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Mr. MACK, from the Committee on Appropriations,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 3754]

The Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 3754) making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, reports the same to the Senate with amendments and recommends that the bill as amended do pass.

Amount of new budget (obligational) authority

Amount of bill as reported to Senate	\$2,165,081,000
President's budget, 1997	2,339,421,000
Legislative branch appropriations, 1996	2,187,356,000
Amount of bill below President's budget	174,340,000
Amount of bill below legislative branch appropriations, 1996	22,275,000

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GENERAL STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The Committee recommends new budget (obligational) authority of \$2,165,081,000 for the legislative branch for fiscal year 1997. This total is \$174,340,000 below the President's request and \$22,275,000 below the fiscal year 1996 level.

The detail by major support agency is as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE BILL

Department or agency	Senate bill compared with—					
	1996 appropriation	Budget estimates, 1997	House allowance	Committee recommendation		
			1996 appropriation	Budget estimates, 1997	House allowance	
TITLE I—CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS						
Senate	\$426,919,000	\$489,630,000		+\$14,289,000	-\$48,422,000	+\$441,208,000
House of Representatives	671,061,000	738,777,000	\$683,831,000	+12,770,000	-54,946,000	
Joint Items	84,839,000	99,689,000	84,520,000	-634,000	-15,484,000	-315,000
Office of Compliance	2,500,000	3,268,000	2,609,000	+109,000	-659,000	
Office of Technology Assessment	6,115,000			-6,115,000		
Congressional Budget Office	24,288,000	24,775,000	24,288,000	+487,000		+487,000
Architect of the Capitol	142,970,000	140,458,000	100,134,000	-2,896,000	-384,000	+39,940,000
Library of Congress: Congressional Research Service	60,084,000	63,056,000	62,641,000	+2,557,000	-415,000	
Congressional printing and binding, Government Printing Office	83,770,000	83,770,000	81,669,000	-2,101,000		
Total, title I, Congressional operations	1,502,546,000	1,643,423,000	1,039,692,000	+18,466,000	-122,411,000	+481,320,000
TITLE II—OTHER AGENCIES						
Botanic Garden	3,053,000	2,902,000	2,902,000	-151,000		
Library of Congress (except CRS)	264,616,000	281,593,000	268,117,000	+4,501,000	-12,476,000	+1,000,000
Architect of the Capitol (Library buildings and grounds)	12,428,000	9,003,000	9,003,000	-1,975,000	+1,450,000	+1,450,000
Government Printing Office (except congressional printing and binding)	30,307,000	30,827,000	29,077,000	-1,230,000	-1,750,000	
General Accounting Office	374,406,000	371,673,000	332,520,000	-41,886,000	-39,153,000	
Total, title II, Other agencies	684,810,000	695,998,000	641,619,000	-40,741,000	-51,929,000	+2,450,000
Grand total	2,187,356,000	2,339,421,000	1,681,311,000	-22,275,000	-174,340,000	+483,770,000

TITLE I—CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS

SENATE

EXPENSE ALLOWANCES

Appropriations, 1996	\$56,000
Budget estimate, 1997	56,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	56,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$56,000 for the expense allowances of the Vice President, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the majority and minority leaders, the majority and minority whips, and the chairmen of the majority and minority conference committees, as follows:

For the expense allowance of the Vice President, the Committee recommends an amount of \$10,000, the same as the amount provided for fiscal year 1996. This allowance was first provided by Public Law 81-71, effective January 20, 1949.

For the expense allowance of the President pro tempore, the Committee recommends an amount of \$10,000, the same as the amount provided for fiscal year 1996. This allowance was first provided by the Second Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1978 (Public Law 95-355), effective October 1, 1977.

For the expense allowance of the majority and minority leaders, the Committee recommends \$10,000 for each leader, for a total of \$20,000. This is the same as the amount provided for fiscal year 1996. This allowance was first provided by Public Law 84-242, effective July 1, 1955.

For the expense allowance of the majority and minority whips, the Committee recommends \$5,000 for each whip, for a total of \$10,000. This is the same as the amount provided for fiscal year 1996. This allowance was first provided by the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1977, Public Law 95-26, effective April 1, 1977.

For the expense allowance for the chairmen of the majority and minority conference committees, the Committee recommends \$3,000 for each chairman, for a total of \$6,000. This is the same as the amount provided for fiscal year 1996. This allowance was first provided in the Supplemental Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1985, Public Law 99-88, effective August 15, 1985.

Expenditures from all the foregoing allowances are made upon certification from the individuals for whom the allowances are authorized, and are reported semiannually in the report of the Secretary of the Senate.

REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY
LEADERS

Appropriations, 1996	\$30,000
Budget estimate, 1997	30,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	30,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$30,000 for representation allowances for the majority and minority leaders. The recommended amount is the same as that provided for fiscal year 1996 and the fiscal year 1997 budget request.

This allowance was established in the Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1985 (Public Law 99-88). The funds were authorized to be used by the majority and minority leaders solely for the discharge of their appropriate responsibilities in connection with official visits to the United States by members of foreign legislative bodies and representatives of foreign governments and intergovernmental agencies. The recommended amount is to be divided equally between the two leaders.

Expenditures from this allowance are made upon certification of the leaders and are reported in the semiannual report of the Secretary of the Senate.

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Appropriations, 1996	\$69,727,000
Budget estimate, 1997	76,238,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	74,615,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$74,615,000 for the 12 subaccounts funded under the overall account for the salaries of officers and employees of the Senate. The amount recommended is an increase of \$4,888,000 above the amount provided for fiscal year 1996 and a reduction of \$1,623,000 from the budget estimate.

It should be noted that except for a handful of positions in the Offices of the Secretary and the Sergeant at Arms that are required by statute, specific staffing levels are not stipulated either by the budget request or by the Committee's recommendation. Rather, lump-sum allowances are provided to fund staffing levels each office finds necessary and appropriate for the performance of its duties. Estimated staffing levels for offices funded under this appropriation for fiscal year 1997 are 1,247 to 1,284 positions.

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

[Estimated staffing levels ranges—fiscal years 1996 and 1997]

	Staffing ranges			
	1997 request		1996	
	From	To	From	To
Office of the Vice President	42	45	42	45
Office of the President pro tempore	9	11	9	11
Office of the majority and minority leaders	38	38	27	37
Offices of the majority and minority whips	9	11	9	11
Conference committees	38	46	37	45

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES—Continued
 [Estimated staffing levels ranges—fiscal years 1996 and 1997]

	Staffing ranges			
	1997 request		1996	
	From	To	From	To
Offices of the secretaries of the conference of the majority and the conference of the minority	8	8	8	8
Policy committees	43	54	39	52
Office of the Chaplain	4	4	3	3
Office of the Secretary	213	223	226	235
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper	826	826	820	820
Offices of the secretaries for the majority and minority	17	18	17	18
Totals	1,247	1,284	1,237	1,285

Any change from the allocation of funds in the subaccounts within this appropriation is subject to the approval of the Committee.

The total amount appropriated is allocated to the various offices of the Senate as displayed under the headings for the offices that follow.

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Appropriations, 1996	\$1,513,000
Budget estimate, 1997	1,570,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	1,513,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,513,000 to fund the salaries of the administrative and clerical staff of the Office of the Vice President in connection with his duties as the President of the Senate. This amount is the same as the amount provided for fiscal year 1996 and is \$57,000 below the budget estimate.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Appropriations, 1996	\$325,000
Budget estimate, 1997	325,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	325,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$325,000 for the Office of the President pro tempore. This amount is the same as the amount provided for fiscal year 1996 and the same as the budget estimate.

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

Appropriations, 1996	\$2,195,000
Budget estimate, 1997	2,377,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	2,195,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$2,195,000 for the offices of the majority and minority leaders, which is the same as the amount provided for fiscal year 1996 and \$182,000 below the budget estimate.

The administrative and clerical staffs funded by this appropriation were authorized under the provisions of Public Law 91-145, effective November 1, 1969. The amount recommended is to be equally divided, providing \$1,097,500 for each office.

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS

Appropriations, 1996	\$656,000
Budget estimate, 1997	682,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	1,156,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,156,000 for the offices of the majority and minority whips. The amount recommended is an increase of \$500,000 above the amount provided for fiscal year 1996. It is to be equally divided, providing \$578,000 for each office.

The authority for the administrative and clerical staff funded by this appropriation was created by Public Law 84-242, effective July 1, 1955.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Appropriations, 1996	\$1,992,000
Budget estimate, 1997	2,068,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	1,992,000

For the administrative and clerical staffs of the majority and minority conference committees, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,992,000 which is the same as the amount provided for fiscal year 1996 and \$76,000 below the budget estimate. The appropriation provides \$996,000 in salaries for the staff of each conference committee.

Pursuant to Public Law 102-90, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1992, the chairman of each conference committee may transfer up to \$275,000 of the amount provided for salaries of each conference to the account for conference committee expenses within the "Miscellaneous items" appropriation.

OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE MAJORITY AND THE CONFERENCE OF THE MINORITY

Appropriations, 1996	\$360,000
Budget estimate, 1997	367,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	384,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$384,000 for the majority and minority conference secretaries.

These offices were created by section 6 of Senate Resolution 17, agreed to January 10, 1977, and two positions in each office were first funded in the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1977 (Public Law 95-26).

Section 102 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1979 (Public Law 96-38), abolished the specific positions and established a lump-sum allowance for the employment of staff, effective October 1, 1979. The amount recommended is to be divided equally between the majority secretary and the minority secretary.

POLICY COMMITTEES

Appropriations, 1996	\$1,930,000
Budget estimate, 1997	2,002,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	1,930,000

For the salaries of the administrative and clerical staffs of the majority and minority policy committees, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,930,000, or \$965,000 for each committee. Agency contributions for the policy committees are funded in the amount provided for agency contributions within the entire "Salaries, officers and employees" account, and expenses are provided under the "Miscellaneous items" account.

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

Appropriations, 1996	\$192,000
Budget estimate, 1997	234,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	234,000

For the Office of the Chaplain, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$234,000, an increase of \$42,000 from fiscal year 1996 and the same as the budget estimate. The amount recommended would provide the salaries for the Chaplain of the Senate and support staff to assist the Chaplain with his pastoral duties. The Fiscal Year 1988 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, Public Law 100-202, established the rate of pay for the Chaplain at Executive Level IV, currently \$115,700. Authorization for a part-time counselor was included in Public Law 101-163, the Fiscal Year 1990 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Appropriations, 1996	\$12,128,000
Budget estimate, 1997	12,959,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	12,714,000

The Committee recommends \$12,714,000 for salaries of the Office of the Secretary. The recommendation is based on testimony presented to the Committee on July 11, 1996, in which the Secretary revised his original request for fiscal year 1997 by reducing salaries by \$245,000 and increasing expenses by a like amount. Fiscal year 1997 staffing levels are estimated at 213 to 223 positions, as listed in the table below.

This appropriation provides funds for four statutory positions (Secretary of the Senate, Assistant Secretary of the Senate, Financial Clerk of the Senate, and Parliamentarian of the Senate) and lump-sum allowances for the employment and adjustment of salaries of personnel in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, as authorized by Public Law 97-51, effective October 1, 1981 (2 U.S.C. 61a-11).

The following departmental guidelines for fiscal year 1997 have been submitted by the Secretary to the Committee:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

[Estimated staffing levels ranges—fiscal years 1996 and 1997]

	Staffing ranges			
	1997 request		1996	
	From	To	From	To
Administrative services	16	18	19	20
Captioning services	4	4	5	5
Conservation and preservation	2	2	2	2
Curator	5	5	5	5
Daily Digest	3	3	3	3
Disbursing Office	41	43	44	44
Document Room	15	18	21	21
Historian	9	9	9	9
Interparliamentary services	4	4	4	4
Legislative departments	13	14	14	14
Library	22	22	22	22
Office services	(¹)	(¹)	5	5
Official Reporters of Debates	14	14	14	14
Parliamentarian	5	5	5	5
Printing (and office) services	7	7	4	4
Public records	6	6	6	6
Senate chief counsel for employment	9	9	5	10
Senate Page School	6	6	3	6
Senate security	7	7	7	7
Stationery Room	25	27	29	29
Totals	213	223	226	235

¹ Merged with printing services.

The Committee is well aware of the challenges the Secretary faces in personnel management under the requirements of the Congressional Accountability Act, and appreciates the efforts made to thoroughly review the personnel structure, work characteristics, and compensation schedules within the office. The Committee is also well aware, however, that some positions in the Secretary's Office may have little comparability to any occupation in the private sector, and that the roles performed by the individuals in those positions are essential to the proper execution of the constitutional responsibilities of the Senate.

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER

Appropriations, 1996	\$31,889,000
Budget estimate, 1997	34,037,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	34,037,000

This appropriation provides funds for the salaries of three statutory positions (Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, Deputy Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, and Administrative Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper) and lump-sum allowances for employment and adjustments of salaries of personnel in the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, as authorized by Public Law 97-51, effective October 1, 1981 (2 U.S.C. 61f-7).

The Committee recommends a total of \$34,037,000 for fiscal 1997. The amount recommended is \$2,148,000 more than the

amount provided for fiscal year 1996, and is the same as the budget request.

The offices and personnel covered by this appropriation are shown in the following table.

STAFFING—OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

	1996 level	1997 budget request	1997 Committee recommendation
Executive office	\$9,374,000	\$9,860,000	\$9,860,000
Positions	296	300	300
Computer center	\$8,198,000	\$8,526,000	\$8,526,000
Positions	158	158	158
Service department	\$5,700,000	\$5,995,000	\$5,995,000
Positions	145	145	145
Telecommunications	\$3,514,000	\$4,127,000	\$4,127,000
Positions	82	84	84
Studios	\$2,599,000	\$2,925,000	\$2,925,000
Positions	62	62	62
Post Office	\$1,412,000	\$1,468,000	\$1,468,000
Positions	57	57	57
News media galleries	\$1,092,000	\$1,136,000	\$1,136,000
Positions	20	20	20
Total	\$31,889,000	\$34,037,000	\$34,037,000
Total positions	820	826	826

OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY

Appropriations, 1996	\$1,047,000
Budget estimate, 1997	1,135,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	1,135,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,135,000 for the offices of the secretaries for the majority and minority. This is \$88,000 above the amount provided for fiscal year 1996 and is the same as the budget request. The appropriation is to be equally divided, providing \$567,500 for each office.

AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS

Appropriations, 1996	\$15,500,000
Budget estimate, 1997	18,482,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	17,000,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$17,000,000 for agency contributions for employees paid under the appropriation, "Salaries, officers and employees." This is \$1,500,000 above the amount provided in fiscal year 1996 and represents a reduction of \$1,482,000 from the budget request.

Agency contributions include the Senate's contributions as an employer to the civil service retirement system, the Federal Employees' Retirement System, the thrift savings plan, Federal employee group life insurance, Federal employee health insurance programs, and FICA. The Senate is required by law to make these payments, and the total required is dependent upon the number of Senate employees, their compensation levels, the benefit programs in which they are enrolled, and the extent of the benefits elected.

OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 1996	\$3,381,000
Budget estimate, 1997	3,447,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	3,447,000

For the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$3,447,000 which is \$66,000 above the amount provided for fiscal year 1996 and the same as the budget request. Fiscal year 1997 staffing levels are estimated to be 30 to 32 positions, unchanged from fiscal year 1996.

OFFICE OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Appropriations, 1996	\$936,000
Budget estimate, 1997	960,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	936,000

For the Office of Senate Legal Counsel, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$936,000 which is the same as the amount provided for fiscal year 1996 and is \$24,000 less than the budget request. The amount provided pays for the salaries, expenses, and agency contributions of the Office.

This Office was established pursuant to section 701 of Public Law 95-521.

EXPENSE ALLOWANCES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE, AND SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 1996	\$12,000
Budget estimate, 1997	12,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	12,000

Section 119 of Public Law 97-51 authorized an expense allowance for the Secretary of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, the Secretary for the Majority, and the Secretary for the Minority. Since fiscal year 1983, the amount has been provided through a direct appropriation. The Committee recommends providing an allowance of \$3,000 for each office.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE

INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

Appropriations, 1996	\$66,395,000
Budget estimate, 1997	70,561,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	69,561,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$69,561,000 for inquiries and investigations by all Senate standing, special, and select committees. This is \$3,166,000 above the amount provided for fiscal year 1996 and \$1,000,000 below the budget request. This recommendation is made in keeping with the Senate's action on Senate Resolution 73, the biennial committee funding resolution adopted February 13, 1995.

This appropriation funds the liquidation of obligations incurred by committees under the authorization provided in Committee funding resolutions.

U.S. SENATE CAUCUS ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

Appropriations, 1996	\$305,000
Budget estimate, 1997	
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	305,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$305,000 for the Caucus on International Narcotics Control.

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 1996	\$1,266,000
Budget estimate, 1997	1,266,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	1,511,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1,511,000 for expenses of the Office of the Secretary. The recommendation is based on testimony presented to the Committee on July 11, 1996, in which the Secretary revised his original request for fiscal year 1997 by reducing salaries by \$245,000 and increasing expenses by a like amount.

The table printed below sets forth the apportionment of funds under this appropriation, followed by a brief description of the line items. Any deviation of more than 10 percent cumulatively from the stated levels for each item will require the customary prior approval of the Committee.

EXPENSES—OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Item	1996 appropriation	1997 budget request	1997 Committee recommendation
Historical office:			
Books and documents	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Photographic supplies	7,000	7,000	7,000
Library:			
Online information services	47,000	47,000	47,000
Microform publications	31,000	31,000	31,000
Books	12,000	12,000	12,000
Subscriptions	20,000	20,000	20,000
Standing orders	20,000	20,000	20,000
CD-ROM	4,000	4,000	4,000
Audio/visual materials	500	500	500
Office of Conservation and Preservation	3,000	3,000	3,000
Book preservation	5,000	5,000	5,000
Travel and registration fees (Public Law 94-59)	12,000	12,000	12,000
Office of Public Records (Public Law 92-342)	8,000	8,000	8,000
Consultants (not more than two) (Public Law 95-26)	25,000	25,000	25,000
Legal reference volumes and dictionaries (Senators' offices) (Public Law 92-51)	80,000	80,000	80,000
Contractual legal and administrative services and miscellaneous expenses	50,000	295,000	295,000
Disbursing office: Payroll forms, notary fees, supplies, and insurance	29,000	29,000	29,000
Orientation and training (Public Law 95-94)	10,000	10,000	10,000
Newspapers	25,000	25,000	25,000

EXPENSES—OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY—Continued

Item	1996 appropriation	1997 budget request	1997 Committee recommendation
Senate service awards (S. Res. 21, Sept. 10, 1965)	23,000	23,000	23,000
Postage	1,000	1,000	1,000
Education of Senate pages (Public Law 98-51 and Public Law 98-125) (S. Res. 184, July 29, 1983)	58,000	58,000	58,000
Stationery	50,000	50,000	50,000
Senate Commission on Art (Public Law 100-696, Nov. 18, 1988)	28,000	28,000	28,000
Representation expenses (Public Law 100-71, July 11, 1987)	30,000	30,000	30,000
Office of Captioning Services (Public Law 101-163, Nov. 21, 1989)	235,000	235,000	235,000
Senate Chief Counsel for Employment	450,000	450,000	450,000
Total	1,266,000	1,511,000	1,511,000

The first nine items, pertaining to the Historical Office and the Library, all relate to the basic operations of these offices and are self-explanatory.

Office of Conservation and Preservation.—Provides funding for the Office of Conservation and Preservation to develop and coordinate programs directly related to the conservation and preservation of Senate records and materials for which the Secretary of the Senate has statutory authority.

Office of Conservation and Preservation: Book preservation.—Provides funding for the Office of Conservation and Preservation to use outside sources for the preservation and protection of the Senate book collection, including historically valuable documents under the care of the Secretary of the Senate.

Office of Public Records.—Provides the funding for expenses of the Office of Public Records to process, maintain, and make available reports and other documents filed with the Secretary as required by Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971; the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act; the Senate Code of Official Conduct; Rule 34, Public Financial Disclosure; Rule 40, Registration of Mass Mailing; Rule 41, Political Fund Designees and Rule 41(6), Supervisor's Reports on Individuals Performing Senate Services; foreign travel reports; and Byrd amendment reports.

Moneys received by the Secretary in payment for photocopies or microfilm are deposited into the Office of Public Records revolving fund.

Travel and registration fees.—Provides funding for travel expenses and registration fees incurred by the Secretary of the Senate and the employees of the Office of the Secretary under the authority of 2 U.S.C. 61a-9a. The authority for the travel portion of this account was provided for by section 101 of Public Law 94-59, July 25, 1975.

Substitute reporters and transcribers.—Provides funding for substitute reporters of debate and expert transcribers at daily rates or annual rates of pay for a period of not more than 90 days in any fiscal year. Substitute reporters of debate and expert transcribers were authorized by section 101 of Public Law 89-90, July 27, 1965, (2 U.S.C. 126b) and was amended by section 105 of Public Law 97-

12, June 5, 1981. Funds in this line have not been utilized for several years, and the Secretary has not requested any funds for fiscal year 1996.

Consultants.—Provides funding for two individual consultants as authorized by section 110 of Public Law 95–94, August 5, 1977, (2 U.S.C. 61h–6) which amends section 101 of Public Law 95–26, May 4, 1977. Consultants employed under this authority shall not be paid in excess of the per diem equivalent of the highest gross rate of annual compensation which may be paid to employees of a standing committee of the Senate.

Legal reference volumes.—Provides funding to furnish U.S. Senators with volumes of the United States Code Annotated or United States Code Service, pocket parts and supplements, as authorized by section 101 of Public Law 92–51, July 9, 1971 (2 U.S.C. 55).

The Disbursing Office provides the United States Code Annotated or the United States Code Service to Senators upon receipt of a written request of a Senator. In addition, dictionaries and dictionary stands are also furnished to Senators from funds provided in this account.

Contractual legal and administrative services and miscellaneous expenses.—Provides funding for various contractual, administrative, and miscellaneous expenses incurred by the Office of the Secretary. The Office of the Secretary of the Senate has contractual authority under the authority of Public Law 92–342, the Federal Election Campaign Act and has utilized this authority to employ professional legal services in the past. In addition, the Office of the Secretary has incurred various types of legal and other expenses which have been authorized by the Senate. Administrative services and miscellaneous expenses are housekeeping expenses of the Office of the Secretary.

Disbursing Office.—Provides funds for expenses incurred in the operation of the Disbursing Office. Typical expenses for this office include payroll information notices, annual W–2 forms, notary bonds, seals, and supplies, and necessary supplies in conjunction with the various machinery maintained in the office, which are not available in the stationery room.

Orientation and training.—Provides funding for expenses incurred by the Secretary of the Senate to conduct orientation seminars or similar meetings for members, officers, and employees and Senate officials and their staff not to exceed \$10,000 each fiscal year, under the authority of 2 U.S.C. 69a.

Newspapers.—Provides funding to furnish newspapers and magazines for official purposes to the Marble Room, leadership offices, Republican and Democratic cloakrooms, Senate officers, and certain other offices.

Senate service awards.—Provides funding for the issuance of service pins or emblems as authorized by Senate Resolution 21, September 10, 1965. Senate Resolution 21 authorizes the Secretary of the Senate, under the direction of the Committee on Rules and Administration and in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Committee, to procure such pins or emblems and award them to members, officers, and employees of the Senate who are entitled.

Postage.—Provides funding for postage for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate for special delivery, foreign postage, registered mail, and additional postage not covered under the frank.

Education of Senate pages.—Provides funding for the education of Senate pages.

Stationery.—Provides funding for stationery and office supplies for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

Senate Commission on Art.—Provides funding for the Senate Commission on Art, authorized by Public Law 100–696, November 18, 1988 (40 U.S.C. 188b), to acquire any work of art, historical object, documents, or material relating to historical matters, or exhibits for placement or exhibition within the Senate wing of the Capitol, any Senate office building, or in rooms, spaces, or corridors thereof, and to publish a catalog of Senate historical objects and exhibits currently within the Senate wing of the Capitol and any Senate office building.

The Senate Commission on Art was formerly the Commission on Arts and Antiquities, which was authorized by Senate Resolution 382, October 1, 1968, as amended by Senate Resolution 95, April 1, 1977, and Senate Resolution 400, March 23, 1988.

Representation expenses.—Provides funding (not to exceed \$50,000) to the Secretary of Senate to coordinate and carry out responsibilities in connection with foreign parliamentary groups or other foreign officials visiting the United States. Authorized by section 2 of Public Law 100–71, July 11, 1987, (2 U.S.C. 65f).

Office of Captioning Services.—Provides funding for the closed captioning of the televised Senate floor proceedings for the hearing impaired. Closed captioning was first authorized under the authority of Public Law 101–163, November 21, 1989.

Senate Chief Counsel for Employment.—Provides funding for the Office of the Senate Chief Counsel for Employment. This office is a nonpartisan office formed in May 1993 at the direction of the joint leadership and is charged with providing legal advice and representation of Senate offices in all areas of employment law.

SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

Appropriations, 1996	\$61,347,000
Budget estimate, 1997	65,931,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	65,931,000

The Committee recommends the appropriation of \$65,931,000 for expenses of the Sergeant at Arms, which is \$4,584,000 above the amount appropriated for fiscal year 1996 and the same as the budget estimate.

The following table sets forth the apportionment of funds under this appropriation. Any deviation of more than 10 percent cumulatively from the stated levels for each item will require the customary prior approval of the Committee.

EXPENSES—OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

	1996 level	1997 budget request	1997 Committee recommendation
Computer center	\$25,144,000	\$26,601,000	\$26,601,000

EXPENSES—OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE—Continued

	1996 level	1997 budget request	1997 Committee recommendation
Telecommunications	17,369,000	20,162,000	20,162,000
State office coordination	12,384,000	12,156,000	12,156,000
Service department	4,983,000	5,416,000	5,416,000
Executive office	1,467,000	1,596,000	1,596,000
Administration: Seminars		(5,000)	(5,000)
Total	61,347,000	65,931,000	65,931,000

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Appropriations, 1996	\$6,644,000
Budget estimate, 1997	6,791,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	6,791,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$6,791,000 for miscellaneous items, which is \$147,000 above the amount provided in fiscal year 1996 and the same as the budget request.

Any deviation of more than 10 percent cumulatively from the stated levels for each item will require the customary prior approval of the Committee.

The following table sets forth the apportionment of funds under this appropriation:

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS APPORTIONMENT SCHEDULE

Item	1996 level	Committee recommendation fiscal year 1997	Difference
Resolution and reorganization reserve	\$1,566,000	\$2,000,000	+ \$434,000
Reserve for contingencies (miscellaneous items)	750,000	750,000	
Employees compensation fund reimbursement (workmen's compensation)	777,000	810,000	+ 33,000
Civil service retirement fund reemployed annuitants	50,000	50,000	
Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program—(S. Res. 75, dated Mar. 3, 1993, as amended) (expires Sept. 30, 1998) ..	300,000	300,000	
John Heinz Fellowship Program—(S. Res. 356, dated Oct. 7, 1992) (expires Sept. 30, 1997)	71,000	71,000	
Reception of foreign dignitaries (S. Res. 247, dated Feb. 7, 1962, as amended)	25,000	25,000	
Foreign travel—Members and employees (S. Res. 179, dated May 25, 1977)	125,000	125,000	
Federal employees compensation account (Public Law 96-499, dated Dec. 5, 1980) (unemployment compensation)	1,500,000	1,500,000	
Conferences for the majority and minority (Public Law 97-51, dated Jan. 3, 1983 and Public Law 101-520, dated Nov. 5, 1990)	150,000	150,000	
Policy committees for the majority and minority (Public Law 104-53, dated Nov. 19, 1995)	144,000	144,000	
Postage	6,000	16,000	
Consultants—including agency contributions (Public Law 95-26, dated May 4, 1977 and Public Law 95-94, dated Aug. 5, 1977)	550,000	600,000	+ 50,000

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS APPORTIONMENT SCHEDULE—Continued

Item	1996 level	Committee recommendation fiscal year 1997	Difference
Senate observer group (expires Dec. 31, 1996—S. Res. 105, dated Apr. 13, 1989, as amended)	580,000	145,000	— 435,000
Contribution costs authorized by Public Law 102–90, dated Aug. 14, 1991, and Public Law 103–50, dated July 2, 1993	50,000	115,000	+ 65,000
Total	6,644,000	6,791,000	+ 147,000
¹ Postage apportionment (fiscal year 1997):			
President of the Senate			\$2,700
Secretary for the Majority			1,100
Secretary for the Minority			1,100
Chaplain			1,100
Total			6,000

Resolution and reorganization reserve.—This line item is used to cover the costs of Senate resolutions and public laws that authorize the expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate that do not have specific appropriations for such purpose. For example, Senate Resolution 280, agreed to October 7, 1994, extended the Senate observer group from December 31, 1994, to December 31, 1996. This resolution required a reprogramming from the resolution and reorganization reserve to the line item for the Senate observer group to fully fund the account for fiscal year 1996. Other examples include: payments made to displaced Committee staff members authorized by Senate Resolution 9, agreed to January 7, 1993, and paying for Senator-elect expenses.

Reserve for contingencies.—This is a Committee on Rules and Administration line item which is used for items such as paying for gratuities for family members of deceased Senate employees, paying for damage to automobiles in the Senate parking lots, contractual, legal, and administrative services, and miscellaneous expenses.

Employees compensation fund reimbursements (worker's compensation).—Reimbursements made to the U.S. Department of Labor for total benefits and other payments made on behalf of Senate employees from the employees compensation fund.

Civil service retirement fund reemployed annuitants.—Payments to the Office of Personnel Management's civil service retirement and disability fund for amounts equal to the annuity allocable to the period of actual employment of reemployed annuitants in accordance with Public Law 94–397, agreed to September 3, 1976, for individuals who served continuously as an officer or employee of the Senate prior to October 1, 1979 (Public Law 95–391).

Jacobs K. Javits Fellowship Program.—Provides funding for the fellowship program established by Senate Resolution 75, agreed to March 3, 1993, and amended by Senate Resolution 105, agreed to April 19, 1993. The sum of \$300,000 is authorized on a fiscal year basis through fiscal year 1998.

John Heinz Fellowship Program.—Provides funding for the fellowship program established by Senate Resolution 356, agreed to October 7, 1992. The sum of \$71,000 is authorized on a fiscal year basis through fiscal year 1997.

Reception of foreign dignitaries.—The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to expend not to exceed \$25,000 each fiscal year to receive foreign dignitaries under the authority of Senate Resolution 247, agreed to February 7, 1962, as amended.

Foreign travel—members and employees.—Senate Resolution 179, agreed to May 25, 1977, authorized the payment from the contingent fund of the Senate of transportation costs and travel expenses incurred by Members and employees of the Senate when engaged in authorized foreign travel.

Federal employees compensation account (unemployment compensation).—This line item provides for expenses incurred for the Senate to reimburse the “Federal employees compensation” account, pursuant to Public Law 96–499, approved December 5, 1980, for unemployment compensation payments made to Senate employees.

Conferences for the majority and minority.—The amount recommended provides for the expenses of the majority and minority conference committees. In addition, the Committee recommends an administrative provision, section 7, authorizing the chairmen of the conference committees to transfer salary funds into this into expenses, and vice versa.

Policy committees for the majority and the minority.—The amount recommended provides for the expenses of the policy committees for the majority and minority. Prior to fiscal year 1996, these expenses were carried within a lump sum appropriation for the salaries, agency contributions, and expenses of the policy committees.

Postage.—Provides for postage allowances for the President of the Senate, Secretary of the Majority, Secretary of the Minority, and Senate Chaplain.

Consultants—including agency contributions.—The authority providing for the appointment and payment of consultants to the majority and minority leaders and the legislative counsel has been amended several times. The following summarizes the current authority and limitations:

Majority leader: Four consultants at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. One of the consultants may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

Minority leader: Four consultants at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate. One of the consultants may be appointed at an annual rate of compensation not to exceed the maximum annual rate for a standing committee.

Legislative counsel (subject to the approval of the President pro tempore): Two consultants at not to exceed the daily rate for maximum standing committee rate, as authorized by 2 U.S.C. 61h–6 16.

Senate Arms Control Observer Group.—Provides funding for the Senate Arms Control Observer Group, under the authority of Senate Resolution 105, agreed to April 13, 1989, as amended. The Senate Arms Control Observer Group is authorized through December 31, 1996.

Contribution costs.—Provides for the payment of agency contribution costs as authorized by Public Law 102–90, approved August

14, 1991, and Public Law 103-50, approved July 2, 1993, for employees of the Senate Employees Child Care Center.

SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Appropriations, 1996	\$204,029,000
Budget estimate, 1997	226,825,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	208,000,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation for fiscal year 1997 of \$208,000,000. This amount is \$3,971,000 greater than the fiscal year 1996 level and \$18,825,000 less than the budget request.

This account funds salaries and benefits of Senators' staffs as well as the office expense allowance for Senators' offices. These funds were formerly carried under several accounts including: "Administrative, clerical and legislative assistance to Senators;" "Agency contributions," under the heading "Salaries, officers and employees;" and "Official office expense allowances." Those separate appropriations were merged into this single account in Public Law 100-137.

The Senators' official personnel and office expense allowance [SOPOEA] is comprised of three components. Two of these are for salaries of personnel in Senators' offices. The allowance for administrative and clerical assistance is based on the population of States, beginning with States with a population of fewer than 5 million people to States with a population of 28 million or more. The tables below illustrate the allowances per population category and the States which fall into those categories.

The second component of the salaries allowance is for legislative assistance to Senators, as authorized by Public Law 95-94. This allowance provides funding for three positions in each Senator's office at an annual rate of \$128,350 for a total of \$385,050 per office, or \$38,505,000 for all 100 Senators.

The third component of the SOPOEA is for office expenses. Each Senator's office is allocated an amount for office expenses, as displayed in the following table. In addition, an amount of \$200,000 is provided to cover additional expenses that may be incurred in the event of the death or resignation of a Senator, and to provide for transitional expenses during election years.

It should be noted that the amounts provided for the various components of the SOPOEA are entirely fungible. That is to say, amounts provided for salaries may be used for expenses, and vice versa.

The following tables illustrate the several components of the SOPOEA.

SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT

State	Administrative and clerical assistance as of October 1, 1996	Legislative assistant assistance as of October 1, 1996	Official office expense allowance as of October 1, 1996	Fiscal year 1997 total allowance
Alabama	\$1,087,597	\$385,050	\$116,300	\$1,588,947
Alaska	1,087,597	385,050	221,600	1,694,247
Arizona	1,087,597	385,050	128,975	1,601,622
Arkansas	1,087,597	385,050	118,250	1,590,897

SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT—Continued

State	Administrative and clerical assistance as of October 1, 1996	Legislative assistant assistance as of October 1, 1996	Official office expense allowance as of October 1, 1996	Fiscal year 1997 total allowance
California	1,974,051	385,050	168,950	2,528,051
Colorado	1,087,597	385,050	124,100	1,596,747
Connecticut	1,087,597	385,050	105,575	1,578,222
Delaware	1,087,597	385,050	95,825	1,568,472
Florida	1,529,993	385,050	120,200	2,035,243
Georgia	1,220,315	385,050	116,300	1,721,665
Hawaii	1,087,597	385,050	245,000	1,717,647
Idaho	1,087,597	385,050	128,000	1,600,647
Illinois	1,397,274	385,050	138,725	1,921,049
Indiana	1,131,836	385,050	116,300	1,633,186
Iowa	1,087,597	385,050	119,225	1,591,872
Kansas	1,087,597	385,050	119,225	1,591,872
Kentucky	1,087,597	385,050	115,325	1,587,972
Louisiana	1,087,597	385,050	120,200	1,592,847
Maine	1,087,597	385,050	110,450	1,583,097
Maryland	1,131,836	385,050	100,700	1,617,586
Massachusetts	1,176,076	385,050	114,350	1,675,476
Michigan	1,308,794	385,050	124,100	1,817,944
Minnesota	1,087,597	385,050	120,200	1,592,847
Mississippi	1,087,597	385,050	118,250	1,590,897
Missouri	1,131,836	385,050	121,175	1,638,061
Montana	1,087,597	385,050	128,000	1,600,647
Nebraska	1,087,597	385,050	120,200	1,592,847
Nevada	1,087,597	385,050	129,950	1,602,597
New Hampshire	1,087,597	385,050	106,550	1,579,197
New Jersey	1,220,315	385,050	110,450	1,715,815
New Mexico	1,087,597	385,050	125,075	1,597,722
New York	1,691,015	385,050	145,550	2,221,615
North Carolina	1,220,315	385,050	112,400	1,717,765
North Dakota	1,087,597	385,050	119,225	1,591,872
Ohio	1,397,274	385,050	129,950	1,912,274
Oklahoma	1,087,597	385,050	123,125	1,595,772
Oregon	1,087,597	385,050	132,875	1,605,522
Pennsylvania	1,441,513	385,050	128,975	1,955,538
Rhode Island	1,087,597	385,050	104,600	1,577,247
South Carolina	1,087,597	385,050	110,450	1,583,097
South Dakota	1,087,597	385,050	120,200	1,592,847
Tennessee	1,131,836	385,050	116,300	1,633,186
Texas	1,691,015	385,050	149,450	2,225,515
Utah	1,087,597	385,050	128,000	1,600,647
Vermont	1,087,597	385,050	105,575	1,578,222
Virginia	1,176,076	385,050	106,550	1,667,676
Washington	1,131,836	385,050	135,800	1,652,686
West Virginia	1,087,597	385,050	105,575	1,578,222
Wisconsin	1,131,836	385,050	119,225	1,636,111
Wyoming	1,087,597	385,050	123,125	1,595,772
Total	117,812,618	38,505,000	12,528,950	168,846,568

According to the most recent employment data compiled by the Secretary of the Senate, as of March 31, 1996, there were 4,035 individuals employed in Senators' offices throughout the United States and covered by this appropriation.

U.S. Senate Senator's staff as of September 30, 1985-95 and March 31, 1996

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of staff</i>
1985	4,116
1986	3,835
1987	4,082
1988	4,036
1989	4,111
1990	4,035
1991	4,197
1992	4,135
1993	4,262
1994	4,142
1995	4,112
1996	4,035

In addition to providing funds for compensation of employees within Senators' offices, this appropriation also provides for agency contributions for those employees; that is, the Senate's share, as an employer, of the various employee benefit programs for which Senate employees are eligible. These payments are mandatory, and fluctuate according to the programs in which employees are enrolled, the level of compensation, and the degree of participation. Budget requests for this account prepared by the Financial Clerk must be based on both experience and evaluation of trends. The fiscal year 1997 request for this account anticipates \$51,932,000 in agency contribution costs.

The amount recommended by the Committee for the SOPOEA is less than would be required to cover all obligations that could be incurred under the authorized allowances for all Senators. The Committee is able to recommend an appropriation of a lesser amount than potentially necessary because Senators typically do not obligate funds up to the absolute ceiling of their respective allowances. In fact, a number of offices spend less than their total allowances. Evidence of this can be found in the semiannual report of the Secretary of the Senate. At the direction of this Committee in the Fiscal Year 1996 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, the Secretary's report now includes summary information on each Senator's authorized allowance, expenditures made, and the balance, if any.

In the alternative, the Committee could recommend an appropriation to fully fund the sum total of all the authorized allowances. For the fiscal year 1997, that would mean an appropriation of \$226,825,000, \$18,825,000 more than recommended. To follow that course, however, particularly in this time of severe fiscal retrenchment, would drain resources from other Senate activities only to have those funds lapse in the SOPOEA account at the end of the year.

OFFICE OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

Appropriations, 1996	\$778,000
Budget estimate, 1997	
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	

Section 303 of title III of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, (Public Law 102-166) established an Office of Senate Fair Employment Practices [OFEP]. The mission of this Office is to establish procedures to protect the rights of Senate employees with respect to

their public employment to be free of discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability. While the responsibilities of the Office will eventually be taken over by the Office of Compliance established by the Congressional Accountability Act, OFEP must continue to handle cases brought before July 23, 1996.

Given the current caseload of the Office, the Committee does not believe a separate appropriation for the Office in fiscal year 1997 is warranted. If circumstances require additional funding, it can be drawn from the resolution and reorganization reserve within the "Miscellaneous items" appropriation.

SETTLEMENTS AND AWARDS RESERVE

Appropriations, 1996	\$1,000,000
Budget estimate, 1997	1,000,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	

The Committee recommends no appropriation for the settlements and awards reserve.

This account provides a contingency fund for the potential costs associated with the disposition of cases resolved through the process established by the Civil Rights Act of 1991 (Public Law 102-166). Funds are available from prior-year balances to provide for payments of settlements in cases arising prior to July 23, 1996. Subsequent to that date, funds are provided under the terms of the Congressional Accountability Act.

STATIONERY (REVOLVING FUND)

Appropriations, 1996	\$13,000
Budget estimate, 1997	13,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	13,000

The Committee recommends the request of \$13,000 for stationery and office supplies for the President of the Senate, conference committees of the Senate, the Chaplain, and the Senate Chamber. The sum recommended is the same as the amount enacted for fiscal year 1996.

The funds are allocated as follows:

Stationery (revolving fund) allocation—fiscal year 1997

President of the Senate	\$4,500
Chaplain	700
Senate Chamber	7,200
Conference of the majority and conference of the minority	600
Total	13,000

SENATE OFFICIAL MAIL COSTS

Appropriations, 1996	\$11,000,000
Budget estimate, 1997	36,500,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	10,000,000

For the official mail costs of the Senate, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$10,000,000, which is \$26,500,000 below the request and \$1,000,000 below the amount provided for

fiscal year 1996. The Committee also recommends an administrative provision, section 2, authorizing the transfer of funds from this account to the "Senators' official personnel and office expense allowance" account subject to procedures established by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The Committee recommends four administrative provisions relative to Senate operations.

Section 1 amends statutory language authorizing the majority and minority conference committees to utilize consultants on matters of jurisdictional oversight by broadening the scope to include the administration of the affairs of the committee.

Section 2 authorizes the Secretary of the Senate to provide stationery to Senators-elect.

Section 3 amends statutory language to allow the rental of mobile offices for a period of up to 3 years, rather than the existing limit of 1 year.

Section 4 has been recommended at the request of the Sergeant at Arms to streamline certain bill payment practices. The provision will allow all Senate offices to pay telephone bills from the appropriation for the fiscal year in which the underlying base service period ends, eliminating the labor-intensive task of reviewing thousands of calls to ascertain when they were made, and preparing separate vouchers for calls made in different fiscal years. A similar provision was included in last year's bill for the office of Sergeant at Arms.

Section 5 pertains to the disposal of surplus computer equipment. The Committee is aware that the Senate transfers approximately 1,500 computers and peripheral devices per year to the General Services Administration [GSA] to be disposed of through the normal surplus property program. Most of the computers being transferred at this time are IBM-compatible 386 machines. The Committee believes that this equipment may be useful to public schools throughout the country which are attempting to improve their computer curricula. Therefore, the Committee has included language in the bill to allow the Sergeant at Arms to make educationally useful equipment surplus or excess to Senate needs available to public schools at the least possible cost to both the Senate and such schools. The Committee expects the Sergeant at Arms to take appropriate steps to facilitate such transfers of educationally useful equipment to public schools consistent with appropriate guidelines prescribed by the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

To minimize costs to the Senate, the Committee expects the Sergeant at Arms to ensure the equipment is in good working order when it is transferred to a public school, or to another agency for transfer to a public school, but not to expend significant money or labor to repair nonoperable equipment. Further, when making such computers and peripheral equipment available to public schools, the Sergeant at Arms shall not include computer software, except the operating system for microcomputers, consistent with applicable licensing requirements. Finally, the Committee expects that recipients of the equipment will bear the costs of its transportation from the Senate or GSA, as appropriate, will accept the equipment

as is, without warranty from the Senate, and will use it for public education purposes.

The Committee recognizes that when a Senate office no longer has a use for a piece of equipment, that equipment is not necessarily surplus or excess to the needs of the Senate. Many items of office automation equipment which are returned to the Sergeant at Arms are used for other Senate purposes before they are ultimately deemed to be surplus or excess to the needs of the Senate. Therefore, the Committee recommends the Sergeant at Arms provide such equipment to public schools in appropriately sized lots based on his or her estimate of the total numbers of equipment which will become surplus or excess during the year.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Appropriations, 1996	\$671,061,000
Budget estimate, 1997	738,777,000
House allowance	683,831,000
Committee recommendation	683,831,000

The Committee recommends a total appropriation of \$683,831,000 for the House of Representatives. In keeping with the longstanding tradition of comity between the Houses on matters pertaining solely to one House, the Committee concurs with the House allowance.

JOINT ITEMS

JOINT COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES OF 1997

Appropriations, 1996	
Budget estimate, 1997	\$950,000
House allowance	950,000
Committee recommendation	950,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$950,000, the same as the budget estimate and the House allowance, for the Joint Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies of 1997. The Committee also recommends a proviso authorizing the reimbursement from this appropriation of expenses incurred by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Appropriations, 1996	\$3,000,000
Budget estimate, 1997	3,000,000
House allowance	3,000,000
Committee recommendation	750,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$750,000 for the Joint Economic Committee. The Committee's recommendation is based on its expectation that the Joint Committee will cease operations at the end of the current Congress and that its functions will be assumed by standing committees of the House and Senate. The Committee on Rules and Administration may wish to consider the assignment of these additional responsibilities as it reviews the funding requests of the Senate committees for the 105th Congress. Funding is provided for the first quarter of fiscal year 1997.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

Appropriations, 1996	\$750,000
Budget estimate, 1997	777,000
House allowance	777,000
Committee recommendation	777,000

The Committee recommends the appropriation of \$777,000 for the Joint Committee on Printing. This is \$27,000 above the amount appropriated for fiscal year 1996 and is the same as the budget request.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Appropriations, 1996	\$5,116,000
Budget estimate, 1997	7,716,000
House allowance	5,470,000
Committee recommendation	5,470,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$5,470,000 for salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Taxation. This is \$354,000 above the amounts provided for fiscal year 1996 and is \$2,246,000 less than the budget request.

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

Appropriations, 1996	\$1,260,000
Budget estimate, 1997	1,225,000
House allowance	1,225,000
Committee recommendation	1,225,000

The Committee recommends the appropriation of \$1,225,000 for the Office of the Attending Physician. The amount is \$35,000 below the appropriation for fiscal year 1996 and is the same as the budget estimate. The Office was first established by House Resolution 253, adopted December 5, 1928.

CAPITOL POLICE BOARD

CAPITOL POLICE

Salaries	<i>Recommended</i> \$70,132,000
Expenses	2,880,000
Total, Capitol Police Board	73,012,000

The Committee continues funding the operations of the entire U.S. Capitol Police Force within joint items under the heading "Capitol Police Board."

CAPITOL POLICE

SALARIES

Appropriations, 1996	\$70,132,000
Budget estimate, 1997	76,394,000
House allowance	68,392,000
Committee recommendation	70,132,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$70,132,000 for the salaries of the U.S. Capitol Police, \$1,740,000 above the House allowance and the same as the fiscal year 1996 enacted level.

The amount provided covers salaries, benefits, and overtime costs. Capitol Police personnel are also eligible for hazardous duty pay, a clothing allowance, and comparability pay similar to locality pay adjustments granted other Federal law enforcement personnel in the Washington, DC, area. Capitol Police personnel on the Senate detail are the only Senate employees eligible for such comparability pay. The Committee notes that approximately \$4,000,000 in funds appropriated for salaries in fiscal year 1995 were unspent, and believes a reduction from the request is justified.

The Committee recommends a general provision, section 313, amending Public Law 104-1 to allow law enforcement personnel of the Capitol Police to elect to receive compensatory time off in lieu of overtime compensation for hours worked in excess of the maximum for their work period. This provision was recommended by the Capitol Police in testimony before the Committee on May 23, 1996.

GENERAL EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1996	\$2,560,000
Budget estimate, 1997	7,606,000
House allowance	2,685,000
Committee recommendation	2,880,000

The Committee recommends \$2,880,000 for general expenses of the Capitol Police, \$4,726,000 below the budget request and \$320,000 above the enacted amount for fiscal year 1996.

These expenses include office supplies and equipment, laundry and dry-cleaning, communications, motor vehicles, uniforms and equipment, investigations, training, and miscellaneous items. The amount recommended includes funds for vehicle replacement.

The Committee appreciates the efforts of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate in providing computer, telecommunications, and other support to the Capitol Police force. The expertise residing in the Sergeant at Arms helps to make possible the successful operation of the entire police force. The Committee recognizes that the Sergeant at Arms has borne the full cost of supporting the police in these technology areas. However, the Committee expects that commencing with the fiscal year 1998 appropriation request that the Capitol Police will budget and provide justification for these costs on a basis to reimburse the Senate Sergeant at Arms. The Committee further expects that the Sergeant at Arms will work with the Capitol Police to develop appropriate and justified plans to maintain and upgrade as necessary their computer and telecommunications systems.

CAPITOL GUIDE AND SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE

Appropriations, 1996	\$1,991,000
Budget estimate, 1997	1,991,000
House allowance	1,991,000
Committee recommendation	1,991,000

The Committee concurs with the House recommendation to combine the Capitol Guide Service and the Special Services Office, under the auspices of the Capitol Guide Board. The Board is composed of the Sergeants at Arms of the House and Senate, and the Architect of the Capitol.

The amount recommended is the same as the House allowance and the amounts appropriated to the two separate offices for fiscal year 1996.

STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriations, 1996	\$30,000
Budget estimate, 1997	30,000
House allowance	30,000
Committee recommendation	30,000

The Committee concurs with the House and recommends \$30,000, the same as the budget estimate, for the preparation of detailed statements of appropriations as required by law. This account is used as payment for the preparation of the volumes, "Statements on Appropriations," for the second session of the 104th Congress. These volumes show annual appropriations made, indefinite appropriations, and contracts authorized, along with a chronological history of regular appropriations bills. The volumes are compiled jointly by the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations pursuant to a directive in the Legislative Appropriations Act of June 7, 1924.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

Appropriations, 1996	\$2,500,000
Budget estimate, 1997	3,268,000
House allowance	2,609,000
Committee recommendation	2,609,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$2,609,000, the same as the House allowance, for the salaries and expenses of the Office of Compliance, as authorized by section 305 of Public Law 104-1, the Congressional Accountability Act of 1996.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1996	\$24,288,000
Budget estimate, 1997	24,775,000
House allowance	24,288,000
Committee recommendation	24,775,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$24,775,000 for the Congressional Budget Office. The amount is the same as the budget estimate, and \$487,000 above the House allowance and the amount enacted for fiscal year 1996.

The increase over the fiscal year 1996 enacted amount will enable CBO to maintain its current workload with no increase in staff. Funding for a 2.3-percent ECI adjustment and merit increases will be partially offset by the absorption of nonmandatory price increases and the delayed replacement of computers and data bases.

The Committee concurs with the House in recommending two administrative provisions, requested in the budget, pertaining to the disposal of surplus property and lump sum payment for terminal leave.

In order to enhance the usefulness and relevance of Congressional Budget Office's work, without diminishing any objectivity

and impartiality of its analyses, the Committee recommends that the Congressional Budget Office develop and implement policies that provide for the full explanation and disclosure of critical assumptions and methodologies as well as closer consultation with the recipients of its budget estimates and studies. It is expected that these consultations would occur prior to the commencement of such estimates and studies.

The Director of the Congressional Budget Office is requested to transmit the written policy to the subcommittee within 60 days of the beginning of the 105th Congress.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

The Committee has recommended a funding level of \$140,074,000 for all activities of the Architect of the Capitol pertaining to direct support of the Congress. Additional funds are recommended in title II of the bill for the Architect's activities relative to the structural and mechanical care of the Library's buildings and grounds, and the Botanic Garden.

The amount recommended in title I is \$2,896,000 below the fiscal year 1996 amount and \$384,000 below the budget estimate. The Committee commends the Architect for presenting a budget with funding levels lower than those provided for the previous fiscal year.

While the requested budget contemplates a reduction in overall personnel levels, the reduction can be achieved through attrition and there will be sufficient funding to avoid layoffs, furloughs, or reductions in force. Should the Congress take any action relative to privatization of certain functions of the Architect or adopt any other policies that could have adverse effects on existing personnel, the Committee will endeavor to provide the Architect with the authorities necessary to provide severance pay, early retirement incentives, or other personnel management tools that have proven effective in administering significant downsizing in other Federal agencies.

The following table shows the request and the Committee recommendation:

Appropriation	Fiscal year—		
	1996 appropriation	1997 request	1997 recommendation
Salaries	\$8,569,000	\$8,714,000	\$8,454,000
Contingent expenses	100,000	100,000	100,000
Capitol buildings	22,882,000	23,679,000	23,555,000
Capitol Grounds	5,143,000	5,020,000	5,020,000
Senate office buildings	41,757,000	39,640,000	39,640,000
House office buildings	33,001,000	32,556,000	32,556,000
Capitol Power Plant	31,518,000	30,749,000	30,749,000
Total, title I	142,970,000	140,458,000	140,074,000
Botanic Garden	3,053,000	2,902,000	2,902,000
Library buildings and grounds, structural and mechanical care	12,428,000	9,003,000	10,453,000

Appropriation	Fiscal year—		
	1996 appropriation	1997 request	1997 recommendation
Total, title II	15,481,000	11,905,000	13,355,000
Total	158,451,000	152,363,000	153,429,000

OFFICE OF THE ARCHITECT—SALARIES

Appropriations, 1996	\$8,569,000
Budget estimate, 1997	8,714,000
House allowance	8,454,000
Committee recommendation	8,454,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$8,454,000 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol—Salaries.

The Committee has also recommended the authority for travel, with a \$20,000 limitation.

OFFICE OF THE ARCHITECT—CONTINGENT EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1996	\$100,000
Budget estimate, 1997	100,000
House allowance	100,000
Committee recommendation	100,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$100,000 for contingent expenses of the Architect. This is the same as the budget request, the enacted level in 1996, and the House allowance.

The recommended amount will enable the Architect to make surveys and studies and meet unforeseen expenses in connection with activities under the care of the Architect. The Committee again directs the Architect to apprise the Committee before obligations are made from this account for any project or activity in or concerning the Senate wing of the Capitol, the Senate office buildings or any other space occupied by Senate entities, or the Capitol Grounds on the Senate side.

CAPITOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

CAPITOL BUILDINGS

Appropriations, 1996	\$22,882,000
Budget estimate, 1997	23,679,000
House allowance	23,255,000
Committee recommendation	23,555,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$23,555,000 for the operation and maintenance of the Capitol Building and the electrical substations of the House and Senate office buildings. The amount recommended is \$673,000 above the amount provided for fiscal year 1996 and represents a reduction of \$124,000 from the request.

The Committee recommends language to continue the operations of the flag office on a reimbursable basis, and concurs with the recommended funding level of \$379,000. Funds are also included for a new canine facility for the Capitol Police.

The Committee directs that no new Senate projects or activities other than those listed below be undertaken with funds provided

in this or previous appropriations acts without the prior written approval of the Committee, and that the Committee be notified in writing in advance of any new Senate projects or activities to be undertaken with the funds provided for annual maintenance, repairs, alterations, or miscellaneous improvements.

The following table displays the request and the Committee recommendation.

REQUEST VERSUS RECOMMENDATION

Item	Request	Committee recommendation
Personnel compensation and benefits	\$13,270,000	\$13,461,000
Travel, rent, and communications	775,600	775,600
Annual maintenance, repairs, and alterations	5,373,000	5,058,000
Supplies, materials, and equipment	610,400	610,400
Subtotal	20,029,000	19,905,000
1997 budget projects:		
Cyclical maintenance:		
Ongoing projects:		
Plumbing renovations, Capitol Building	400,000	400,000
Elevator/escalator modernization program	400,000	400,000
Conservation of wall paintings	100,000	100,000
Replace Minton tile	200,000	200,000
Replace roof, Senate wing, east front	250,000	250,000
Subtotal, cyclical maintenance	1,350,000	1,350,000
Continuing and initiating other programs:		
Ongoing projects:		
ADA improvements	300,000	300,000
Replace/repair underground storage tanks	200,000	200,000
Telecommunications network management	100,000	100,000
Implementation of AOCNET	400,000	400,000
Legislative branch warehouse operations and maintenance, Fort Meade	400,000	400,000
Installation of smoke detectors and fire alarms	400,000	400,000
New requests:		
Lightning protection, Capitol Building	200,000	200,000
Capitol Police canine facility	300,000	300,000
Subtotal, continuing and initiating other programs	2,300,000	2,300,000
Total, Capitol buildings	23,679,000	23,555,000

CAPITOL GROUNDS

Appropriations, 1996	\$5,143,000
Budget estimate, 1997	5,020,000
House allowance	5,020,000
Committee recommendation	5,020,000

The Committee concurs with the House in recommending an appropriation of \$5,020,000 for Capitol Grounds for the care and improvements of the grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant. This is the same as the request, and \$123,000 below the enacted level.

Again this year, the Committee wishes to commend the Architect and the landscape architect for the care and maintenance of the Capitol Grounds. The weather in the Washington area is not the most conducive for sustaining ornamental plants, and the Grounds endure the pedestrian traffic of millions of visitors a year. Nonetheless, the Capitol Grounds are a magnificent showpiece in keeping with the grandeur of the Capitol Building itself.

The Committee remains concerned, however, about the sections of concrete pipe used as vehicle barriers along sidewalks on the Capitol Grounds, and again directs the Architect to submit to the Committee by August 15 a report with a schedule and cost estimate for the replacement of those concrete pipe sections with more decorative planters such as those currently placed at the north and south entrances to the Capitol plaza. Last year the Architect responded to this request with a report outlining a far more ambitious and expensive alternative. The Committee is not interested in such schemes, but seeks a low-cost and readily achievable solution, and will consider a reprogramming to fund the project.

The Committee directs that no new Senate projects or activities other than those listed below be undertaken with funds provided in this or previous appropriations acts without the prior written approval of the Committee, and that the Committee be notified in writing in advance of any new Senate projects or activities to be undertaken with the funds provided for annual maintenance, repairs, alterations, or miscellaneous improvements.

The following table displays the request and the Committee recommendation.

REQUEST VERSUS RECOMMENDATION

Item	Request	Committee recommendation
Personnel compensation and benefits	\$3,334,000	\$3,334,000
Annual maintenance, repairs, and alterations	1,129,000	1,129,000
Supplies, materials, and equipment	137,000	137,000
Subtotal	4,600,000	4,600,000
1997 budget projects:		
Cyclical maintenance:		
Ongoing projects:		
Replace bituminous paving, various locations	160,000	160,000
Replace sidewalks, various locations	235,000	235,000
Subtotal, cyclical maintenance	395,000	395,000
Continuing and initiating other programs: Ongoing projects—ADA im- provements	25,000	25,000
Total, Capitol Grounds	5,020,000	5,020,000

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Appropriations, 1996	\$41,757,000
Budget estimate, 1997	39,640,000
House allowance	Not considered
Committee recommendation	39,640,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$39,640,000 for maintenance of the Senate office buildings. The recommended amount is \$2,117,000 below the amount provided for fiscal year 1996 and is the same as the request. Since this item pertains solely to the Senate, it was not considered by the House.

The Committee has allowed \$200,000 for uniforms for Senate office buildings employees; funding in the amount of \$52,000 for contractual cleaning of Webster Hall, the Senate page dormitory; an amount of \$250,000 to cover election year cycle costs related to moving Senate offices; and \$180,000 for expanding the centralized building monitoring system.

The Committee believes that the provision of uniforms to employees of the Architect working in the Senate office buildings should be viewed as a pilot project, and, therefore, expects the Architect to report to the Committee with an assessment of the value of providing uniforms relative to employee morale, personnel management, building security, and other relevant issues.

The Committee directs that no new Senate projects or activities other than those listed below be undertaken with funds provided in this or previous appropriations acts without the prior written approval of the Committee, and that the Committee be notified in writing in advance of any new Senate projects or activities to be undertaken with the funds provided for annual maintenance, repairs, alterations, or miscellaneous improvements.

The following table displays the request and the Committee recommendation.

REQUEST VERSUS RECOMMENDATION

Item	Request	Committee recommendation
Personnel compensation and benefits	\$23,358,000	\$23,358,000
Annual rent, maintenance, repairs, and alterations	10,196,000	10,196,000
Supplies, materials, and equipment	2,706,000	2,706,000
Subtotal	36,260,000	36,260,000
1997 budget projects:		
Cyclical maintenance:		
Ongoing projects:		
Replace air-conditioning units, Dirksen Senate Office Building	300,000	300,000
Replace air-conditioning units, Russell Senate Office Building	300,000	300,000
Electrical/telecommunications modernization, Russell Senate Office Building	1,000,000	1,000,000
Plumbing renovations, Russell Senate Office Building	400,000	400,000
Subtotal, cyclical maintenance	2,000,000	2,000,000
Continuing and initiating other programs:		
Ongoing projects:		
ADA improvements	300,000	300,000
Lightning protection systems, Senate office buildings	100,000	100,000
Install fire sprinkler system, Dirksen Senate Office Building	600,000	600,000
Renovate toilet rooms, ADA, Hart Senate Office Building ..	200,000	200,000

REQUEST VERSUS RECOMMENDATION—Continued

Item	Request	Committee recommendation
New request: Expand central monitoring system	180,000	180,000
Subtotal, continuing and initiating other programs	1,380,000	1,380,000
Total, Senate office buildings	39,640,000	39,640,000

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Appropriations, 1996	\$33,001,000
Budget estimate, 1997	32,556,000
House allowance	32,556,000
Committee recommendation	32,556,000

The Committee recommends funds for maintenance of House office buildings at the level proposed by the House. As this item pertains solely to the House, the Committee concurs in the House allowance.

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

Appropriations, 1996	\$31,518,000
Budget estimate, 1997	30,749,000
House allowance	30,749,000
Committee recommendation	30,749,000

The Committee concurs with the House in recommending an appropriation of \$30,749,000 for the operations of the Capitol Power Plant. The amount recommended is \$769,000 below the amount provided for fiscal year 1996 and the same as the request.

More than 80 percent of the recommended amount is for the purchase of electricity from the local private utility, payment to the government of the District of Columbia for the provision of water and sewer services, and the procurement of boiler fuel, as displayed in the following table.

Fiscal year 1997 estimated utility costs

Purchase of electricity	\$20,875,000
Purchase of natural gas	640,000
Purchase of steam	248,000
Purchase of chilled water	252,000
Purchase of coal	3,000,000
Purchase of oil	500,000
Water and sewer payments	3,040,000
Total	28,555,000

The balance of this appropriation supports a work force to operate and maintain the Power Plant. The Power Plant provides heat, light, power, and air-conditioning for the Capitol, Senate and House office buildings, and the Library of Congress buildings; heat, light, and power for the Botanic Garden and the Senate and House Garages; light for the Capitol Grounds' street, park, and floodlighting system; steam heat for the Government Printing Office and Washington City Post Office, also known as Postal Square; and steam heat and air-conditioning for the Union Station complex, Folger Shakespeare Library, the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judi-

ciary Building, and the U.S. Supreme Court Building on a reimbursable basis.

With regard to the reimbursements, the Committee concurs with the House in recommending that reimbursements continue at the fiscal year 1996 level of \$4,000,000.

The following table displays the request and the Committee recommendation.

REQUEST VERSUS RECOMMENDATION

Item	Request	Committee recommendation
Personnel compensation and benefits	\$4,703,000	\$4,703,000
Utilities and communications	25,056,000	25,056,000
Annual maintenance and supplies	4,990,000	4,990,000
Subtotal	34,749,000	34,749,000
Less: Estimated reimbursements	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)
Total, Capitol Power Plant	30,749,000	30,749,000

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1996	\$60,084,000
Budget estimate, 1997	63,056,000
House allowance	62,641,000
Committee recommendation	62,641,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$62,641,000 for the Congressional Research Service. The amount recommended is \$2,557,000 above the fiscal year 1996 amount, \$415,000 below the request, and the same as the House allowance.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

Appropriations, 1996	\$83,770,000
Budget estimate, 1997	83,770,000
House allowance	81,669,000
Committee recommendation	81,669,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$81,669,000, which is \$2,101,000 below the request and the enacted level, and the same as the House allowance. The Committee does not agree, however, with the application of the general reduction recommended by the House. Any such general reduction should be applied proportionally to all activities funded within this appropriation.

The following table compares the component categories within this account for fiscal year 1997. The Committee has not recommended separate amounts for each activity in order to give the GPO the flexibility needed to meet changing requirements.

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

	Appropriations 1996	Requested 1997	Recommended 1997
Congressional Record program	\$21,833,000	\$18,504,000	.....
Other electronic products	809,000	716,000	.....
Miscellaneous publications	5,428,000	6,240,000	.....
Miscellaneous printing and binding	15,600,000	15,826,000	.....
Details to Congress	2,800,000	3,042,000	.....
Document envelopes and document franks	1,394,000	1,428,000	.....
Business and committee calendars	2,368,000	1,748,000	.....
Bills, resolutions, and amendments	9,506,000	11,110,000	.....
Committee reports	4,048,000	3,510,000	.....
Documents	2,528,000	2,349,000	.....
Hearings	15,776,000	16,632,000	.....
Committee prints	1,680,000	2,665,000	.....
Total	83,770,000	83,770,000	\$81,669,000

TITLE II—OTHER AGENCIES

BOTANIC GARDEN

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1996	\$3,053,000
Budget estimate, 1997	2,902,000
House allowance	2,902,000
Committee recommendation	2,902,000

The Committee concurs with the House in recommending \$2,902,000 for salaries and expenses of the Botanic Garden.

This appropriation supports a regular work force to provide for the care and upkeep of the Botanic Garden and grounds. The purpose of the Botanic Garden is to collect, cultivate, and grow the various flora of the United States and other countries for exhibition and display to the public and for study material for students, scientists, and garden clubs.

The following table displays the request and the Committee recommendation.

REQUEST VERSUS RECOMMENDATION

Item	Request	Committee recommendation
Personnel compensation and benefits	\$2,536,000	\$2,536,000
Travel, transportation, and communications	9,000	9,000
Annual maintenance, repairs, and alterations	131,000	131,000
Supplies, materials, equipment, and land	226,000	226,000
Total, Botanic Garden	2,902,000	2,902,000

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
(EXCEPT CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE)
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1996:	
Salaries and expenses	\$211,664,000
Authority to spend receipts	(7,869,000)
Net, salaries and expenses	<u>203,795,000</u>
Budget estimate, 1997:	
Salaries and expenses	226,235,000
Authority to spend receipts	(7,869,000)
Net, salaries and expenses	<u>218,366,000</u>
House allowance:	
Salaries and expenses	215,007,000
Authority to spend receipts	(7,869,000)
Net, salaries and expenses	<u>207,138,000</u>
Committee recommendation:	
Salaries and expenses	216,007,000
Authority to spend receipts	(7,869,000)
Net, salaries and expenses	<u>208,138,000</u>

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$208,138,000 for salaries and expenses of the Library of Congress. The amount recommended is \$4,343,000 over the amount provided for fiscal year 1996 and \$10,228,000 below the budget request. The amount recommended above the House allowance is to reimburse the General Accounting Office for the cost of the recent management audit of the Library, and the Library is directed to make that reimbursement in the amount of \$1,000,000.

The Committee recommendation includes funding in the amount of \$928,800 for the American Folklife Center, the same level as provided in fiscal year 1996. The Committee wishes to reaffirm its strong commitment to the Center, which was created within the Library in 1976 by passage of Public Law 94-201, the American Folklife Preservation Act. Within the Center resides the archive of folk culture, the Nation's preeminent collection of folklife documentation, including 1.5 million sound recordings, manuscripts, still photographs, motion pictures, and other materials documenting the grassroots cultural traditions of the American people.

The Center's staff of 14 people manages collections, provides assistance to local and regional folklife efforts, and develops programs. Those programs, combined with presentations, research projects, publications, and exhibitions benefit hundreds of thousands of Americans annually and strengthen public education about America's cultural heritage. The Committee believes this vibrant element of the Library provides a benefit to the American people far greater than its relatively low cost, and strongly supports its activities. The Committee is gratified, therefore, by the statement of the Librarian of Congress in testimony before the Committee on July 10, 1996, that "the Library has a deep institutional commitment" to folklife and the Center.

Accordingly, the Committee has earmarked \$928,800 for the American Folklife Center, the same as the fiscal year 1996 level, and has recommended an administrative provision to reauthorize its activities. The Committee does not agree at this time with the proposal of the House to relocate the Center and its collections to the Smithsonian Institution. The Committee will support such a proposal, however, if appropriate support for the Center's activities is not forthcoming in the Library.

The Committee has reviewed the findings and recommendations of the recent audits of the Library, and believes that the single most important action to be taken would be the appointment of a Deputy Librarian fully empowered to be the chief executive officer of the Library. The management tasks identified in the audit reports are daunting, and must be given full-time attention. The extraordinary demands already placed upon the Librarian in any number of external arenas and in developing a vision for the Library's transition into a digital future make it impossible for him to deal with the day-to-day administration of the Library's operations. Those responsibilities must be delegated to the Deputy Librarian, and the Committee looks forward to that being done as soon as the deputy position is filled.

The Committee agrees with the various administrative provisions proposed by the House, except that it recommends striking section 208 relative to the transfer authority proposed by that section.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1996:	
Salaries and expenses	\$30,818,000
Authority to spend receipts	(19,830,000)
Net, salaries and expenses	10,988,000
Budget estimate, 1997:	
Salaries and expenses	34,566,000
Authority to spend receipts	(22,278,000)
Net, salaries and expenses	12,288,000
House allowance:	
Salaries and expenses	33,402,000
Authority to spend receipts	(22,269,000)
Net, salaries and expenses	11,133,000
Committee recommendation:	
Salaries and expenses	33,402,000
Authority to spend receipts	(22,269,000)
Net, salaries and expenses	11,133,000

The Committee recommends the direct appropriation of \$33,204,000 for the Copyright Office and approves authority to spend receipts of –\$22,269,000 in fiscal year 1997. This is a reduction of \$1,155,000 from the request, \$145,000 above the enacted level, and is the same as the House allowance.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1996	\$44,951,000
Budget estimate, 1997	46,057,000
House allowance	44,964,000
Committee recommendation	44,964,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$44,964,000 for salaries and expenses for Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The amount is \$13,000 above the enacted amount and the same as the House allowance, and is \$1,093,000 below the request. The Committee concurs with the House language that centralization of the braille distribution system can be achieved out of savings.

This appropriation supports a National Reading Program for blind and physically handicapped citizens. Books and magazines in braille and various recorded formats are produced by the National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped for distribution through a network of State and locally supported libraries. At present, 56 regional libraries in 48 States, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Guam house and circulate books and magazines to eligible readers. Eighty-six subregional libraries in 18 States assist at the local public library level; 53 libraries and 4 cooperating agencies distribute sound reproducers. Two multistate centers, under contract to the National Library Service, store and distribute books and other materials in their geographical regions. The Librarian has estimated a readership of 785,000 individuals in fiscal year 1996.

FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS

Appropriations, 1996	\$4,882,000
Budget estimate, 1997	4,882,000
House allowance	4,882,000
Committee recommendation	4,882,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$4,882,000 for Library furniture and furnishings in 1997. The amount is the same as the enacted level, budget request, and House allowance.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

STRUCTURAL AND MECHANICAL CARE

Appropriations, 1996	\$12,428,000
Budget estimate, 1997	9,003,000
House allowance	9,003,000
Committee recommendation	10,453,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$10,453,000 for the care and maintenance of the Library buildings and grounds by the Architect of the Capitol. This is a reduction of \$1,975,000 from the enacted level and an increase of \$1,450,000 over the House allowance.

The Committee has provided \$1,450,000 above the requested amount for fiscal year 1997. During the fiscal year 1997 hearings,

the Acting Architect brought to the Committee's attention three projects that had been deferred during the fiscal year 1997 budget preparation cycle. Due to revised priorities on the part of the Librarian of Congress, the Committee has added funding to renovate the air-conditioning system, northwest curtain, Thomas Jefferson Building (\$600,000), a new uninterruptible power supply system for the Library's computer system (\$750,000), and design for a ground floor air-conditioning system in the Thomas Jefferson Building (\$100,000).

The following table shows the request and the Committee recommendation.

REQUEST VERSUS RECOMMENDATION

Item	Request	Committee recommendation
Personnel compensation and benefits	\$6,818,000	\$6,818,000
Annual maintenance, repairs, and alterations	829,000	829,000
Supplies, materials, equipment, and land	596,000	596,000
Subtotal	8,243,000	8,243,000
1997 budget projects:		
Cyclical maintenance:		
Ongoing projects:		
Clean air distribution duct system	100,000	100,000
Elevator modernization, Thomas Jefferson Building/John Adams Building	360,000	360,000
Replace smoke detectors, James Madison Building	100,000	100,000
New requests:		
Renovate northwest curtain air-conditioning system, Thomas Jefferson Building		600,000
Design, ground floor air-conditioning system, Thomas Jefferson Building		100,000
Upgrade 60 hertz UPS, James Madison Building		750,000
Subtotal, cyclical maintenance	560,000	2,010,000
Continuing and initiating other programs: Ongoing projects—ADA improvements	200,000	200,000
Total, Library buildings and grounds	9,003,000	10,453,000

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1996	\$30,307,000
Budget estimate, 1997	30,827,000
House allowance	29,077,000
Committee recommendation	29,077,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$29,077,000, which is the same as the House allowance, \$1,230,000 below the enacted level, and \$1,750,000 below the request.

The Committee recognizes that the development of a CD-ROM of the congressional serial set will require that an electronic data

base of reports and documents be developed. The utilization of standardized electronic formats will increase the efficiency and utility of this process. Congressional offices should supply electronic input to GPO for this purpose.

This appropriation provides for salaries and expenses associated with the distribution of Government documents to depository and international exchange libraries, the cataloging and indexing of Government publications, and the distribution of publications authorized by law at the request of Members of Congress and other Government agencies.

REVOLVING FUND

The Committee bill concurs with the House in continuing the limitations on reception and representation expenses and costs of attendance at meetings.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 1996	\$382,806,000
Budget estimate, 1997	377,773,000
House allowance	338,425,000
Committee recommendation	338,425,000

The Committee recommends funding of \$338,425,000 for salaries and expenses of the General Accounting Office, which will support an FTE level of 3,500 FTE's. Additionally, \$5,905,000 is authorized in offsetting collections derived from rent receipts and reimbursements for conducting financial audits of Government corporations. The direct appropriation is a reduction of \$39,153,000 from the budget request and a reduction of \$41,886,000 from the fiscal year 1996 level.

The recommended level will fulfill the Committee's commitment to reduce GAO funding by 25 percent from fiscal year 1995 levels. Managing a funding reduction of such magnitude in the relatively short period of 2 years has been very difficult, and the Committee wishes to commend the Comptroller General for an outstanding job. The Committee believes that the experience of the General Accounting Office in managing a sharp reduction in funding and personnel while sustaining efficiency and effectiveness can and should be a model for other Federal agencies facing similar reductions. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the GAO produce an assessment of its experience, with lessons learned and recommendations for similar or different procedures in future situations.

TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

In addition to several routine general provisions carried annually in the bill, the Committee recommends concurrence with new provisions proposed by the House, and proposes additional general provisions, as follows:

Section 301 bans the use of appropriated funds for service and maintenance of private vehicles, except under such regulations as may be promulgated by the House Oversight Committee and the Senate Rules and Administration Committee respectively.

Section 302 limits the availability for obligation of appropriation to the fiscal year for which it is expressly provided in the bill accompanying this report.

Section 303 provides that any pay rate and title designation for staff position created in this act, and not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of 1929, is to be made permanent law by this act. Further, any pay rate and title change for a position provided for in the 1929 act is to be made permanent law by this act and any changes in the official expenses of Members, officers and committees and in the clerk hire of the House and Senate are to be made permanent law by this act.

Section 304 bans the use of funds for contracts unless such contracts are matters of public record and are available for public inspection.

Section 305 expresses the sense of the Congress that whenever possible, products and equipment made in America be procured by entities funded in this bill.

Section 306 authorizes the Architect of the Capitol to transfer funds between certain accounts with the approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

Section 307 relates to the transfer of positions and funding in connection with the public address sound system activities of the House.

Section 308 relates to the transfer of positions and funding for the maintenance of security systems for the Capitol buildings and grounds from the Architect of the Capitol to the Capitol Police Board.

Section 309 appropriates such sums as may be necessary for the payment of settlements and awards pursuant to Public Law 104-1.

Section 310 relates to the representational allowances of Members of the House of Representatives.

Section 311 relates to mass mailings by Members of the House of Representatives.

The Committee recommends striking section 312 relating to certain estimates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office and the Chief of Staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation.

The Committee recommends a new section 312 to amend Public Law 104–1 to authorize law enforcement personnel of the Capitol Police to elect to receive compensatory time off in lieu of overtime compensation for hours worked in excess of the maximum for their work period.

Section 313 amends section 316 of Public Law 101–302 to extend for 1 year the availability of funds for the Senate art collection.

Section 314 provides the Government Printing Office with the authority to enter into contracts for energy conservation services with performance guarantees, at an estimated annual savings of \$500,000.

Section 315 creates a legislative branch information technology planning group. The Committee notes that a plan submitted by the Library of Congress for an integrated legislative system cites numerous opportunities for collaboration within the legislative branch in the evaluation and development of technology to better serve the information needs of Members and committees. The Committee believes that this finding can be expanded to cover a wide range of technology requirements within the Congress, and that there could be significant benefits and savings from a collaborative approach to these issues. The legislative branch telecommunications network [LBTN] group, established by the Architect of the Capitol several years ago to ensure coordination of effort in the area of voice and data communications, serves as a model of what such a program can accomplish.

Today there is an almost unprecedented pace of development within the field of information technology, a great deal of which is of interest to both Chambers as well as to the support agencies. At the same time, there is a potential high cost to the legislative branch inherent in these new developments, especially in the absence of coordination.

The Committee, therefore, recommends the establishment of a program to provide the widest possible exchange of information within the legislative branch with the long-range goal of improving technology planning, evaluation, development, and management among legislative branch organizations. The Committee foresees that the result of such improved information exchange would be a more coordinated approach to common technical goals, better testing and evaluation through joint efforts, greater cost savings through reduction in duplication, and improved strategic planning for information technology.

The Committee requests that all appropriate offices and agencies involved in the management of information technology participate in this group. The Library of Congress, in consultation with these legislative branch organizations, should submit a plan, within 90 days of the enactment of this bill, for a program for information exchange for calendar year 1997.

The Library, in developing this plan, should consider the relationship of the legislative branch telecommunication network [LBTN] group, established by the Architect of the Capitol.

Finally, the Committee recommends section 316 amending sections 2302 and 3303 of title 5, United States Code to allow certain personnel recommendations by Members of Congress.

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7, RULE XVI, OF THE
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Paragraph 7 of rule XVI requires that Committee reports on general appropriations bills identify, with particularity, each Committee amendment to the House bill “which proposes an item of appropriation which is not made to carry out the provisions of an existing law, a treaty stipulation, or an act or resolution previously passed by the Senate during that session.”

The Committee has proposed no amendments which fall under this rule.

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7(C), RULE XXVI OF THE
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Pursuant to paragraph 7(c) of rule XXVI, the Committee ordered reported H.R. 3754, the legislative branch appropriations bill, 1997, subject to amendment and subject to its budget allocation, by a recorded vote of 28–0, a quorum being present. The vote was as follows:

Yeas	Nays
Chairman Hatfield	
Mr. Stevens	
Mr. Cochran	
Mr. Specter	
Mr. Domenici	
Mr. Bond	
Mr. Gorton	
Mr. McConnell	
Mr. Mack	
Mr. Burns	
Mr. Shelby	
Mr. Jeffords	
Mr. Gregg	
Mr. Bennett	
Mr. Campbell	
Mr. Byrd	
Mr. Inouye	
Mr. Hollings	
Mr. Johnston	
Mr. Leahy	
Mr. Bumpers	
Mr. Lautenberg	
Mr. Harkin	
Ms. Mikulski	
Mr. Reid	
Mr. Kerrey	
Mr. Kohl	
Mrs. Murray	

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 12, RULE XXVI, OF THE
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Paragraph 12 of rule XXVI requires that Committee reports on a bill or joint resolution repealing or amending any statute or part

of any statute include “(a) the text of the statute or part thereof which is proposed to be repealed; and (b) a comparative print of that part of the bill or joint resolution making the amendment and of the statute or part thereof proposed to be amended, showing by stricken-through type and italics, parallel columns, or other appropriate typographical devices the omissions and insertions which would be made by the bill or joint resolution if enacted in the form recommended by the committee.”

In compliance with this rule, the following changes in existing law proposed to be made by the bill are shown as follows: existing law to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets; new matter is printed in italic; and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman.

1. In connection with section 1, section 195(a) of chapter IX of title I of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1995 is amended as follows:

TITLE 2, UNITED STATES CODE

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§ 61g-7. Services of consultants to Majority and Minority Conference Committee of Senate

(a) Authorization of expenditure with approval of Committee on Rules and Administration

Funds authorized to be expended under section 61g-6 of this title may be used by the Majority or Minority Conference Committee of the Senate, with the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration, to procure the temporary services (not in excess of 1 year) or intermittent services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof, to make studies or advise the committee with respect to any matter within its jurisdiction [.] *or with respect to the administration of the affairs of the committee.*

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2. In connection with section 2, section 105(d)(1) of chapter VI of title I of the Second Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1978 is amended as follows:

TITLE 2, UNITED STATES CODE

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§ 43d(d). Payment of telegram and telephone charges incurred by Senator-elect; funding; maximum amount

(1) Each Senator-elect is authorized to be reimbursed for expenses incurred for telegrams [and telephone services], *telephone services, and stationery* related to his position as a Senator-elect in an amount not exceeding one-twelfth of the total amount of expenses authorized to be paid to or on behalf of a Senator from the State which he will represent under section 58 of this title. Reimbursement to a Senator-elect under this subsection shall be paid from the

contingent fund of the Senate upon itemized vouchers certified by such Senator-elect and approved by the Secretary of the Senate.

3. In connection with section 3, section 3(e)(1) under the heading "ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS" in the appropriation for the Senate of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1975 is amended as follows:

TITLE 2, UNITED STATES CODE

§ 59(e). Mobile office

(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5), a Senator may lease one mobile office for use only in the State he represents and the contingent fund of the Senate is available for the rental payments (including by way of reimbursement) made under such lease together with the actual nonpersonnel cost of operating such mobile office. The term of any such lease shall not exceed **[one year]** *3 years*. A copy of each such lease shall be furnished to the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate.

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4. In connection with section 4, section (a) section 5 under the heading "ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS" in the appropriation for the Senate of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1996 is amended as follows:

TITLE 2, UNITED STATES CODE

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§ 58a-1. Payments for telecommunications equipment and services; definitions

(a) Any payment for local and long distance telecommunications service provided to any user **[by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate]** shall cover the total invoiced amount, including any amount relating to separately identified toll calls, and shall be charged to the appropriation for the fiscal year in which the underlying base service period covered by the invoice ends.

[(b) As used in subsection (a), the term "user" means any Senator, Officer of the Senate, Committee, office, or entity provided telephone equipment and services by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.] *(b) As used in subsection (a), the term "user" means a Senator, an Officer of the Senate, and any office, committee, or other entity the funds of which are disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.*

(b) The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 1996, and shall apply to all payments made on or after such date for local and long distance telecommunications service.

5. In connection with section 209, section 8 of the American Folklife Preservation Act, is amended as follows:

TITLE 2, UNITED STATES CODE

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§ 2107. Authorization of appropriations; limitation on use for new positions

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There are authorized to be appropriated to the Center to carry out this Act for each fiscal year such sums as may be necessary.

6. In connection with section 313, section 203(a)(3) of Public Law 104-1, is amended as follows:

TITLE 2, UNITED STATES CODE

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§ 203. Rights and Protections under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938

(a) FAIR LABOR STANDARDS.—

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(3) COMPENSATORY TIME.—Except as provided in regulations under subsection (c)(3) and in subsection (c)(4), covered employees may not receive compensatory time in lieu of overtime compensation.

(4) LAW ENFORCEMENT.—*Law enforcement personnel of the Capitol Police who are subject to the exemption under section 7(k) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 207(k)) may elect to receive compensation time off in lieu of overtime compensation for hours worked in excess of the maximum for their work period.*

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7. In connection with section 314, section 316(a) of Public Law 101-302 is amended as follows:

SEC. 316. (a) Effective with the fiscal year ending September 30, [1996] 1997 and each fiscal year thereafter, subject to the approval of the Committee * * *

8. In connection with section 316, sections 2302 and 3303 of title 5, United States Code are amended as follows:

TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE

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§ 2302. Prohibited personnel practices

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(b) Any employee who has authority to take, direct others to take, recommend, or approve any personnel action, shall not, with respect to such authority—

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(2) solicit or consider any recommendation or statement, oral or written, with respect to any individual

who requests or is under consideration for any personnel action **【except as provided under section 3303(f);】** unless such recommendation or statement is based on the personal knowledge or records of the person furnishing it and consists of—

(A) an evaluation of the work performance, ability, aptitude, or general qualifications of such individual; or

(B) an evaluation of the character, loyalty, or suitability of such individual;

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【§ 3303. Political recommendations

【(a) For the purposes of this section—

【(1) “agency” means—

【(A) an Executive agency; and

【(B) an agency in the legislative branch with positions in the competitive service;

【(2) “applicant” means an individual who has applied for appointment to be an employee;

【(3) “employee” means an employee of an agency who is—

【(A) in the competitive service;

【(B) a career appointee in the Senior Executive Service or an employee under a similar appointment in a similar executive service; or

【(C) in the excepted service other than—

【(i) an employee who is appointed by the President; or

【(ii) an employee whose position has been determined to be of a confidential, policy-determining, policy-making, or policy-advocating character; and

【(4) “personnel action” means any action described under clauses (i) through (x) of section 2302(a)(2)(A).

【(b) Except as provided under subsection (f), each personnel action with respect to an employee or applicant shall be taken without regard to any recommendation or statement, oral or written, with respect to any employee or applicant who requests or is under consideration for such personnel action, made by—

【(1) any Member of Congress or congressional employee;

【(2) any elected official of the government of any State (including the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico), county, city, or other subdivision thereof;

【(3) any official of a political party; or

【(4) any other individual or organization making such recommendation or statement on the basis of the party affiliation of the employee or applicant.

【(c) Except as provided under subsection (f), a person or organization referred to under subsection (b)(1) through (4)

is prohibited from making or transmitting to any officer or employee of an agency, any recommendation or statement, oral or written, with respect to any employee or applicant who requests or is under consideration for any personnel action in such agency. Except as provided under subsection (f), the agency, or any officer or employee of the agency—

【(1) shall not solicit, request, consider, or accept any such recommendation or statement; and

【(2) shall return any such written recommendation or statement, appropriately marked as in violation of this section, to the person or organization transmitting the same.

【(d) Except as provided under subsection (f), an employee or applicant who requests or is under consideration for a personnel action in an agency is prohibited from requesting or soliciting from a person or organization referred to under subsection (b)(1) through (4) a recommendation or statement.

【(e) Under regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, the head of each agency shall ensure that employees and applicants are given notice of the provisions of this section.

【(f) An agency, or any authorized officer or employee of an agency, may solicit, accept, and consider, and any other individual or organization may furnish or transmit to the agency or such authorized officer or employee, any statement with respect to an employee or applicant who requests or is under consideration for a personnel action, if—

【(1) the statement is furnished pursuant to a request or requirement of the agency and consists solely of an evaluation of the work performance, ability, aptitude, and general qualification of the employee or applicant;

【(2) the statement relates solely to the character and residence of the employee or applicant;

【(3) the statement is furnished pursuant to a request made by an authorized representative of the Government of the United States solely in order to determine whether the employee or applicant meets suitability or security standards;

【(4) the statement is furnished by a former employer of the employee or applicant pursuant to a request of an agency, and consists solely of an evaluation of the work performance, ability, aptitude, and general qualification of such employee or applicant during employment with such former employer; or

【(5) the statement is furnished pursuant to a provision of law or regulation authorizing consideration of such statement with respect to a specific position or category of positions.

【(g) An agency shall take any action it determines necessary and proper under subchapter I or II of chapter 75 to enforce the provisions of this section.

[(h) The provisions of this section shall not affect the right of any employee to petition Congress as authorized by section 7211.]

§3303. Competitive service; recommendations of Senators or Representatives

An individual concerned in examining an applicant for or appointing him in the competitive service may not receive or consider a recommendation of the applicant by a Senator or Representative, except as to the character or residence of the applicant.

BUDGETARY IMPACT OF BILL

PREPARED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PURSUANT TO SEC. 308(a), PUBLIC LAW 93-344, AS AMENDED

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget authority		Outlays	
	Committee allocation	Amount of bill	Committee allocation	Amount of bill
Comparison of amounts in the bill with Committee allocations to its subcommittees of amounts in the First Concurrent Resolution for 1997: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch:				
Nondefense discretionary	2,188	2,165	2,179	¹ 2,130
Mandatory	92	92	92	92
Projections of outlays associated with the recommendation:				
1997				² 1,916
1998				187
1999				36
2000				17
2001 and future year				7
Financial assistance to State and local governments for 1997 in bill	NA		NA	

¹Includes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

²Excludes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

NA: Not applicable.

Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips	656,000	682,000	.....	1,156,000	+ 474,000	+ 1,156,000
Conference committees	1,992,000	2,068,000	.....	1,992,000	- 76,000	+ 1,992,000
Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority	360,000	367,000	.....	384,000	+ 17,000	+ 384,000
Policy Committees	1,930,000	2,002,000	.....	1,930,000	- 72,000	+ 1,930,000
Office of the Chaplain	192,000	234,000	.....	234,000	.....	+ 234,000
Office of the Secretary	12,128,000	12,959,000	.....	12,714,000	- 245,000	+ 12,714,000
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper	31,889,000	34,037,000	.....	34,037,000	.....	+ 34,037,000
Offices of the Secretaries for the Majority and Minority	1,047,000	1,135,000	.....	1,135,000	.....	+ 1,135,000
Agency contributions and related expenses	15,500,000	18,482,000	.....	17,000,000	- 1,482,000	+ 17,000,000
Total, salaries, officers and employees	69,727,000	76,238,000	.....	74,615,000	- 1,623,000	+ 74,615,000
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate						
Salaries and expenses	3,381,000	3,447,000	.....	3,447,000	.....	+ 3,447,000
Office of Senate Legal Counsel						
Salaries and expenses	936,000	960,000	.....	936,000	- 24,000	+ 936,000
Expense Allowances of the Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, and Secretaries for the Majority and Minority of the Senate						
Expenses allowances	12,000	12,000	.....	12,000	.....	+ 12,000
Contingent Expenses of the Senate						
Inquiries and investigations	66,395,000	70,561,000	.....	69,561,000	- 1,000,000	+ 69,561,000
Expenses of United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control	305,000	.....	.....	305,000	+ 305,000	+ 305,000
Secretary of the Senate	1,266,000	1,266,000	.....	1,511,000	+ 245,000	+ 1,511,000

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997—Continued

Item	1996 appropriation	Budget estimate	House allowance	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with		
					1996 appropriation	Budget estimate	House allowance
Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate	61,347,000	65,931,000	.....	65,931,000	+ 4,584,000	+ 65,931,000
Miscellaneous items	6,644,000	6,791,000	.....	6,791,000	+ 147,000	+ 6,791,000
Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account	204,029,000	226,825,000	.....	208,000,000	+ 3,971,000	+ 208,000,000
Office of Senate Fair Employment Practices	778,000	.....	.....	.....	- 778,000	.....
Settlements and Awards Reserve	1,000,000	1,000,000	.....	.....	- 1,000,000	.....
Stationery (revolving fund)	13,000	13,000	.....	13,000	.....	+ 13,000
Official Mail Costs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Expenses	11,000,000	36,500,000	.....	10,000,000	- 1,000,000	+ 10,000,000
Total, contingent expenses of the Senate	352,777,000	409,009,000	.....	362,112,000	+ 9,335,000	+ 362,112,000
Total, Senate	426,919,000	489,630,000	.....	441,208,000	+ 14,289,000	+ 441,208,000
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES							
Salaries and Expenses							
House Leadership Offices							
Office of the Speaker	1,478,000	1,621,000	\$1,535,000	1,535,000	+ 57,000	- 86,000	
Office of the Majority Floor Leader	1,470,000	1,561,000	1,526,000	1,526,000	+ 56,000	- 35,000	
Office of the Minority Floor Leader	1,480,000	1,574,000	1,534,000	1,534,000	+ 54,000	- 40,000	
Office of the Majority Whip	928,000	976,000	957,000	957,000	+ 29,000	- 19,000	
Office of the Minority Whip	918,000	963,000	949,000	949,000	+ 31,000	- 14,000	
Speaker's Office for Legislative Floor Activities	376,000	385,000	376,000	376,000	.....	- 9,000

House Republican Steering Committee	664,000	681,000	664,000	664,000	664,000	.....	- 17,000	.....
House Republican Conference	1,083,000	1,146,000	1,130,000	1,130,000	1,130,000	.....	+ 47,000	.....
House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee	1,181,000	1,211,000	1,191,000	1,191,000	1,191,000	.....	+ 10,000	.....
House Democratic Caucus	566,000	616,000	603,000	603,000	603,000	.....	+ 37,000	.....
Nine minority employees	1,127,000	1,155,000	1,127,000	1,127,000	1,127,000	.....	.....	- 28,000
Subtotal, House Leadership Offices	11,271,000	11,889,000	11,592,000	11,592,000	11,592,000	+ 321,000	- 297,000
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Members' Representational Allowances								
Expenses	360,503,000	398,898,000	363,313,000	363,313,000	363,313,000	+ 2,810,000	- 35,585,000
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Committee Employees								
Standing Committees, Special and Select (except Appropriations)	78,629,000	80,524,000	80,222,000	80,222,000	80,222,000	+ 1,593,000	- 302,000
Committee on Appropriations (including studies and investigations)	16,945,000	18,430,000	17,580,000	17,580,000	17,580,000	.....	+ 635,000	- 850,000
Subtotal, Committee employees	95,574,000	98,954,000	97,802,000	97,802,000	97,802,000	+ 2,228,000	- 1,152,000
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Salaries, Officers and Employees								
Office of the Clerk	13,807,000	15,370,000	15,074,000	15,074,000	15,074,000	+ 1,267,000	- 296,000
Office of the Sergeant at Arms	3,410,000	3,889,000	3,638,000	3,638,000	3,638,000	.....	+ 228,000	- 251,000
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer	53,556,000	70,464,000	55,209,000	55,209,000	55,209,000	.....	+ 1,653,000	- 15,295,000
Office of Inspector General	3,954,000	4,048,000	3,954,000	3,954,000	3,954,000	.....	.....	- 94,000
Office of Compliance	858,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	- 858,000	.....
Transfer to new Office of Compliance	- 500,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	+ 500,000	.....
Office of the Chaplain	126,000	128,000	126,000	126,000	126,000	.....	.....	- 2,000
Office of the Parliamentarian	1,180,000	1,036,000	1,036,000	1,036,000	1,036,000	.....	- 144,000	.....
Office of the Parliamentarian	(775,000)	(713,000)	(713,000)	(713,000)	(713,000)	.....	(- 62,000)	.....
Compilation of precedents of the House of Representatives	(405,000)	(323,000)	(323,000)	(323,000)	(323,000)	.....	(- 82,000)	.....
Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House	1,700,000	1,817,000	1,767,000	1,767,000	1,767,000	.....	+ 67,000	- 50,000

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997—Continued

Item	1996 appropriation	Budget estimate	House allowance	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with	
					1996 appropriation	Budget estimate	House allowance
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House	4,524,000	4,763,000	4,687,000	4,687,000	+ 163,000	- 76,000
Other authorized employees	837,000	1,000,000	768,000	768,000	- 69,000	- 232,000
Former Speakers	(666,000)	(825,000)	(594,000)	(594,000)	(- 72,000)	(- 231,000)
Technical Assistants, Office of the Attending Physician	(171,000)	(175,000)	(174,000)	(174,000)	(+ 3,000)	(- 1,000)
Subtotal, Salaries, Officers and Employees	83,452,000	102,515,000	86,259,000	86,259,000	+ 2,807,000	- 16,256,000
Allowances and Expenses						
Supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims	994,000	2,301,000	2,374,000	2,374,000	+ 1,380,000	+ 73,000
Official mail (committees, leadership, administrative and legislative offices)	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000		
Reemployed annuitants reimbursements	68,000	71,000	71,000	71,000	+ 3,000	
Government contributions	117,541,000	122,508,000	120,779,000	120,779,000	+ 3,238,000	- 1,729,000
Miscellaneous items	658,000	641,000	641,000	641,000	- 17,000	
Subtotal, Allowances and expenses	120,261,000	126,521,000	124,865,000	124,865,000	+ 4,604,000	- 1,656,000
Total, House of Representatives	671,061,000	738,777,000	683,831,000	683,831,000	+ 12,770,000	- 54,946,000
JOINT ITEMS						
Joint Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies of 1997		950,000	950,000	950,000	+ 950,000	
Joint Economic Committee	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	750,000	- 2,250,000	- 2,250,000

Joint Committee on Printing	750,000	777,000	777,000	777,000	+ 27,000	.....
Joint Committee on Taxation	5,116,000	7,716,000	5,470,000	5,470,000	+ 354,000	- 2,246,000
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Office of the Attending Physician						
Medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances	1,260,000	1,225,000	1,225,000	1,225,000	- 35,000
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Capitol Police Board						
Capitol Police						
Salaries:						
Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives	34,213,000	37,286,000	32,927,000	34,213,000	- 3,073,000 + 1,286,000
Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate	35,919,000	39,108,000	35,465,000	35,919,000	.....	- 3,189,000 + 454,000
Subtotal, salaries	70,132,000	76,394,000	68,392,000	70,132,000	.....	- 6,262,000 + 1,740,000
General expenses	2,560,000	7,606,000	2,685,000	2,880,000	+ 320,000	- 4,726,000 + 195,000
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Subtotal, Capitol Police	72,692,000	84,000,000	71,077,000	73,012,000	+ 320,000	- 10,988,000 + 1,935,000
Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office	1,991,000	1,991,000	1,991,000	1,991,000
Statements of Appropriations	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
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Total, joint items	84,839,000	99,689,000	84,520,000	84,205,000	- 634,000	- 15,484,000 - 315,000
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OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE						
Salaries and expenses	2,000,000	3,268,000	2,609,000	2,609,000	+ 609,000	- 659,000
Transfer from House of Rep. Office of Compliance	500,000	- 500,000
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Total, Office of Compliance	2,500,000	3,268,000	2,609,000	2,609,000	+ 109,000	- 659,000
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OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT						
Salaries and expenses	3,615,000	- 3,615,000

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997—Continued

Item	1996 appropriation	Budget estimate	House allowance	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with		
					1996 appropriation	Budget estimate	House allowance
Reappropriation	2,500,000				-2,500,000		
Total, Office of Technology Assessment	6,115,000				-6,115,000		
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE							
Salaries and expenses	24,288,000	24,775,000	24,288,000	24,775,000	+487,000	+487,000	
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL							
Office of the Architect of the Capitol							
Salaries	8,569,000	8,714,000	8,454,000	8,454,000	-115,000	-260,000	
Travel (limitation on official travel expenses)	(20,000)	(20,000)	(20,000)	(20,000)			
Contingent expenses	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000			
Subtotal, Office of the Architect of the Capitol	8,669,000	8,814,000	8,554,000	8,554,000	-115,000	-260,000	
Capitol Buildings and Grounds							
Capitol buildings	22,882,000	23,679,000	23,255,000	23,555,000	+673,000	+300,000	
Capitol grounds	5,143,000	5,020,000	5,020,000	5,020,000	-123,000		
Senate office buildings	41,757,000	39,640,000		39,640,000	-2,117,000	+39,640,000	
House office buildings	33,001,000	32,556,000	32,556,000	32,556,000	-445,000		
Capitol Power Plant	35,518,000	34,749,000	34,749,000	34,749,000	-769,000		
Offsetting collections	-4,000,000	-4,000,000	-4,000,000	-4,000,000			

Net subtotal, Capitol Power Plant	31,518,000	30,749,000	30,749,000	30,749,000	-769,000	.....
Subtotal, Capitol buildings and grounds	134,301,000	131,644,000	91,580,000	131,520,000	-2,781,000	+39,940,000
Total, Architect of the Capitol	142,970,000	140,458,000	100,134,000	140,074,000	-2,896,000	+39,940,000
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS						
Congressional Research Service						
Salaries and expenses	60,084,000	63,056,000	62,641,000	62,641,000	+2,557,000	-415,000
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE						
Congressional printing and binding	83,770,000	83,770,000	81,669,000	81,669,000	-2,101,000	.....
Total, title I, Congressional Operations	1,502,546,000	1,643,423,000	1,039,692,000	1,521,012,000	+18,466,000	+481,320,000
TITLE II—OTHER AGENCIES						
BOTANIC GARDEN						
Salaries and expenses	3,053,000	2,902,000	2,902,000	2,902,000	-151,000	.....
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS						
Salaries and expenses	211,664,000	226,235,000	215,007,000	216,007,000	+4,343,000	+1,000,000
Authority to spend receipts	-7,869,000	-7,869,000	-7,869,000	-7,869,000	.....	.....
Net subtotal, Salaries and expenses ..	203,795,000	218,366,000	207,138,000	208,138,000	+4,343,000	+1,000,000
Copyright Office, salaries and expenses	30,818,000	34,566,000	33,402,000	33,402,000	+2,584,000	.....
Authority to spend receipts	-19,830,000	-22,278,000	-22,269,000	-22,269,000	-2,439,000	+9,000
Net subtotal, Copyright Office	10,988,000	12,288,000	11,133,000	11,133,000	+145,000	.....
Books for the blind and physically handicapped, salaries and expenses	44,951,000	46,057,000	44,964,000	44,964,000	+13,000	-1,093,000

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Item	1996 appropriation	Budget estimate	House allowance	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with	
					1996 appropriation	House allowance
Furniture and furnishings	4,882,000	4,882,000	4,882,000	4,882,000		
Total, Library of Congress (except CRS)	264,616,000	281,593,000	268,117,000	269,117,000	+ 4,501,000	- 12,476,000 + 1,000,000
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL						
Library Buildings and Grounds	12,428,000	9,003,000	9,003,000	10,453,000	- 1,975,000	+ 1,450,000 + 1,450,000
Structural and mechanical care						
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE						
Office of Superintendent of Documents	30,307,000	30,827,000	29,077,000	29,077,000	- 1,230,000	
Salaries and expenses						
GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE						
Salaries and expenses	382,806,000	377,773,000	338,425,000	338,425,000	- 44,381,000	
Offsetting collections	- 8,400,000	- 6,100,000	- 5,905,000	- 5,905,000	+ 2,495,000	+ 195,000
Total, General Accounting Office	374,406,000	371,673,000	332,520,000	332,520,000	- 41,886,000	- 39,153,000
Total, title II, Other agencies	684,810,000	695,998,000	641,619,000	644,069,000	- 40,741,000	- 51,929,000 + 2,450,000
Grand total	2,187,356,000	2,339,421,000	1,681,311,000	2,165,081,000	- 22,275,000	- 174,340,000 + 483,770,000
TITLE I—CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS						
Senate	426,919,000	489,630,000		441,208,000	+ 14,289,000	- 48,422,000 + 441,208,000

House of Representatives	671,061,000	738,777,000	683,831,000	683,831,000	683,831,000	+ 12,770,000	- 54,946,000	.....
Joint Items	84,839,000	99,689,000	84,520,000	84,205,000	84,205,000	- 634,000	- 15,484,000	- 315,000	
Office of Compliance	2,500,000	3,268,000	2,609,000	2,609,000	2,609,000	+ 109,000	- 659,000	.....
Office of Technology Assessment	6,115,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	- 6,115,000	.....	.....
Congressional Budget Office	24,288,000	24,775,000	24,288,000	24,775,000	24,775,000	+ 487,000	.....	+ 487,000
Architect of the Capitol	142,970,000	140,458,000	100,134,000	140,074,000	140,074,000	- 2,896,000	- 384,000	+ 39,940,000	
Library of Congress: Congressional Research Service	60,084,000	63,056,000	62,641,000	62,641,000	62,641,000	+ 2,557,000	- 415,000	.....
Congressional printing and binding, Government Printing Office	83,770,000	83,770,000	81,669,000	81,669,000	81,669,000	- 2,101,000	- 2,101,000	.....
Total, title I, Congressional operations	1,502,546,000	1,643,423,000	1,039,692,000	1,521,012,000	1,521,012,000	+ 18,466,000	- 122,411,000	+ 481,320,000	
TITLE II—OTHER AGENCIES									
Botanic Garden	3,053,000	2,902,000	2,902,000	2,902,000	2,902,000	- 151,000	.....	.....
Library of Congress (except CRS)	264,616,000	281,593,000	268,117,000	269,117,000	269,117,000	+ 4,501,000	- 12,476,000	+ 1,000,000	
Architect of the Capitol (Library buildings and grounds)	12,428,000	9,003,000	9,003,000	10,453,000	10,453,000	- 1,975,000	+ 1,450,000	+ 1,450,000	
Government Printing Office (except congressional printing and binding)	30,307,000	30,827,000	29,077,000	29,077,000	29,077,000	- 1,230,000	- 1,750,000	.....
General Accounting Office	374,406,000	371,673,000	332,520,000	332,520,000	332,520,000	- 41,886,000	- 39,153,000	.....
Total, title II, Other agencies	684,810,000	695,998,000	641,619,000	644,069,000	644,069,000	- 40,741,000	- 51,929,000	+ 2,450,000	
Grand total	2,187,356,000	2,339,421,000	1,681,311,000	2,165,081,000	2,165,081,000	- 22,275,000	- 174,340,000	+ 483,770,000	