 +249	-2,060 -3,495 -13,053 +400 +150 +233
Office of the Parliamentarianof the House Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House	2,026 3,327 11,937	2,088 3,419 11,937	2,088 3,419 11,937	+62 +92 	

(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2020 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2019	Final Bill vs Request
Office of Interparliamentary AffairsOther authorized employees	814 584	814 584	814 584		
Subtotal, Salaries, officers and employees	220,345	249,728	231,903	+11,558	-17,825
Allowances and Expenses					
Supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims Official mail for committees, leadership offices,	525	525	1,526	+1,001	+1,001
and administrative offices of the House	190	190	190		
Government contributions	228,200	263,000	294,377	+66,177	+31,377
Business Continuity and Oisaster Recovery	16,186	17,668	17,668	+1,482	
Transition activities	3,000	4,863	4,489	+1,489	- 374
Wounded Warrior program	3,000	3,000	3,000		
Office of Congressional Ethics	1,670	1,670	1,670		
Miscellaneous items	722	722	1,000	+278	+278
Subtotal, Allowances and expenses	253,493	291,638	323,920	+70,427	+32,282
Subtotal, House of Representatives	1,232,837	1,355,669	1,370,725	+137,888	+15,056
(Discretionary)	1,232,663	1,355,669	1,370,725	+138,062	+15,056
(Mandatory)	174			-174	

(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2020 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2019	Final Bill vs Request
Administrative Provision: Using Expired Funds for					
Employee Compensation and Unemployment Compensation.		1,000			-1,000
Rescissions			-5,000	-5,000	-5,000

Total, House of Representatives	1,232,837	1,356,669	1,365,725	+132,888	+9,056
(Discretionary)		1,356,669	1,365,725	+133,062	+9,056
(Mandatory)	174			-174	
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JOINT ITEMS					
Joint Economic Committee	4,203	4,203	4,203		
Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.			1,500	+1,500	+1,500
Joint Committee on Taxation	11,169	11,563	11,563	+394	
Office of the Attending Physician					
Medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances.	3,798	3,868	3,868	+70	
Office of Congressional Accessibility Services					
Salaries and expenses	1,486	1,509	1,509	+23	

Total. Joint items	20,656	21,143	22,643	+1,987	+1.500
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	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2020 Request		Final Bill vs FY 2019	Final Bill vs Request
CAPITOL POLICE					
Salaries General expenses	374,804 81,504	378,062 85,279	379,062 85,279	+4,258 +3,775	+1,000
Total, Capitol Police	456,308	463,341	464,341	+8,033	+1,000
OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE RIGHTS					
Salaries and expenses	6,333	6,333	6,333		
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses	50,737	53,556	54,941	+4,204	+1,385
OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT					
Salaries and expenses					

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	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2020 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2019	Final Bill vs Request
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL (AOC)					
Capital Construction and Operations	103,962	128,915	120,000	+16,038	-8,915
Capitol building	43,992	68,878	68,878	+24,886	
Capitol grounds	16,761	22,824	15,024	-1,737	-7,800
Senate office buildings	93,562	87,424	88,424	-5,138	+1,000
House office buildings	187,098	154,701	153,273	-33,825	-1,428
House Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund	10,000	10,000		-10,000	-10,000
Capitol Power Plant	123,050	151,225	108,957	-14,093	-42,268
Offsetting collections	-9,000	-9,000	-10,000	-1,000	-1,000
Subtotal, Capitol Power Plant	114,050	142,225	98,957	-15,093	- 43 , 268
ibrary buildings and grounds	68,525	121,346	55.746	-12.779	-65,600
apitol police buildings, grounds and security	57,714	54,966	55,216	-2,498	+250
otanic Garden	14,759	16.094	16.094	+1,335	
Capitol Visitor Center	23,322	24,321	24,321	+999	
Total, Architect of the Capitol	733,745	831,694	695,933	-37,812	-135,761
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	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2020 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2019	Final Bill vs Request
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS					
Salaries and expenses Authority to spend receipts	480,052 -6,000	528,570 -6,000	510,164 -6,000	+30,112	- 18, 406
Subtotal, Salaries and expenses	474,052	522,570	504,164	+30,112	- 18 , 406
Copyright Office, Salaries and expenses Authority to spend receipts Prior year unobligated balances	93,407 -45,490 -4,328	92,992 -45,700 -4,003	91,840 -45,700 -4,003	-1,567 -210 +325	-1,152
Subtotal, Copyright Office	43,589	43,289	42,137	-1,452	-1,152
Congressional Research Service, Salaries and expenses. National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled	125,688	121,572	120,495	-5,193	-1,077
Salaries and expenses	52,783	59,646	58,563	+5,780	-1,083
Total, Library of Congress	696,112	747,077	725,359	+29,247	- 21 , 718

(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2020 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2019	Final Bill vs Request
GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE					
Congressional publishing	79,000	79,000	79,000		
Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents, Salaries and expenses	32,000	31,296	31,296	-704	
Government Publishing Office Business Operations Revolving Fund	6,000	6,704	6,704	+704	
Total, Government Publishing Office	117,000	117,000	117,000		
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses Offsetting collections	625,650 -35,900	672,437 -24,800	654,800 -24,800	+29,150 +11,100	- 17 , 637
Total, Government Accountability Office	589,750	647,637	630,000	+40,250	-17,637
OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND					
Payment to the Open World Leadership Center (OWLC) Trust Fund	5,600	5,800	5,900	+300	+100

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	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2020 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2019	Final Bill vs Request		
JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT							
Stennis Center for Public Service	430	430	430				
ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS							
Adjustments to Compensation (CBO estimate)	-2,000	-2,000	-2,000				
OTHER APPROPRIATIONS							
ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISATER RELIEF ACT, 2019 (P.L. 116-20)							
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE							
Salaries and Expenses (emergency)	10,000			-10,000	***		
Grand total Appropriations Rescission Emergency appropriations	4,852,349 (4,842,349) (10,000)	5,295,157 (5,295,157) 	5,056,001 (5,061,001) (-5,000) 	+203,652 (+218,652) (-5,000) (-10,000)	-239,156 (-234,156) (-5,000)		
Total Discretionary	(4,846,001)	(5,288,157)	(5,049,000)	(+202,999)	(-239,157)		

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