

Legislative Branch

Fiscal Year 2020 Bill At-a-Glance



House Appropriations

The bill provides **\$4.0 billion** to assist the Legislative Branch's lawmaking & oversight, support information technology, & provide for security

House of Representatives: \$1.35 billion



Intern Pay — \$11 million in funding for paid interns, increasing the allowance for paying interns from **\$20,000 to \$25,000 per Member office** and extending the program to leadership offices.

Members Representational Allowance (MRA) — \$615 million for the basic office budgets of House Members — \$41 million more than FY 2019 — supporting on average **an \$55,000 increase in a member office's MRA for 2020.**

Library of Congress: \$720 million



An increase of \$24 million for the Library of Congress, including the Copyright Office, Congressional Research Service, & National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. This funding level will support urgent IT upgrades and ongoing Library initiatives such as the Veterans' History Project.

- Includes \$5 million for the **Library's Enhancing the Visitor Experience initiative**

Capitol Police: \$463 million



An increase of \$7 million over fiscal year 2019 to help cover the cost of operations at the national party conventions next year as well as meeting current operational needs.

Office of Technology Assessment (OTA): \$6 million



Initial funding to re-establish the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA), using the agency's existing authorization. A re-opened OTA will provide unbiased expert assistance to help Congress understand the potential and the risks of technological developments and the policy options for addressing issues those developments raise.

Office of Congressional Workplace Rights: \$6 million



Maintaining last year's increased level, to **enforce legal rights and protections** in the Legislative Branch, including laws against discrimination and sexual harassment.

Government Accountability Office: \$616 million



A \$26 million increase to **sustain increases in staffing to handle its large workload** and begin to address its information technology and building renovation needs.

