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Legislative Branch

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For fiscal year 2024, the bill provides a total of \$5.3 billion, a decrease of \$263 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**.
- **Fails to confront the climate crisis** by eliminating a provision to combat climate change and allowing for excessive plastic waste.
- Does nothing to facilitate **the collective bargaining rights** prescribed to Congressional staffers.
- **Eliminates dedicated funding for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion** and prohibits funding across the Legislative Branch for diversity, equity, and inclusion training or implementation.
- **Creates a license to discriminate against LGBTQI+ people** under the guise of religious liberty and prevents the federal government from adequately responding.

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 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.

The bill also includes funding for the following Agencies:

- \$780.9 million for the **Capitol Police**.
- \$64.6 million for the **Congressional Budget Office (CBO)**.
- \$843.7 million 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)**.

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 under the guise of religious liberty and prevents the federal government from adequately responding. This bill directs the Library of Congress to design an exhibit for American exceptionalism.