



COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-NY), Ranking Member

2015 Omnibus Appropriations Act

Division H: Legislative Branch

2014 enacted level:	\$4.26 billion
2015 budget request:	\$4.47 billion
2015 Omnibus:	\$4.30 billion

Highlights and key points:

- \$1.181 billion for the House of Representatives, which is equal to the 2014 enacted level and \$19.8 million less than the request.
- \$10.1 million for the Joint Committee on Taxation, which is \$91,000 more than the 2014 enacted level but \$54,000 less than the request. Cost-of-living increases are provided for in order to maintain current services.
- \$348 million for the Capitol Police, which is \$9.5 million more than the 2014 enacted level and \$7.7 million less than the request.
- \$45.7 million for the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), which is equal to the 2014 enacted level and \$378,000 less than the request.
- \$522.0 million for the Government Accountability Office (GAO), which is \$16.6 million more than the 2014 enacted level and \$3.12 million less than the request.
- \$600.3 million for the Architect of the Capitol (AOC), which is \$1.8 million less than the 2014 enacted level and \$76.4 million less than the request.
- \$590.9 million for the Library of Congress, which is \$11.9 million more than the 2014 enacted level and \$2.1 million less than the request.
- \$120 million for the Government Printing Office (GPO), which is \$693,000 less than the 2014 enacted level and \$8.9 million less than the request.

Policy Issues

- The agreement changes the name of the Government Printing Office to the Government Publishing Office.
- The agreement includes report language requiring the House Chief Administrative Officer develop and disseminate online sexual harassment training.
- The agreement gives the Botanic Garden authority to work with non-profits on special exhibits and programming.
- The agreement establishes a Center for Audit Excellence at GAO.
- The agreement allows the Office of Compliance to email, rather than mail, certain notifications to employees.
- The agreement restricts incentives and award payments to AOC contractors if their work is behind schedule or over budget.
- The agreement restricts participation in the Open World Leadership exchange program for Russian participants to allow only those who are engaging in free market development, humanitarian activities, and civic engagement. They also cannot be officials of the central government.