112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2551

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses of the House of Representatives, $1,226,680,000 (reduced by $1,000,000), as follows:

HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES

For salaries and expenses, as authorized by law, $23,275,773, including: Office of the Speaker, $6,942,770, including $25,000 for official expenses of the Speaker; Office of the Majority Floor Leader, $2,277,595, including $10,000 for official expenses of the Majority Leader; Office of the Minority Floor Leader, $7,432,812, including $10,000 for official expenses of the Minority Leader; Office of the Majority Whip, including the Chief Deputy Majority Whip, $1,572,788; Republican Conference, $1,553,807. In addition to the
amounts made available above, for salaries and expenses under this heading, to be available during the period beginning September 30, 2012, and ending December 31, 2013; $5,818,948, including: Office of the Speaker, $1,735,694, including $6,250 for official expenses of the Speaker; Office of the Majority Floor Leader, $569,399, including $2,500 for official expenses of the Majority Leader; Office of the Minority Floor Leader, $1,858,205, including $2,500 for official expenses of the Minority Leader; Office of the Majority Whip, including the Chief Deputy Majority Whip, $492,763, including $1,250 for official expenses of the Majority Whip; Office of the Minority Whip, including the Chief Deputy Minority Whip, $381,238, including $1,250 for official expenses of the Minority Whip; Republican Conference, $393,197; Democratic Caucus, $388,452.

**MEMBERS’ REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES**

**INCLUDING MEMBERS’ CLERK HIRE, OFFICIAL EXPENSES OF MEMBERS, AND OFFICIAL MAIL**

For Members’ representational allowances, including Members’ clerk hire, official expenses, and official mail, $573,939,282.
Committee Employees

Standing Committees, Special and Select

For salaries and expenses of standing committees, special and select, authorized by House resolutions, $125,964,870: Provided, That such amount shall remain available for such salaries and expenses until December 31, 2012.

Committee on Appropriations

For salaries and expenses of the Committee on Appropriations, $26,665,785, including studies and examinations of executive agencies and temporary personal services for such committee, to be expended in accordance with section 202(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 and to be available for reimbursement to agencies for services performed: Provided, That such amount shall remain available for such salaries and expenses until December 31, 2012.

Salaries, Officers and Employees

For salaries and expenses of officers and employees, as authorized by law, $177,628,400, including: for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Clerk, including not more than $23,000, of which not more than $20,000 is for the Family Room, for official representation and reception expenses, $26,114,400, of which $2,000,000 shall remain available until expended; for salaries and expenses of the
Office of the Sergeant at Arms, including the position of Superintendent of Garages and the Office of Emergency Management, and including not more than $3,000 for official representation and reception expenses, $12,585,000 of which $4,445,000 shall remain available until expended; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer including not more than $3,000 for official representation and reception expenses, $116,782,000, of which $3,937,000 shall remain available until expended; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Inspector General, $5,045,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of General Counsel, $1,415,000; for the Office of the Chaplain, $179,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Parliamentarian, including the Parliamentarian, $2,000 for preparing the Digest of Rules, and not more than $1,000 for official representation and reception expenses, $2,060,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House, $3,258,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House, $8,814,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, $859,000; for other authorized employees, $347,000; and for salaries and expenses of the Historian, $170,000.
ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

For allowances and expenses as authorized by House resolution or law, $293,386,942 (reduced by $1,000,000), including: supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims, $3,696,118; official mail for committees, leadership offices, and administrative offices of the House, $201,000; Government contributions for health, retirement, Social Security, and other applicable employee benefits, $264,848,219; Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery, $17,112,072, of which $5,000,000 shall remain available until expended; transition activities for new members and staff, $2,721,533 (reduced by $1,000,000); Wounded Warrior Program $2,500,000, to remain available until expended; Office of Congressional Ethics, $1,548,000; and miscellaneous items including purchase, exchange, maintenance, repair and operation of House motor vehicles, interparliamentary receptions, and gratuities to heirs of deceased employees of the House, $760,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 101. (a) Requiring Amounts Remaining in Members’ Representational Allowances To Be Used For Deficit Reduction or To Reduce the Federal Debt.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any amounts appropriated under this Act for
"HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Salaries and Expenses—Members’ Representational Allowances" shall be available only for fiscal year 2012. Any amount remaining after all payments are made under such allowances for fiscal year 2012 shall be deposited in the Treasury and used for deficit reduction (or, if there is no Federal budget deficit after all such payments have been made, for reducing the Federal debt, in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury considers appropriate).

(b) Regulations.—The Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives shall have authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

(c) Definition.—As used in this section, the term “Member of the House of Representatives” means a Representative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE

Sec. 102. (a) Section 109(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2005 (2 U.S.C. 74a–13(a)) is amended by striking “the chair of the Republican Conference” and inserting the following: “the Speaker of the House of Representatives (or, if the Speaker is not a member of the Republican Party, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives)”.

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(b) Section 109(b) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 74a–13(b)) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting the following: “, and which shall be obligated and expended as directed by the Speaker (or, if the Speaker is not a member of the Republican party, the Minority Leader).”.

e) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2012 and each succeeding fiscal year.

Authority of Speaker and Minority Leader to Allocate Funds Among Certain House Leadership Offices

Sec. 103. (a) Authority of Speaker.—

(1) Authority described.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law (including any provision of law that sets forth an allowance for official expenses), the amount appropriated or otherwise made available during a Congress for the salaries and expenses of any office or authority described in paragraph (2) shall be the amount allocated for such office or authority by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from the aggregate amount appropriated or otherwise made available for all such offices and authorities.
OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES DESCRIBED.—

The offices and authorities described in this paragraph are as follows:

(A) The Office of the Speaker.

(B) The Speaker’s Office for Legislative Floor Activities.

(C) The Republican Steering Committee (if the Speaker is a member of the Republican party) or the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee (if the Speaker is a member of the Democratic party).

(D) The Republican Policy Committee (if the Speaker is a member of the Republican party).

(E) Training and program development—majority (as described under the heading “House leadership offices” in the most recent bill making appropriations for the legislative branch that was enacted prior to the date of the enactment of this Act).

(F) Cloakroom personnel—majority (as so described).

(b) AUTHORITY OF MINORITY LEADER.—

(1) AUTHORITY DESCRIBED.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law (including any provision
of law that sets forth an allowance for official ex-
penses), the amount appropriated or otherwise made
available during a Congress for the salaries and ex-
penses of any office or authority described in para-
graph (2) shall be the amount allocated for such of-
face or authority by the Minority Leader of the
House of Representatives from the aggregate
amount appropriated or otherwise made available for
all such offices and authorities.

(2) OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES DESCRIBED.—
The offices and authorities described in this para-
graph are as follows:

(A) The Office of the Minority Leader.

(B) The Democratic Steering and Policy
Committee (if the Minority Leader is a member
of the Democratic party) or the Republican
Steering Committee (if the Minority Leader is
a member of the Republican party).

(C) The Republican Policy Committee (if
the Minority Leader is a member of the Repub-
lican party).

(D) Training and program development—
minority (as described under the heading
“House leadership offices” in the most recent
bill making appropriations for the legislative
branch that was enacted prior to the date of the
enactment of this Act).

(E) Cloakroom personnel—minority (as so
described).

(F) Nine minority employees (as so de-
scribed).

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with
respect to any months occurring during the One Hundred
Twelfth Congress that begin after the date of the enact-
ment of this Act, and to any succeeding Congress.

REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE AND THE DEMOCRATIC
STEERING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

SEC. 104. (a) Section 103(b) of the Legislative
Branch Appropriations Act, 1999 (2 U.S.C. 74a–8(b)) is
amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
striking “Subject to the allocation described in sub-
section (c), funds” and inserting “Funds”;

(2) in paragraph (1), by striking “direct,” and
inserting the following: “direct (or, if the Speaker is
not a member of the Republican Party, under such
terms and conditions as the Minority Leader of the
House of Representatives may direct);”; and

(3) in paragraph (2), by striking “direct.” and
inserting the following: “direct (or, if the Speaker is
a member of the Democratic Party, under such
terms and conditions as the Speaker may direct).”.

(b) Section 103 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 74a–8(c)) is
amended—

(1) by striking subsection (c); and

(2) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
section (c).

(c) The amendments made by this section shall take
effect as if included in the enactment of the Legislative
Branch Appropriations Act, 1999.

TRANSFER OF HOUSE EMERGENCY PLANNING, PRE-
paredness, AND OPERATIONS FUNCTIONS TO SER-
geant AT ARMS

SEC. 105. Effective February 1, 2010—

(1) section 905 of the Emergency Supplemental
Act, 2002 (2 U.S.C. 130i) is repealed; and

(2) the functions and responsibilities of the Of-
office of Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Op-
erations under section 905 of such Act are trans-
ferred and assigned to the Sergeant at Arms of the
House of Representatives.

JOINT ITEMS

For Joint Committees, as follows:

FOR THE USE OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
THE RULES AND THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
THE JUDICIARY

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JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

For salaries and expenses of the Joint Economic Committee, $4,203,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Taxation, $10,424,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

For other joint items, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

For medical supplies, equipment, and contingent expenses of the emergency rooms, and for the Attending Physician and his assistants, including: (1) an allowance of $2,175 per month to the Attending Physician; (2) an allowance of $1,300 per month to the Senior Medical Officer; (3) an allowance of $725 per month each to three medical officers while on duty in the Office of the Attending Physician; (4) an allowance of $725 per month to 2 assistants and $580 per month each not to exceed 11 assistants on the basis heretofore provided for such assistants; and (5) $2,427,000 for reimbursement to the Department of the Navy for expenses incurred for staff and equipment assigned to the Office of the Attending Physician, which shall be advanced and credited to the applicable appropriation or appropriations from which such sala-
ries, allowances, and other expenses are payable and shall be available for all the purposes thereof, $3,400,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

Office of Congressional Accessibility Services

Salaries and Expenses

For salaries and expenses of the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services, $1,363,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.

Capitol Police

Salaries

For salaries of employees of the Capitol Police, including overtime, hazardous duty pay, and Government contributions for health, retirement, social security, professional liability insurance, and other applicable employee benefits, $277,132,624 (increased by $1,000,000), to be disbursed by the Chief of the Capitol Police or his designee.

General Expenses

For necessary expenses of the Capitol Police, including motor vehicles, communications and other equipment, security equipment and installation, uniforms, weapons, supplies, materials, training, medical services, forensic services, stenographic services, personal and professional services, the employee assistance program, the awards pro-
gram, postage, communication services, travel advances, relocation of instructor and liaison personnel for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and not more than $5,000 to be expended on the certification of the Chief of the Capitol Police in connection with official representation and reception expenses, $63,003,740, of which $2,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2014, to be disbursed by the Chief of the Capitol Police or his designee: Provided, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the cost of basic training for the Capitol Police at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for fiscal year 2012 shall be paid by the Secretary of Homeland Security from funds available to the Department of Homeland Security.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 1001. Amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2012 for the Capitol Police may be transferred between the headings “Salaries” and “General Expenses” upon the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate.
WAIVER BY CHIEF OF CAPITOL POLICE OF CLAIMS

ARISING OUT OF ERRONEOUS PAYMENTS TO OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

SEC. 1002. (a) WAIVER OF CLAIM.—Subject to the approval of the Capitol Police Board, the Chief of the United States Capitol Police may waive in whole or in part a claim of the United States against a person arising out of an erroneous payment of any pay or allowances, other than travel and transportation expenses and allowances, to an officer, member, or employee of the United States Capitol Police, if the collection of the claim would be against equity and good conscience and not in the best interests of the United States.

(b) INVESTIGATION OF APPLICATION; REPORT.—The Chief shall investigate each application for the waiver of a claim under subsection (a) and shall submit a written report of the investigation to the Capitol Police Board, except that if the aggregate amount of the claim involved exceeds $1,500, the Comptroller General may also investigate the application and submit a written report of the investigation to the Capitol Police Board.

(c) PROHIBITION OF WAIVER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.—The Chief may not exercise the authority to waive a claim under subsection (a) if—
(1) in the Chief’s opinion, there exists in connection with the claim an indication of fraud, misrepresentation, fault, or lack of good faith on the part of the officer, member, or employee involved or of any other person having an interest in obtaining a waiver of the claim; or

(2) the Chief receives the application for the waiver after the expiration of the 3-year period that begins on the date on which the erroneous payment of pay or allowances was discovered.

(d) Credit for Waiver.—In the audit and settlement of accounts of any accountable officer or official, full credit shall be given for any amounts with respect to which collection by the United States is waived under subsection (a).

(e) Effect of Waiver.—An erroneous payment, the collection of which is waived under subsection (a), is deemed a valid payment for all purposes.

(f) Construction With Other Laws.—This section does not affect any authority under any other law to litigate, settle, compromise, or waive any claim of the United States.

(g) Rules and Regulations.—The Chief shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section.
(h) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with respect to payments of pay and allowances made at any time after the Chief became the disbursing officer for the United States Capitol Police pursuant to section 1018(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2003 (2 U.S.C. 1907(a)).

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses of the Office of Compliance, as authorized by section 305 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1385), $3,817,000, of which $884,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2013: Provided, That not more than $500 may be expended on the certification of the Executive Director of the Office of Compliance in connection with official representation and reception expenses.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses necessary for operation of the Congressional Budget Office, including not more than $6,000 to be expended on the certification of the Director of the Congressional Budget Office in connection with official representation and reception expenses, $43,787,000.
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

For salaries for the Architect of the Capitol, and other personal services, at rates of pay provided by law; for surveys and studies in connection with activities under the care of the Architect of the Capitol; for all necessary expenses for the general and administrative support of the operations under the Architect of the Capitol including the Botanic Garden; electrical substations of the Capitol, Senate and House office buildings, and other facilities under the jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol; including furnishings and office equipment; including not more than $5,000 for official reception and representation expenses, to be expended as the Architect of the Capitol may approve; for purchase or exchange, maintenance, and operation of a passenger motor vehicle, $104,790,000, of which $3,199,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2016.

CAPITOL BUILDING

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol, $35,354,000, of which $10,263,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2016.
For all necessary expenses for care and improvement of grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant, $9,852,000.

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the House office buildings, $89,154,000, of which $40,631,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2016.

In addition, for a payment to the House Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund, $30,000,000, shall remain available until expended.

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol Power Plant; lighting, heating, power (including the purchase of electrical energy) and water and sewer services for the Capitol, Senate and House office buildings, Library of Congress buildings, and the grounds about the same, Botanic Garden, Senate garage, and air conditioning refrigeration not supplied from plants in any of such buildings; heating the Government Printing Office and Washington City Post Office, and heating and chilled water for air conditioning for the Supreme Court Building, the Union Station complex, the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building and the
Folger Shakespeare Library, expenses for which shall be advanced or reimbursed upon request of the Architect of the Capitol and amounts so received shall be deposited into the Treasury to the credit of this appropriation, $127,159,000, of which $33,377,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2016: Provided, That not more than $9,000,000 of the funds credited or to be reimbursed to this appropriation as herein provided shall be available for obligation during fiscal year 2012.

Library Buildings and Grounds

For all necessary expenses for the mechanical and structural maintenance, care and operation of the Library buildings and grounds, $38,486,000, of which $12,726,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2016.

Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds and Security

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of buildings, grounds and security enhancements of the United States Capitol Police, wherever located, the Alternate Computer Facility, and AOC security operations, $21,500,000, of which $3,473,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2016.

Botanic Garden

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Botanic Garden and the nurseries,
buildings, grounds, and collections; and purchase and ex-
change, maintenance, repair, and operation of a passenger
motor vehicle; all under the direction of the Joint Com-
mittee on the Library, $12,000,000 (reduced by
$632,780): Provided, That of the amount made available
under this heading, the Architect may obligate and expend
such sums as may be necessary for the maintenance, care
and operation of the National Garden established under
section 307E of the Legislative Branch Appropriations
Act, 1989 (2 U.S.C. 2146), upon vouchers approved by
the Architect or a duly authorized designee.

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

For all necessary expenses for the operation of the
Capitol Visitor Center, $21,276,000.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For all necessary expenses of the Library of Congress
not otherwise provided for, including development and
maintenance of the Library’s catalogs; custody and custo-
dial care of the Library buildings; special clothing; clean-
ing, laundering and repair of uniforms; preservation of
motion pictures in the custody of the Library; operation
and maintenance of the American Folklife Center in the
Library; activities under the Civil Rights History Project
Act of 2009; preparation and distribution of catalog
records and other publications of the Library; hire or purchase of one passenger motor vehicle; and expenses of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board not properly chargeable to the income of any trust fund held by the Board, $412,446,000 (increased by $1,000,000) (reduced by $1,000,000), of which not more than $6,000,000 shall be derived from collections credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 2012, and shall remain available until expended, under the Act of June 28, 1902 (chapter 1301; 32 Stat. 480; 2 U.S.C. 150) and not more than $350,000 shall be derived from collections during fiscal year 2012 and shall remain available until expended for the development and maintenance of an international legal information database and activities related thereto: Provided, That the Library of Congress may not obligate or expend any funds derived from collections under the Act of June 28, 1902, in excess of the amount authorized for obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: Provided further, That the total amount available for obligation shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are less than $6,350,000: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, not more than $12,000 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official representation and reception expenses for the Overseas Field Offices: Provided further,
That of the total amount appropriated, $4,800,000 shall remain available until expended for the digital collections and educational curricula program.

Copyright Office

Salaries and Expenses

For all necessary expenses of the Copyright Office, $50,974,000, of which not more than $28,029,000, to remain available until expended, shall be derived from collections credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 2012 under section 708(d) of title 17, United States Code: Provided, That not more than $3,000,000 shall be derived from prior year available unobligated balances: Provided further, That the Copyright Office may not obligate or expend any funds derived from collections under such section, in excess of the amount authorized for obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: Provided further, That not more than $5,484,000 shall be derived from collections during fiscal year 2012 under sections 111(d)(2), 119(b)(2), 803(e), 1005, and 1316 of such title: Provided further, That the total amount available for obligation shall be reduced by the amount by which collections and prior year available unobligated balances are less than $36,513,000: Provided further, That not more than $100,000 of the amount appropriated is available for the maintenance of an “International Copyright Institute” in
the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress for the
purpose of training nationals of developing countries in
intellectual property laws and policies: Provided further,
That not more than $4,250 may be expended, on the cer-
tification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with
official representation and reception expenses for activities
of the International Copyright Institute and for copyright
delgations, visitors, and seminars: Provided further, That
notwithstanding any provision of chapter 8 of title 17,
United States Code, any amounts made available under
this heading which are attributable to royalty fees and
payments received by the Copyright Office pursuant to
sections 111, 119, and chapter 10 of such title may be
used for the costs incurred in the administration of the
Copyright Royalty Judges program, with the exception of
the costs of salaries and benefits for the Copyright Royalty
Judges and staff under section 802(e).

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For all necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
of section 203 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
1946 (2 U.S.C. 166) and to revise and extend the Anno-
tated Constitution of the United States of America,
$104,091,000: Provided, That no part of such amount
may be used to pay any salary or expense in connection
with any publication, or preparation of material therefor
(except the Digest of Public General Bills), to be issued
by the Library of Congress unless such publication has
obtained prior approval of either the Committee on House
Administration of the House of Representatives or the
Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Salaries and Expenses

For salaries and expenses to carry out the Act of
March 3, 1931 (chapter 400; 46 Stat. 1487; 2 U.S.C.
135a), $50,674,000: Provided, That of the total amount
appropriated, $650,000 shall be available to contract to
provide newspapers to blind and physically handicapped
residents at no cost to the individual.

Administrative Provisions

Reimbursable and Revolving Fund Activities

Sec. 1101. (a) In General.—For fiscal year 2012,
the obligational authority of the Library of Congress for
the activities described in subsection (b) may not exceed
$169,725,000.

(b) Activities.—The activities referred to in sub-
section (a) are reimbursable and revolving fund activities
that are funded from sources other than appropriations
to the Library in appropriations Acts for the legislative
branch.
(c) Transfer of Funds.—During fiscal year 2012, the Librarian of Congress may temporarily transfer funds appropriated in this Act, under the heading “Library of Congress”, under the subheading “Salaries and Expenses”, to the revolving fund for the FEDLINK Program and the Federal Research Program established under section 103 of the Library of Congress Fiscal Operations Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–481; 2 U.S.C. 182c): Provided, That the total amount of such transfers may not exceed $1,900,000: Provided further, That the appropriate revolving fund account shall reimburse the Library for any amounts transferred to it before the period of availability of the Library appropriation expires.

Transfer Authority

Sec. 1102. (a) In General.—Amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2012 for the Library of Congress may be transferred during fiscal year 2012 between any of the headings under the heading “Library of Congress” upon the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

(b) Limitation.—Not more than 10 percent of the total amount of funds appropriated to the account under any heading under the heading “Library of Congress” for fiscal year 2012 may be transferred from that account by all transfers made under subsection (a).
Funds Available for Workers Compensation Payments

Sec. 1103. (a) In General.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, available balances of expired Library of Congress appropriations shall be available for the purposes of making payments for employees of the Library of Congress under section 8147 of title 5, United States Code, without regard to the fiscal year for which the obligation to make such payments is incurred.

(b) Effective Date.—This section shall apply with respect to appropriations for fiscal year 2012 and each fiscal year thereafter.

Government Printing Office
Congressional Printing and Binding (including transfer of funds)

For authorized printing and binding for the Congress and the distribution of Congressional information in any format; printing and binding of Government publications authorized by law to be distributed to Members of Congress; and printing, binding, and distribution of Government publications authorized by law to be distributed without charge to the recipient, $78,000,000 (reduced by $3,414,150.29): Provided, That this appropriation shall not be available for paper copies of the permanent edition of the Congressional Record for individual Representa-
tives, Resident Commissioners or Delegates authorized under section 906 of title 44, United States Code: **Provided further**, That this appropriation shall be available for the payment of obligations incurred under the appropriations for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years: **Provided further**, That notwithstanding the 2-year limitation under section 718 of title 44, United States Code, none of the funds appropriated or made available under this Act or any other Act for printing and binding and related services provided to Congress under chapter 7 of title 44, United States Code, may be expended to print a document, report, or publication after the 27-month period beginning on the date that such document, report, or publication is authorized by Congress to be printed, unless Congress reauthorizes such printing in accordance with section 718 of title 44, United States Code: **Provided further**, That any unobligated or unexpended balances in this account or accounts for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years may be transferred to the Government Printing Office revolving fund for carrying out the purposes of this heading, subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate: **Provided further**, That notwithstanding sections 901, 902, and 906 of title 44, United States Code, this
appropriation may be used to prepare indexes to the Con-
gressional Record on only a monthly and session basis.

Office of Superintendent of Documents

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For expenses of the Office of Superintendent of Doc-
uments necessary to provide for the cataloging and index-
ing of Government publications and their distribution to
the public, Members of Congress, other Government agen-
cies, and designated depository and international exchange
libraries as authorized by law, $35,000,000 (reduced by
$1,531,990.51): Provided, That amounts of not more than
$2,000,000 from current year appropriations are author-
ized for producing and disseminating Congressional serial
sets and other related publications for fiscal years 2010
and 2011 to depository and other designated libraries:
Provided further, That any unobligated or unexpended bal-
ances in this account or accounts for similar purposes for
preceding fiscal years may be transferred to the Govern-
ment Printing Office revolving fund for carrying out the
purposes of this heading, subject to the approval of the
Committees on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
atives and Senate.
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND

The Government Printing Office is hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds available and in accordance with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 9104 of title 31, United States Code, as may be necessary in carrying out the programs and purposes set forth in the budget for the current fiscal year for the Government Printing Office revolving fund: Provided, That not more than $7,500 may be expended on the certification of the Public Printer in connection with official representation and reception expenses: Provided further, That the revolving fund shall be available for the hire or purchase of not more than 12 passenger motor vehicles: Provided further, That expenditures in connection with travel expenses of the advisory councils to the Public Printer shall be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of title 44, United States Code: Provided further, That the revolving fund shall be available for temporary or intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not more than the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such title: Provided further, That activities
financed through the revolving fund may provide informa-
tion in any format.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Government Account-
ability Office, including not more than $12,500 to be ex-
pended on the certification of the Comptroller General of
the United States in connection with official representa-
tion and reception expenses; temporary or intermittent
services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States
Code, but at rates for individuals not more than the daily
equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level IV of
the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of such title;
hire of one passenger motor vehicle; advance payments in
foreign countries in accordance with section 3324 of title
31, United States Code; benefits comparable to those pay-
able under sections 901(5), (6), and (8) of the Foreign
Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4081(5), (6), and (8));
and under regulations prescribed by the Comptroller Gen-
eral of the United States, rental of living quarters in for-
eign countries, $511,296,000: Provided, That, in addition,
$18,304,000 of payments received under sections 782,
3521, and 9105 of title 31, United States Code, shall be
available without fiscal year limitation: Provided further,
That this appropriation and appropriations for adminis-
trative expenses of any other department or agency which is a member of the National Intergovernmental Audit Forum or a Regional Intergovernmental Audit Forum shall be available to finance an appropriate share of either Forum’s costs as determined by the respective Forum, including necessary travel expenses of non-Federal participants: Provided further, That payments hereunder to the Forum may be credited as reimbursements to any appropriation from which costs involved are initially financed.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 1201. (a) Section 210 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2005 (2 U.S.C. 60q) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (d); and


(b) Section 3521(1) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “section 105” and inserting “section 105 (other than the Government Accountability Office)”.

(c) The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to voluntary separation incentive payments made during fiscal year 2012 or any succeeding fiscal year.
OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND

For a payment to the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund for financing activities of the Open World Leadership Center under section 313 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001 (2 U.S.C. 1151), $1,000,000.

TITLE II—GENERAL PROVISIONS

MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES

Sec. 201. No part of the funds appropriated in this Act shall be used for the maintenance or care of private vehicles, except for emergency assistance and cleaning as may be provided under regulations relating to parking facilities for the House of Representatives issued by the Committee on House Administration and for the Senate issued by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

FISCAL YEAR LIMITATION

Sec. 202. No part of the funds appropriated in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond fiscal year 2012 unless expressly so provided in this Act.

RATES OF COMPENSATION AND DESIGNATION

Sec. 203. Whenever in this Act any office or position not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of 1929 (46 Stat. 32 et seq.) is appropriated for or the rate of compensation or designation of any office or position
appropriated for is different from that specifically established by such Act, the rate of compensation and the designation in this Act shall be the permanent law with respect thereto: Provided, That the provisions in this Act for the various items of official expenses of Members, officers, and committees of the House of Representatives and Senate, and clerk hire for Senators and Members of the House of Representatives shall be the permanent law with respect thereto.

CONSULTING SERVICES

Sec. 204. The expenditure of any appropriation under this Act for any consulting service through procurement contract, under section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, shall be limited to those contracts where such expenditures are a matter of public record and available for public inspection, except where otherwise provided under existing law, or under existing Executive order issued under existing law.

AWARDS AND SETTLEMENTS

Sec. 205. Such sums as may be necessary are appropriated to the account described in subsection (a) of section 415 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1415(a)) to pay awards and settlements as authorized under such subsection.
COSTS OF LBFMC

SEC. 206. Amounts available for administrative expenses of any legislative branch entity which participates in the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council (LBFMC) established by charter on March 26, 1996, shall be available to finance an appropriate share of LBFMC costs as determined by the LBFMC, except that the total LBFMC costs to be shared among all participating legislative branch entities (in such allocations among the entities as the entities may determine) may not exceed $2,000.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

SEC. 207. The Architect of the Capitol, in consultation with the District of Columbia, is authorized to maintain and improve the landscape features, excluding streets, in the irregular shaped grassy areas bounded by Washington Avenue, SW on the northeast, Second Street SW on the west, Square 582 on the south, and the beginning of the I–395 tunnel on the southeast.

LIMITATION ON TRANSFERS

SEC. 208. None of the funds made available in this Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government, except pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority provided in, this Act or any other appropriation Act.
GUIDED TOURS OF THE CAPITOL

SEC. 209. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), none of the funds made available to the Architect of the Capitol in this Act may be used to eliminate or restrict guided tours of the United States Capitol which are led by employees and interns of offices of Members of Congress and other offices of the House of Representatives and Senate.

(b) At the direction of the Capitol Police Board, or at the direction of the Architect of the Capitol with the approval of the Capitol Police Board, guided tours of the United States Capitol which are led by employees and interns described in subsection (a) may be suspended temporarily or otherwise subject to restriction for security or related reasons to the same extent as guided tours of the United States Capitol which are led by the Architect of the Capitol.

SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

SEC. 210. The amount by which the applicable allocation of new budget authority made by the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives under section 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, excluding Senate items, exceeds the amount of proposed new budget authority is $0 (increased by $632,780) (increased by $4,946,140.80).
SEC. 211. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to deliver a printed copy of a bill, joint resolution, or resolution to the office of a Member of the House of Representatives (including a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress) unless the Member requests a copy.

SEC. 212. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to deliver a printed copy of any version of the Congressional Record to the office of a Member of the House of Representatives (including a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress).

SEC. 213. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to make any payments from any Members’ Representational Allowance for the leasing of a vehicle in an aggregate amount that exceeds $1,000 for the vehicle in any month.

This Act may be cited as the “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2012”.

Passed the House of Representatives July 22, 2011.

Attest:

Clerk.
112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION
H. R. 2551

AN ACT
Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.