Legislative Branch

Bill Text | Committee Report

For fiscal year 2024, the bill provides a total of $5.3 billion, a decrease of $262 million, or 4.7 percent, below 2023. Instead of increasing our ability to serve our constituents and recruit and retain talented staff and United States Capitol Police Officers, this bill merely treads water or cuts. The legislation:

- Does not include language permitting funds in the Act to be used to employ individuals with an employment authorization document under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program.
- Does nothing to facilitate House Resolution 1096, which extends the collective bargaining rights prescribed in the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to employees of the House of Representatives and restores these rights to Congressional staffers.
- Eliminates dedicated funding for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

**Key provisions of the bill include:**

**House of Representatives** – The bill provides a total of $1.851 billion in discretionary appropriations for the House of Representatives including:

- Flat funding or equal to 2023 levels is provided for the following:
  - $810 million for the Members Representational Allowance (MRA).
  - $36.6 million for the offices of the Majority and Minority Leadership.
  - $24.3 million in funding for paid interns for Member, Leadership, and Committee offices.
  - $211.9 million for the operations of House committees.
  - $10 million for the House Modernization Initiatives Account.
- The elimination of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. This bill zeroes out dedicated funding for the office.
- The removal of a longstanding provision to eliminate or reduce plastic waste across the Legislative Branch, further contributing to the impacts of climate change.

**Other Agencies**
The bill also includes funding for the following Agencies:

- $780.9 million for the Capitol Police, an increase of $46.3 million above the 2023 level.
- $64.6 million for the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), an increase of $1.4 million above the 2023 level.
- $843.7 million, an increase of $15.2 million above the 2023 level, for the Library of Congress, including the Copyright Office, Congressional Research Service, and National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled.
- $806 million for the **Government Accountability Office (GAO)**, an increase of $15.7 million above the 2023 level.

The bill provides flat funding or decreases for the following Agencies:
- $8 million for the **Office of Congressional Workplace Rights**, equal to the 2023 level.
- $129.9 million for the **Government Publishing Office**, equal to the 2023 level.
- $787.1 million for the **Architect of the Capitol**, a decrease of $343.3 million below the 2023 level.

**Important Policy Changes:**
- **Office of Congressional Workplace Rights** – This bill does nothing to facilitate House Resolution 1096, which extends collective bargaining rights prescribed in the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to employees of the House of Representatives and restores these rights to Congressional staffers.
- **Office of Diversity and Inclusion** – This bill zeroes out dedicated funding for the office.
- **Plastic Waste Reduction** - This bill eliminates a provision that reduces plastic waste and supports efforts to combat climate change.
- **Amendments Republicans passed during the full committee markup** – The bill includes unnecessary Republican messaging provisions, including a funds prohibition across the Legislative Branch for diversity, equity, and inclusion training or implementation. In addition, this bill seeks to create a license to discriminate against LGBTQI+ people by prohibiting funding that would be used in whole or in part to take any discriminatory action against a person who believes that marriage is, or should be recognized as, a union of one man and one woman. This bill directs the Library of Congress to design an exhibit for American exceptionalism.