



### Legislative Branch

The fiscal year 2024 Legislative Branch funding bill provides \$6.8 billion, which is \$150 million below the fiscal year 2023 enacted levels, a decrease of 2.2 percent. The legislation:

- Maintains level funding for the Members Representational Allowance – the operating budget for Congressional offices – to help recruit and retain talented and diverse staff.
- Invests in our future by continuing internship opportunities for House interns, growing opportunities for working and middle class families.
- Keeps Members safe by continuing the House Sergeant at Arms District Office and Residential Security Programs.
- Invests in the Legislative Branch of Government by providing funding to support staff, modernize information technology, and provide other resources Congress needs to do its job well.
- Secures the Capitol with investments for the Capitol Complex for the safety of its Members, staff, and visitors.
- Supports the police by increasing funding to hire additional officers, providing tuition reimbursement and retention bonuses, improving training, and bolstering wellness support for the Capitol Police.
- Continues support for the Library of Congress' Visitor Experience Center which will modernize the library and invite visitors to discover more of the Library's treasures, programs, and services on behalf of the American people
- Keeps a longstanding provision to eliminate or reduce plastic waste across the Legislative Branch which combats the impacts of climate change.

The legislation rejects three new poison pill riders proposed by House Republicans, including language that would have:

- Blocked policies or programs intended to promote diversity, equity, or inclusion across the Legislative Branch.
- Created a license for employees to discriminate against LGBTQI+ people under the guise of religious liberty and prevent the federal government from adequately responding.
- Amended the limitation on outside employment authorization for members providing medical or dental care directly to a patient.

## **Bill Summary:**

**House of Representatives** – The bill provides a total of \$1.9 billion for the House of Representatives, an increase of \$3 million above fiscal year 2023, and includes:

- \$810 million for the **Members Representational Allowance (MRA)**, the basic office budgets of House Members, equal to fiscal year 2023.
- \$24 million in **funding to pay interns** in Member, Leadership, and Committee offices, equal to fiscal year 2023. Provides internship opportunities for all socioeconomic backgrounds. Funding at this level will provide \$46,800 per Member office for interns.
- \$325 million for the salaries and expenses of **House officers and employees**, including the offices of the Clerk of the House, Sergeant at Arms, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Parliamentarian, and Legislative Counsel, among others. This is an increase of \$822,000 above fiscal year 2023. Within this funding:
  - \$38.8 million is provided for the **Sergeant at Arms**, which includes resources for the District Office Security Program and the Residential Security Program.
  - \$14.7 million is provided for the **House Office of Legislative Counsel**, which is a 9 percent increase over fiscal year 2023.
- \$37 million for the offices of the **Majority and Minority Leadership**, equal to fiscal year 2023.
- \$212 million for the operations of **House committees**, equal to fiscal year 2023.
- \$3 million for the **Green and Gold Congressional Aide program**, formerly known as the Wounded Warrior and Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Programs.
- \$10 million for the **House Modernization Initiatives Account**, equal to fiscal year 2023, to make Congress more effective, efficient, and transparent on behalf of the American people.

## **Other Agencies**

- \$791 million for the **United States Capitol Police (USCP)**, an increase of \$57 million above fiscal year 2023. This includes:

- Resources to hire up to 2,204 sworn officers and 636 civilian members of the Capitol Police.
  - \$3 million for overtime pay to support mission requirements associated with the national political conventions and pre-inauguration preparedness.
  - \$2 million to provide Member security outside of the Capitol Complex.
  - \$15 million for tuition reimbursement, student loan repayment, recruitment and retention bonuses, and other retention-focused, salary-related items to support the Department’s recruitment and retention of sworn officers and civilian personnel.
- \$947 million for the **Architect of the Capitol**, a decrease of \$368 million below fiscal year 2023 (including funding for the Senate Office Buildings). This includes:
    - \$85 million for the Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds, and Security supporting the maintenance of and continued enhancements to the physical security of the Capitol Complex.
    - \$30 million for the Library’s Visitor Experience Center project.
    - \$41.8 million for the Cannon Restoration Project.
- \$812 million for the **Government Accountability Office (GAO)**, an increase of \$22 million above fiscal year 2023. This level of funding continues the Agencies’ efforts to expand workforce capabilities toward building science, technology, and cybersecurity expertise while filling critical gaps. In addition, the bill includes resources to support oversight work associated with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the community projects included in the final funding bills.
- \$852 million for the **Library of Congress**, an increase of \$24 million above fiscal year 2023, including the Copyright Office, Congressional Research Service, and National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled. This funding level will allow continued progress on urgent information technology needs and on modernization of systems for copyright registration and recordation and support ongoing Library initiatives such as the Veterans’ History Project, the Lewis-Houghton Civics and Democracy Initiative, COVID–19 American History Project, and the Congressional Legal Education Forum.

- \$132 million for the **Government Publishing Office**, an increase of \$2 million above fiscal year 2023. This funding allows for the publishing of Congressional information in both digital and print formats.
- \$70 million for the **Congressional Budget Office (CBO)**, an increase of \$6.8 million above fiscal year 2023.
- \$8 million for the **Office of Congressional Workplace Rights**, an increase of \$150,000 above the fiscal year 2023 to fulfill the Office’s responsibilities to implement the Congressional Accountability Reform Act.
- \$1.3 billion for the **Senate**, an increase of \$104 million above fiscal year 2023 enacted.
  - The bill includes a provision that allows for the development of a childcare subsidy program for staff.
- \$6 million for the **Congressional Office of International Leadership**, equal to fiscal year 2023.
- \$430,000 included for the **John C. Stennis Center**, funded at the request and equal to fiscal year 2023.

#### **Noteworthy Actions:**

- **Member Security** – The bill invests in Member security initiatives including residential security for both House and Senate Members, district office security, and increasing Dignitary Protection Division agents enforcement.
- **Capitol Complex Security Program** – This bill continues efforts to enhance the physical security of the Capitol Complex as a result of recommendations made following the January 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol.
- **House Interns** – This bill provides the necessary resources to allow for House interns to be paid a “livable wage.”
- **Senate Childcare Subsidy** – This bill allows for the development of a childcare subsidy program for Senate staff.