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Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 5, 1998

Mr. BENNETT from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following original bill; which was read twice and placed on the calendar

A BILL

Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
5 Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September
6 30, 1999, and for other purposes, namely:

1 TITLE I—CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS

2 SENATE

3 EXPENSE ALLOWANCES

4 For expense allowances of the Vice President,
5 \$10,000; the President Pro Tempore of the Senate,
6 \$10,000; Majority Leader of the Senate, \$10,000; Minor-
7 ity Leader of the Senate, \$10,000; Majority Whip of the
8 Senate, \$5,000; Minority Whip of the Senate, \$5,000; and
9 Chairmen of the Majority and Minority Conference Com-
10 mittees, \$3,000 for each Chairman; in all, \$56,000.

11 REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES FOR THE MAJORITY AND

12 MINORITY LEADERS

13 For representation allowances of the Majority and
14 Minority Leaders of the Senate, \$15,000 for each such
15 Leader; in all, \$30,000.

16 SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

17 For compensation of officers, employees, and others
18 as authorized by law, including agency contributions,
19 \$79,183,000, which shall be paid from this appropriation
20 without regard to the below limitations, as follows:

21 OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

22 For the Office of the Vice President, \$1,659,000.

23 OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

24 For the Office of the President Pro Tempore,
25 \$402,000.

1 OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

2 For Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders,
3 \$2,436,000.

4 OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS

5 For Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips,
6 \$1,416,000.

7 CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

8 For the Conference of the Majority and the Con-
9 ference of the Minority, at rates of compensation to be
10 fixed by the Chairman of each such committee,
11 \$1,092,000 for each such committee; in all, \$2,184,000.

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

14 For Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of
15 the Majority and the Conference of the Minority,
16 \$570,000.

17 POLICY COMMITTEES

18 For salaries of the Majority Policy Committee and
19 the Minority Policy Committee, \$1,109,000 for each such
20 committee; in all, \$2,218,000.

21 OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

22 For Office of the Chaplain, \$267,000.

23 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

24 For Office of the Secretary, \$13,694,000.

1 OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER

2 For Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper,
3 \$33,805,000.

4 OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND
5 MINORITY

6 For Offices of the Secretary for the Majority and the
7 Secretary for the Minority, \$1,200,000.

8 AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS AND RELATED EXPENSES

9 For agency contributions for employee benefits, as
10 authorized by law, and related expenses, \$19,332,000.

11 OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF THE SENATE

12 For salaries and expenses of the Office of the Legisla-
13 tive Counsel of the Senate, \$3,753,000.

14 OFFICE OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

15 For salaries and expenses of the Office of Senate
16 Legal Counsel, \$1,004,000.

17 EXPENSE ALLOWANCES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE

18 SENATE, SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF
19 THE SENATE, AND SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJOR-
20 ITY AND MINORITY OF THE SENATE

21 For expense allowances of the Secretary of the Sen-
22 ate, \$3,000; Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Sen-
23 ate, \$3,000; Secretary for the Majority of the Senate,
24 \$3,000; Secretary for the Minority of the Senate, \$3,000;
25 in all, \$12,000.

1 CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE

2 INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

3 For expenses of inquiries and investigations ordered
4 by the Senate, or conducted pursuant to section 134(a)
5 of Public Law 601, Seventy-ninth Congress, as amended,
6 section 112 of Public Law 96–304 and Senate Resolution
7 281, agreed to March 11, 1980, \$75,600,000.

8 EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE CAUCUS ON

9 INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

10 For expenses of the United States Senate Caucus on
11 International Narcotics Control, \$370,000.

12 SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

13 For expenses of the Office of the Secretary of the
14 Senate, \$1,511,000.

15 SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

16 For expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms
17 and Doorkeeper of the Senate, \$60,511,000, of which
18 \$5,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,
19 2000.

20 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

21 For miscellaneous items, \$7,905,000.

22 SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE

23 ACCOUNT

24 For Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense
25 Account, \$239,156,000.

OFFICIAL MAIL COSTS

For expenses necessary for official mail costs of the Senate, \$300,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. (a) Effective in the case of any fiscal year which begins on or after October 1, 1998, clause (iii) of paragraph (3)(A) of section 506(b) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1973 (2 U.S.C. 58(b)) is amended to read as follows:

“(iii) subject to subparagraph (B), in case the Senator represents Alabama, \$183,565, Alaska, \$252,505, Arizona, \$197,409, Arkansas, \$168,535, California, \$470,272, Colorado, \$187,366, Connecticut, \$161,691, Delaware, \$127,384, Florida, \$263,748, Georgia, \$211,784, Hawaii, \$279,648, Idaho, \$163,841, Illinois, \$267,000, Indiana, \$195,391, Iowa, \$171,340, Kansas, \$168,912, Kentucky, \$176,975, Louisiana, \$186,714, Maine, \$148,205, Maryland, \$172,455, Massachusetts, \$196,819, Michigan, \$235,846, Minnesota, \$187,742, Mississippi, \$168,587, Missouri, \$198,365, Montana, \$161,857, Nebraska, \$160,550, Nevada, \$171,208, New Hampshire, \$142,497, New Jersey, \$207,754, New Mexico, \$166,721, New York, \$328,586, North Carolina, \$212,711, North

1 Dakota, \$150,225, Ohio, \$262,252, Oklahoma,
 2 \$181,913, Oregon, \$189,258, Pennsylvania,
 3 \$267,240, Rhode Island, \$138,637, South Carolina,
 4 \$171,731, South Dakota, \$151,838, Tennessee,
 5 \$192,508, Texas, \$353,911, Utah, \$168,959, Ver-
 6 mont, \$136,315, Virginia, \$193,935, Washington,
 7 \$213,887, West Virginia, \$149,135, Wisconsin,
 8 \$191,314, Wyoming, \$153,016, plus”.

9 (b) Subparagraph (B) of section 506(b)(3) of the
 10 Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1973 (2 U.S.C.
 11 58(b)(3)) is amended—

12 (1) by striking “the amount referred to in sub-
 13 paragraph (A)(iii)” and inserting “that part of the
 14 amount referred to in subparagraph (A)(iii) that is
 15 not specifically allocated for official mail expenses”;
 16 and

17 (2) by inserting before the period at the end the
 18 following: “; and the part of the amount referred to
 19 in subparagraph (A)(iii) that is allocated for official
 20 mail expenses shall be recalculated in accordance
 21 with regulations of the Committee on Rules and Ad-
 22 ministration”.

23 SEC. 2. (a) Section 2(b) of Public Law 104–53 (2
 24 U.S.C. 61d–3(b)) is amended by striking “\$10,000” and
 25 inserting “\$35,000”.

1 (b) The amendment made by subsection (a) is effective on and after October 1, 1998.

3 SEC. 3. Subsection (a) of the first section of Senate
4 Resolution 149, agreed to October 5, 1993 (103d Congress, 1st Session), as amended by Senate Resolution 299,
5 agreed to September 24, 1996 (104th Congress, 2d Session), is amended by striking “until December 31, 1998”
6 and inserting “until December 31, 2000”.

9 SEC. 4. (a) Section 101(a) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1977 (2 U.S.C. 61h–6(a)) is amended—

11 (1) by inserting after the first sentence the following: “The President pro tempore of the Senate is
12 authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of 1
13 consultant, on a temporary or intermittent basis, at
14 a daily rate of compensation not in excess of that
15 specified in the first sentence of this subsection.”;
16 and
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18 (2) in the sentence that begins “The provisions
19 of”, by striking “section 8344” and inserting “sections 8344 and 8468”.

21 (b) Section 101(b) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1977 (2 U.S.C. 61h–6(b)) is amended by striking
22 all after “(b)” through “to such position” and inserting “Any or all appointments under this section may be”.
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1 (c) This section is effective on and after the date of
2 enactment of this Act.

3 SEC. 5. (a) There is established the Senate Leader's
4 Lecture Series (hereinafter referred to as the "lecture se-
5 ries"). Expenses incurred in connection with the lecture
6 series shall be paid from the appropriations account "Sec-
7 retary of the Senate" within the contingent fund of the
8 Senate and shall not exceed \$30,000 in any fiscal year.

9 (b) Payments for expenses in connection with the lec-
10 ture series may cover expenses incurred by speakers, in-
11 cluding travel, subsistence, and per diem, and the cost of
12 receptions, including food, food related items, and hospi-
13 tality.

14 (c) Payments for expenses of the lecture series shall
15 be made on vouchers approved by the Secretary of the
16 Senate.

17 (d) This section is effective on and after October 1,
18 1997.

19 SEC. 6. (a) The Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper
20 of the Senate is authorized to appoint and fix the com-
21 pensation of such employees as may be necessary to oper-
22 ate Senate Hair Care Services.

23 (b) There is established in the Treasury of the United
24 States within the contingent fund of the Senate a revolv-
25 ing fund to be known as the Senate Hair Care Services

1 Revolving Fund (hereafter in this section referred to as
2 the “revolving fund”).

3 (c)(1) All moneys received by Senate Hair Care Serv-
4 ices from fees for services or from any other source shall
5 be deposited in the revolving fund.

6 (2) Moneys in the revolving fund shall be available
7 without fiscal year limitation for disbursement by the Sec-
8 retary of the Senate—

9 (A) for the payment of salaries and agency con-
10 tributions of employees of Senate Hair Care Serv-
11 ices; and

12 (B) for necessary supplies, equipment, and
13 other expenses of Senate Hair Care Services.

14 (d) Disbursements from the revolving fund shall be
15 made upon vouchers signed by the Sergeant at Arms and
16 Doorkeeper of the Senate, except that vouchers shall not
17 be required for the disbursement of salaries paid at an
18 annual rate.

19 (e) At the direction of the Committee on Rules and
20 Administration, the Secretary of the Senate shall with-
21 draw from the revolving fund and deposit in the Treasury
22 of the United States as miscellaneous receipts all moneys
23 in the revolving fund that the Committee may determine
24 are in excess of the current and reasonably foreseeable
25 needs of Senate Hair Care Services.

1 (f) The Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Sen-
2 ate is authorized to prescribe such regulations as may be
3 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, sub-
4 ject to the approval of the Committee on Rules and Ad-
5 ministration.

6 (g) There is transferred to the revolving fund estab-
7 lished by this section any unobligated balance in the fund
8 established by section 106 of Public Law 94–440 on the
9 effective date of this section.

10 (h)(1) Section 106 of Public Law 94–440 is repealed.

11 (2) Section 10(a) of Public Law 100–458 is repealed.

12 (i) This section shall be effective on and after October
13 1, 1998, or 30 days after the date of enactment of this
14 Act, whichever is later.

15 SEC. 7. The amount available to the Committee on
16 Rules and Administration for expenses under section 16(c)
17 of Senate Resolution 54, agreed to February 13, 1997,
18 is increased by \$150,000.

19 SEC. 8. Effective on and after October 1, 1998, each
20 of the dollar amounts contained in the table under section
21 105(d)(1)(A) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations
22 Act, 1968 (2 U.S.C. 61–1(d)(1)(A)) shall be deemed to
23 be the dollar amounts in that table, as increased by section
24 5 of Public Law 105–55, increased by an additional
25 \$50,000 each.

1 SEC. 9. (a) With the prior written approval of the
 2 Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, the
 3 Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate may
 4 enter into agreements with public or private parties for
 5 the purpose of demonstrating the use of alternative fuel
 6 vehicles (as defined in section 301(2) of the Energy Policy
 7 Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–486)) in Senate fleet oper-
 8 ations. Any such agreement may also provide for nec-
 9 essary fueling infrastructure in connection with the alter-
 10 native fuel vehicles.

11 (b) A vehicle may be made available under subsection
 12 (a) for a period not exceeding 90 days.

13 JOINT ITEMS

14 For Joint Committees, as follows:

15 JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

16 For salaries and expenses of the Joint Economic
 17 Committee, \$2,796,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary
 18 of the Senate.

19 JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

20 For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on
 21 Printing, \$202,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of
 22 the Senate: *Provided*, That funds appropriated under this
 23 heading may not be available for expenditure for expenses
 24 incurred after December 31, 1998.

1 JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

2 For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on
3 Taxation, \$5,965,400, to be disbursed by the Chief Ad-
4 ministrative Officer of the House.

5 For other joint items, as follows:

6 OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

7 For medical supplies, equipment, and contingent ex-
8 penses of the emergency rooms, and for the Attending
9 Physician and his assistants, including: (1) an allowance
10 of \$1,500 per month to the Attending Physician; (2) an
11 allowance of \$500 per month each to two medical officers
12 while on duty in the Office of the Attending Physician;
13 (3) an allowance of \$500 per month to one assistant and
14 \$400 per month each to not to exceed nine assistants on
15 the basis heretofore provided for such assistants; and (4)
16 \$893,000 for reimbursement to the Department of the
17 Navy for expenses incurred for staff and equipment as-
18 signed to the Office of the Attending Physician, which
19 shall be advanced and credited to the applicable appropria-
20 tion or appropriations from which such salaries, allow-
21 ances, and other expenses are payable and shall be avail-
22 able for all the purposes thereof, \$1,415,000, to be dis-
23 bursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House.

1 CAPITOL POLICE BOARD

2 CAPITOL POLICE

3 SALARIES

4 For the Capitol Police Board for salaries of officers,
5 members, and employees of the Capitol Police, including
6 overtime, hazardous duty pay differential, clothing allow-
7 ance of not more than \$600 each for members required
8 to wear civilian attire, and Government contributions for
9 health, retirement, Social Security, and other applicable
10 employee benefits, \$74,281,000, of which \$35,770,000 is
11 provided to the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative
13 Officer of the House, and \$38,511,000 is provided to the
14 Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, to be
15 disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate: *Provided*, That,
16 of the amounts appropriated under this heading, such
17 amounts as may be necessary may be transferred between
18 the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives and
19 the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, upon
20 approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House
21 of Representatives and the Committee on Appropriations
22 of the Senate.

23 GENERAL EXPENSES

24 For the Capitol Police Board for necessary expenses
25 of the Capitol Police, including motor vehicles, commu-

1 nications and other equipment, security equipment and in-
 2 stallation, uniforms, weapons, supplies, materials, train-
 3 ing, medical services, forensic services, stenographic serv-
 4 ices, personal and professional services, the employee as-
 5 sistance program, not more than \$2,000 for the awards
 6 program, postage, telephone service, travel advances, relo-
 7 cation of instructor and liaison personnel for the Federal
 8 Law Enforcement Training Center, and \$85 per month
 9 for extra services performed for the Capitol Police Board
 10 by an employee of the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate
 11 or the House of Representatives designated by the Chair-
 12 man of the Board, \$6,077,000, to be disbursed by the
 13 Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representa-
 14 tives: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding any other provision
 15 of law, the cost of basic training for the Capitol Police
 16 at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for fis-
 17 cal year 1999 shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treas-
 18 ury from funds available to the Department of the Treas-
 19 ury.

20 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

21 SEC. 101. Amounts appropriated for fiscal year 1999
 22 for the Capitol Police Board for the Capitol Police may
 23 be transferred between the headings “SALARIES” and
 24 “GENERAL EXPENSES” upon the approval of—

1 (1) the Committee on Appropriations of the
 2 House of Representatives, in the case of amounts
 3 transferred from the appropriation provided to the
 4 Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives
 5 under the heading “SALARIES”;

6 (2) the Committee on Appropriations of the
 7 Senate, in the case of amounts transferred from the
 8 appropriation provided to the Sergeant at Arms and
 9 Doorkeeper of the Senate under the heading “SALA-
 10 RIES”; and

11 (3) the Committees on Appropriations of the
 12 Senate and the House of Representatives, in the
 13 case of other transfers.

14 CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE AND SPECIAL SERVICES

15 OFFICE

16 For salaries and expenses of the Capitol Guide Serv-
 17 ice and Special Services Office, \$2,195,000, to be dis-
 18 bursed by the Secretary of the Senate: *Provided*, That no
 19 part of such amount may be used to employ more than
 20 forty-three individuals: *Provided further*, That the Capitol
 21 Guide Board is authorized, during emergencies, to employ
 22 not more than two additional individuals for not more
 23 than 120 days each, and not more than ten additional in-
 24 dividuals for not more than six months each, for the Cap-
 25 itol Guide Service.

1 STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS

2 For the preparation, under the direction of the Com-
3 mittees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House
4 of Representatives, of the statements for the second ses-
5 sion of the One Hundred Fifth Congress, showing appro-
6 priations made, indefinite appropriations, and contracts
7 authorized, together with a chronological history of the
8 regular appropriations bills as required by law, \$30,000,
9 to be paid to the persons designated by the chairmen of
10 such committees to supervise the work.

11 OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

12 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

13 For salaries and expenses of the Office of Compli-
14 ance, as authorized by section 305 of the Congressional
15 Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1385), \$2,286,000.

16 CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

17 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

18 For salaries and expenses necessary to carry out the
19 provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (Pub-
20 lic Law 93–344), including not more than \$2,500 to be
21 expended on the certification of the Director of the Con-
22 gressional Budget Office in connection with official rep-
23 resentation and reception expenses, \$25,671,000: *Pro-*
24 *vided*, That no part of such amount may be used for the
25 purchase or hire of a passenger motor vehicle.

1 ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

2 CAPITOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

3 CAPITOL BUILDINGS

4 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

5 For salaries for the Architect of the Capitol, the As-
6 sistant Architect of the Capitol, and other personal serv-
7 ices, at rates of pay provided by law; for surveys and stud-
8 ies in connection with activities under the care of the Ar-
9 chitect of the Capitol; for all necessary expenses for the
10 maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol and elec-
11 trical substations of the Senate and House office buildings
12 under the jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol, in-
13 cluding furnishings and office equipment, including not
14 more than \$1,000 for official reception and representation
15 expenses, to be expended as the Architect of the Capitol
16 may approve; for purchase or exchange, maintenance and
17 operation of a passenger motor vehicle; and not to exceed
18 \$20,000 for attendance, when specifically authorized by
19 the Architect of the Capitol, at meetings or conventions
20 in connection with subjects related to work under the Ar-
21 chitect of the Capitol, \$44,641,000, of which \$8,175,000
22 shall remain available until expended.

23 CAPITOL GROUNDS

24 For all necessary expenses for care and improvement
25 of grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House

1 office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant, \$6,055,000,
 2 of which \$525,000 shall remain available until expended.

3 SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

4 For all necessary expenses for maintenance, care and
 5 operation of Senate office buildings; and furniture and
 6 furnishings to be expended under the control and super-
 7 vision of the Architect of the Capitol, \$53,644,000, of
 8 which \$14,115,000 shall remain available until expended.

9 CAPITOL POWER PLANT

10 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
 11 and operation of the Capitol Power Plant; lighting, heat-
 12 ing, power (including the purchase of electrical energy)
 13 and water and sewer services for the Capitol, Senate and
 14 House office buildings, Library of Congress buildings, and
 15 the grounds about the same, Botanic Garden, Senate ga-
 16 rage, and air conditioning refrigeration not supplied from
 17 plants in any of such buildings; heating the Government
 18 Printing Office and Washington City Post Office, and
 19 heating and chilled water for air conditioning for the Su-
 20 preme Court Building, the Union Station complex, the
 21 Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building and the
 22 Folger Shakespeare Library, expenses for which shall be
 23 advanced or reimbursed upon request of the Architect of
 24 the Capitol and amounts so received shall be deposited
 25 into the Treasury to the credit of this appropriation,

1 \$38,222,000, of which \$5,100,000 shall remain available
2 until expended: *Provided*, That not more than \$4,000,000
3 of the funds credited or to be reimbursed to this appro-
4 priation as herein provided shall be available for obligation
5 during fiscal year 1999.

6 LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

7 CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

8 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

9 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
10 of section 203 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
11 1946 (2 U.S.C. 166) and to revise and extend the Anno-
12 tated Constitution of the United States of America,
13 \$67,877,483: *Provided*, That no part of such amount may
14 be used to pay any salary or expense in connection with
15 any publication, or preparation of material therefor (ex-
16 cept the Digest of Public General Bills), to be issued by
17 the Library of Congress unless such publication has ob-
18 tained prior approval of either the Committee on House
19 Oversight of the House of Representatives or the Commit-
20 tee on Rules and Administration of the Senate: *Provided*
21 *further*, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law,
22 the compensation of the Director of the Congressional Re-
23 search Service, Library of Congress, shall be at an annual
24 rate which is equal to the annual rate of basic pay for

1 positions at level IV of the Executive Schedule under sec-
2 tion 5315 of title 5, United States Code.

3 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

4 CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

5 For authorized printing and binding for the Congress
6 and the distribution of Congressional information in any
7 format; printing and binding for the Architect of the Cap-
8 itol; expenses necessary for preparing the semimonthly
9 and session index to the Congressional Record, as author-
10 ized by law (44 U.S.C. 902); printing and binding of Gov-
11 ernment publications authorized by law to be distributed
12 to Members of Congress; and printing, binding, and dis-
13 tribution of Government publications authorized by law to
14 be distributed without charge to the recipient,
15 \$75,500,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall not
16 be available for paper copies of the permanent edition of
17 the Congressional Record for individual Representatives,
18 Resident Commissioners or Delegates authorized under 44
19 U.S.C. 906: *Provided further*, That none of the funds ap-
20 propriated or made available under this Act may be ex-
21 pended for printing and binding and related services pro-
22 vided to Congress under chapter 7 of title 44, United
23 States Code, unless such printing and binding and related
24 services are provided during fiscal year 1999 and the bill-

1 ing of such printing and binding and related services oc-
 2 curs not later than December 31, 2000.

3 This title may be cited as the “Congressional Oper-
 4 ations Appropriations Act, 1999”.

5 TITLE II—OTHER AGENCIES

6 BOTANIC GARDEN

7 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

8 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
 9 and operation of the Botanic Garden and the nurseries,
 10 buildings, grounds, and collections; and purchase and ex-
 11 change, maintenance, repair, and operation of a passenger
 12 motor vehicle; all under the direction of the Joint Commit-
 13 tee on the Library, \$3,180,000.

14 LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

15 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

16 For necessary expenses of the Library of Congress
 17 not otherwise provided for, including development and
 18 maintenance of the Union Catalogs; custody and custodial
 19 care of the Library buildings; special clothing; cleaning,
 20 laundering and repair of uniforms; preservation of motion
 21 pictures in the custody of the Library; operation and
 22 maintenance of the American Folklife Center in the Li-
 23 brary; preparation and distribution of catalog records and
 24 other publications of the Library; hire or purchase of one
 25 passenger motor vehicle; and expenses of the Library of

1 Congress Trust Fund Board not properly chargeable to
2 the income of any trust fund held by the Board,
3 \$239,176,542, of which not more than \$6,500,000 shall
4 be derived from collections credited to this appropriation
5 during fiscal year 1999, and shall remain available until
6 expended, under the Act of June 28, 1902 (chapter 1301;
7 32 Stat. 480; 2 U.S.C. 150): *Provided*, That the Library
8 of Congress may not obligate or expend any funds derived
9 from collections under the Act of June 28, 1902, in excess
10 of the amount authorized for obligation or expenditure in
11 appropriations Acts: *Provided further*, That the total
12 amount available for obligation shall be reduced by the
13 amount by which collections are less than the \$6,500,000:
14 *Provided further*, That of the total amount appropriated,
15 \$10,119,000 is to remain available until expended for ac-
16 quisition of books, periodicals, newspapers, and all other
17 materials including subscriptions for bibliographic services
18 for the Library, including \$40,000 to be available solely
19 for the purchase, when specifically approved by the Librar-
20 ian, of special and unique materials for additions to the
21 collections: *Provided further*, That of the total amount ap-
22 propriated, \$3,544,000 is to remain available until ex-
23 pended for the acquisition and partial support for imple-
24 mentation of an integrated library system (ILS): *Provided*
25 *further*, That of the total amount appropriated,

1 \$2,000,000 is to remain available until expended for a
 2 project to digitize collections for the Meeting of the Fron-
 3 tiers United States-Russian digital library: *Provided fur-*
 4 *ther*, That of the total amount appropriated, \$250,000 is
 5 to remain available until expended for the Library's efforts
 6 in connection with the commemoration of the Bicentennial
 7 of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

8 COPYRIGHT OFFICE

9 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

10 For necessary expenses of the Copyright Office, in-
 11 cluding publication of the decisions of the United States
 12 courts involving copyrights, \$35,269,000, of which not
 13 more than \$16,000,000 shall be derived from collections
 14 credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 1999
 15 under 17 U.S.C. 708(d), and not more than \$5,170,000
 16 shall be derived from collections during fiscal year 1999
 17 under 17 U.S.C. 111(d)(2), 119(b)(2), 802(h), and 1005:
 18 *Provided*, That the total amount available for obligation
 19 shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are
 20 less than \$21,170,000: *Provided further*, That not more
 21 than \$100,000 of the amount appropriated is available for
 22 the maintenance of an "International Copyright Institute"
 23 in the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress for the
 24 purpose of training nationals of developing countries in
 25 intellectual property laws and policies: *Provided further*,

1 That not more than \$2,250 may be expended, on the cer-
2 tification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with
3 official representation and reception expenses for activities
4 of the International Copyright Institute.

5 BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
6 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

7 For salaries and expenses to carry out the Act of
8 March 3, 1931 (chapter 400; 46 Stat. 1487; 2 U.S.C.
9 135a), \$46,895,000, of which \$13,744,000 shall remain
10 available until expended.

11 FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS

12 For necessary expenses for the purchase, installation,
13 maintenance, and repair of furniture, furnishings, office
14 and library equipment, \$4,458,000.

15 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

16 SEC. 201. Appropriations in this Act available to the
17 Library of Congress shall be available, in an amount of
18 not more than \$194,290, of which \$58,100 is for the Con-
19 gressional Research Service, when specifically authorized
20 by the Librarian, for attendance at meetings concerned
21 with the function or activity for which the appropriation
22 is made.

23 SEC. 202. (a) No part of the funds appropriated in
24 this Act shall be used by the Library of Congress to ad-
25 minister any flexible or compressed work schedule which—

1 (1) applies to any manager or supervisor in a
 2 position the grade or level of which is equal to or
 3 higher than GS-15; and

4 (2) grants such manager or supervisor the right
 5 to not be at work for all or a portion of a workday
 6 because of time worked by the manager or super-
 7 visor on another workday.

8 (b) For purposes of this section, the term “manager
 9 or supervisor” means any management official or super-
 10 visor, as such terms are defined in section 7103(a) (10)
 11 and (11) of title 5, United States Code.

12 SEC. 203. Appropriated funds received by the Library
 13 of Congress from other Federal agencies to cover general
 14 and administrative overhead costs generated by perform-
 15 ing reimbursable work for other agencies under the au-
 16 thority of 31 U.S.C. 1535 and 1536 shall not be used to
 17 employ more than 65 employees and may be expended or
 18 obligated—

19 (1) in the case of a reimbursement, only to such
 20 extent or in such amounts as are provided in appro-
 21 priations Acts; or

22 (2) in the case of an advance payment, only—
 23 (A) to pay for such general or administra-
 24 tive overhead costs as are attributable to the
 25 work performed for such agency; or

1 (B) to such extent or in such amounts as
2 are provided in appropriations Acts, with re-
3 spect to any purpose not allowable under sub-
4 paragraph (A).

5 SEC. 204. Of the amounts appropriated to the Li-
6 brary of Congress in this Act, not more than \$5,000 may
7 be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Con-
8 gress, in connection with official representation and recep-
9 tion expenses for the incentive awards program.

10 SEC. 205. Of the amount appropriated to the Library
11 of Congress in this Act, not more than \$12,000 may be
12 expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Con-
13 gress, in connection with official representation and recep-
14 tion expenses for the Overseas Field Offices.

15 SEC. 206. (a) For fiscal year 1999, the obligational
16 authority of the Library of Congress for the activities de-
17 scribed in subsection (b) may not exceed \$99,765,100.

18 (b) The activities referred to in subsection (a) are re-
19 imburseable and revolving fund activities that are funded
20 from sources other than appropriations to the Library in
21 appropriations Acts for the legislative branch.

1 ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

2 LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

3 STRUCTURAL AND MECHANICAL CARE

4 For all necessary expenses for the mechanical and
5 structural maintenance, care and operation of the Library
6 buildings and grounds, \$12,566,000, of which \$910,000
7 shall remain available until expended.

8 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

9 SEC. 207. For fiscal year 1999, the amounts available
10 for expenditure to the Architect of the Capitol pursuant
11 to Section 4 of Public Law 105–144, approved December
12 15, 1997, may not exceed \$2,500,000.

13 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

14 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

15 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

16 For expenses of the Office of Superintendent of Doc-
17 uments necessary to provide for the cataloging and index-
18 ing of Government publications and their distribution to
19 the public, Members of Congress, other Government agen-
20 cies, and designated depository and international exchange
21 libraries as authorized by law, \$29,600,000: *Provided*,
22 That travel expenses, including travel expenses of the De-
23 pository Library Council to the Public Printer, shall not
24 exceed \$150,000: *Provided further*, That amounts of not
25 more than \$2,000,000 from current year appropriations

1 are authorized for producing and disseminating Congres-
 2 sional serial sets and other related publications for 1997
 3 and 1998 to depository and other designated libraries.

4 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND

5 The Government Printing Office is hereby authorized
 6 to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds
 7 available and in accord with the law, and to make such
 8 contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year
 9 limitations as provided by section 9104 of title 31, United
 10 States Code, as may be necessary in carrying out the pro-
 11 grams and purposes set forth in the budget for the current
 12 fiscal year for the Government Printing Office revolving
 13 fund: *Provided*, That not more than \$2,500 may be ex-
 14 pended on the certification of the Public Printer in connec-
 15 tion with official representation and reception expenses:
 16 *Provided further*, That the revolving fund shall be available
 17 for the hire or purchase of not more than twelve passenger
 18 motor vehicles: *Provided further*, That expenditures in con-
 19 nection with travel expenses of the advisory councils to
 20 the Public Printer shall be deemed necessary to carry out
 21 the provisions of title 44, United States Code: *Provided*
 22 *further*, That the revolving fund shall be available for tem-
 23 porary or intermittent services under section 3109(b) of
 24 title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals
 25 not more than the daily equivalent of the annual rate of

1 basic pay for level V of the Executive Schedule under sec-
 2 tion 5316 of such title: *Provided further*, That the revol-
 3 ving fund and the funds provided under the headings “OF-
 4 FICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS” and “SALA-
 5 RIES AND EXPENSES” together may not be available for
 6 the full-time equivalent employment of more than 3,350
 7 workyears: *Provided further*, That activities financed
 8 through the revolving fund may provide information in any
 9 format: *Provided further*, That the revolving fund shall not
 10 be used to administer any flexible or compressed work
 11 schedule which applies to any manager or supervisor in
 12 a position the grade or level of which is equal to or higher
 13 than GS-15: *Provided further*, That expenses for attend-
 14 ance at meetings shall not exceed \$75,000.

15 GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

16 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

17 For necessary expenses of the General Accounting
 18 Office, including not more than \$7,000 to be expended on
 19 the certification of the Comptroller General of the United
 20 States in connection with official representation and recep-
 21 tion expenses; temporary or intermittent services under
 22 section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates
 23 for individuals not more than the daily equivalent of the
 24 annual rate of basic pay for level IV of the Executive
 25 Schedule under section 5315 of such title; hire of one pas-

1 senger motor vehicle; advance payments in foreign coun-
2 tries in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3324; benefits com-
3 parable to those payable under sections 901(5), 901(6)
4 and 901(8) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C.
5 4081(5), 4081(6) and 4081(8)); and under regulations
6 prescribed by the Comptroller General of the United
7 States, rental of living quarters in foreign countries;
8 \$363,298,000: *Provided*, That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C.
9 9105 hereafter amounts reimbursed to the Comptroller
10 General pursuant to that section shall be deposited to the
11 appropriation of the General Accounting Office then avail-
12 able and remain available until expended, and not more
13 than \$2,000,000 of such funds shall be available for use
14 in fiscal year 1999: *Provided further*, That this appropria-
15 tion and appropriations for administrative expenses of any
16 other department or agency which is a member of the
17 Joint Financial Management Improvement Program
18 (JFMIP) shall be available to finance an appropriate
19 share of JFMIP costs as determined by the JFMIP, in-
20 cluding the salary of the Executive Director and secretar-
21 ial support: *Provided further*, That this appropriation and
22 appropriations for administrative expenses of any other
23 department or agency which is a member of the National
24 Intergovernmental Audit Forum or a Regional Intergov-
25 ernmental Audit Forum shall be available to finance an

1 appropriate share of either Forum's costs as determined
2 by the respective Forum, including necessary travel ex-
3 penses of non-Federal participants. Payments hereunder
4 to either the Forum or the JFMIP may be credited as
5 reimbursements to any appropriation from which costs in-
6 volved are initially financed: *Provided further*, That this
7 appropriation and appropriations for administrative ex-
8 penses of any other department or agency which is a mem-
9 ber of the American Consortium on International Public
10 Administration (ACIPA) shall be available to finance an
11 appropriate share of ACIPA costs as determined by the
12 ACIPA, including any expenses attributable to member-
13 ship of ACIPA in the International Institute of Adminis-
14 trative Sciences.

15 TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

16 SEC. 301. No part of the funds appropriated in this
17 Act shall be used for the maintenance or care of private
18 vehicles, except for emergency assistance and cleaning as
19 may be provided under regulations relating to parking fa-
20 cilities for the House of Representatives issued by the
21 Committee on House Oversight and for the Senate issued
22 by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

23 SEC. 302. No part of the funds appropriated in this
24 Act shall remain available for obligation beyond fiscal year
25 1999 unless expressly so provided in this Act.

1 SEC. 303. Whenever in this Act any office or position
2 not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of
3 1929 is appropriated for or the rate of compensation or
4 designation of any office or position appropriated for is
5 different from that specifically established by such Act,
6 the rate of compensation and the designation in this Act
7 shall be the permanent law with respect thereto: *Provided*,
8 That the provisions in this Act for the various items of
9 official expenses of Members, officers, and committees of
10 the Senate and House of Representatives, and clerk hire
11 for Senators and Members of the House of Representa-
12 tives shall be the permanent law with respect thereto.

13 SEC. 304. The expenditure of any appropriation
14 under this Act for any consulting service through procure-
15 ment contract, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109, shall be limited
16 to those contracts where such expenditures are a matter
17 of public record and available for public inspection, except
18 where otherwise provided under existing law, or under ex-
19 isting Executive order issued pursuant to existing law.

20 SEC. 305. Such sums as may be necessary are appro-
21 priated to the account described in subsection (a) of sec-
22 tion 415 of Public Law 104–1 to pay awards and settle-
23 ments as authorized under such subsection.

24 SEC. 306. Amounts available for administrative ex-
25 penses of any legislative branch entity which participates

1 in the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council
 2 (LBFMC) established by charter on March 26, 1996, shall
 3 be available to finance an appropriate share of LBFMC
 4 costs as determined by the LBFMC, except that the total
 5 LBFMC costs to be shared among all participating legisla-
 6 tive branch entities (in such allocations among the entities
 7 as the entities may determine) may not exceed \$1,500.

8 SEC. 307. Section 316 of Public Law 101-302 is
 9 amended in the first sentence of subsection (a) by striking
 10 “1998” and inserting “1999”.

11 SEC. 308. The Government Printing Office shall be
 12 considered an agency for the purposes of the election in
 13 section 801(b)(2)(B) of the National Energy Conservation
 14 Policy Act and the Public Printer shall be considered the
 15 head of the agency for purposes of subsection (b)(2)(C)
 16 of such section.

17 SEC. 309. Section 8 of the American Folklife Preser-
 18 vation Act (20 U.S.C. 2107) is amended to read as fol-
 19 lows:

20 **“SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21 “There are authorized to be appropriated to the Cen-
 22 ter to carry out this Act such sums as may be necessary
 23 for each fiscal year.”.

24 SEC. 310. That \$3,110,611 shall be transferred from
 25 the Employees’ Compensation Fund established under sec-

tion 8147 of title 5, United States Code, to the Government Printing Office revolving fund as reimbursement for costs improperly transferred from the revolving fund pursuant to section 8147(c) of such title: *Provided*, That for purposes of section 8147 of title 5, United States Code, the Government Printing Office is not considered an agency which is required by statute to submit an annual budget pursuant to or as provided by chapter 91 of title 31, United States Code, and is not required to pay an additional amount for the cost of administration.

TITLE IV—TRADE DEFICIT REVIEW

COMMISSION

SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE. This title may be cited as the “Trade Deficit Review Commission Act”.

SEC. 402. FINDINGS. Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The United States continues to run substantial merchandise trade and current account deficits.

(2) Economic forecasts anticipate continued growth in such deficits in the next few years.

(3) The positive net international asset position that the United States built up over many years was eliminated in the 1980s. The United States today has become the world’s largest debtor nation.

1 (4) The United States merchandise trade deficit
2 is characterized by large bilateral trade imbalances
3 with a handful of countries.

4 (5) The United States has one of the most open
5 borders and economies in the world. The United
6 States faces significant tariff and nontariff trade
7 barriers with its trading partners. Current overall
8 trade balances do not reflect the actual competitive-
9 ness or productivity of the United States economy.

10 (6) Since the last comprehensive review of na-
11 tional trade and investment policies was conducted
12 by a Presidential commission in 1970, there have
13 been massive worldwide economic and political
14 changes which have profoundly affected world trad-
15 ing relationships. Globalization, the increased mobil-
16 ity of capital and technology, the role of
17 transnational corporations, and the outsourcing of
18 production across national boundaries, are reshaping
19 both the comparative and competitive trade advan-
20 tages among nations.

21 (7) The United States is once again at a critical
22 juncture in trade policy development. The nature of
23 the United States trade deficit and its causes and
24 consequences must be analyzed and documented.

1 SEC. 403. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION. (a) ES-
2 TABLISHMENT.—There is established a commission to be
3 known as the Trade Deficit Review Commission (hereafter
4 in this title referred to as the “Commission”).

5 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Commission is to
6 study the causes and consequences of the United States
7 merchandise trade and current account deficits and to de-
8 velop trade policy recommendations for the 21st century.
9 The recommendations shall include strategies necessary to
10 achieve United States market access to foreign markets
11 that fully reflects the competitiveness and productivity of
12 the United States and also improves the standard of living
13 of United States citizens.

14 (c) MEMBERSHIP OF COMMISSION.—

15 (1) COMPOSITION.—The Commission shall be
16 composed of 12 members of whom—

17 (A) 1 Senator and 2 other persons shall be
18 appointed by the President pro tempore of the
19 Senate upon the recommendation of the Major-
20 ity Leader of the Senate;

21 (B) 1 Senator and 2 other persons shall be
22 appointed by the President pro tempore of the
23 Senate upon the recommendation of the Minor-
24 ity Leader of the Senate;

1 (C) 1 Member of the House of Representa-
2 tives and 2 other persons shall be appointed by
3 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
4 and

5 (D) 1 Member of the House of Representa-
6 tives and 2 other persons shall be appointed by
7 the Minority Leader of the House of Represent-
8 atives.

9 (2) QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS.—

10 (A) APPOINTMENTS.—Persons who are ap-
11 pointed under paragraph (1), other than a per-
12 son who is a Senator or Member of the House
13 of Representatives, shall be persons who—

14 (i) have expertise in economics, inter-
15 national trade, manufacturing, labor, envi-
16 ronment, business, or have other pertinent
17 qualifications or experience; and

18 (ii) are not officers or employees of
19 the United States.

20 (B) OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.—In ap-
21 pointing Commission members, every effort
22 shall be made to ensure that the members—

23 (i) are representative of a broad cross-
24 section of economic and trade perspectives
25 within the United States; and

1 (ii) provide fresh insights to analyzing
2 the causes and consequences of United
3 States merchandise trade and current ac-
4 count deficits.

5 (d) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Members shall be appointed
7 not later than 60 days after the date of enactment
8 of this Act and the appointment shall be for the life
9 of the Commission.

10 (2) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Commis-
11 sion shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in
12 the same manner as the original appointment.

13 (e) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 30 days after
14 the date on which all members of the Commission have
15 been appointed, the Commission shall hold its first meet-
16 ing.

17 (f) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at the
18 call of the Chairperson.

19 (g) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The
20 members of the Commission shall elect a chairperson and
21 vice chairperson from among the members of the Commis-
22 sion.

23 (h) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of the
24 Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction
25 of business.

1 (i) VOTING.—Each member of the Commission shall
2 be entitled to 1 vote, which shall be equal to the vote of
3 every other member of the Commission.

4 SEC. 404. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. (a) IN GEN-
5 ERAL.—The Commission shall be responsible for develop-
6 ing trade policy recommendations, by examining the eco-
7 nomic, trade, tax, and investment policies and laws, and
8 other incentives and restrictions that are relevant to ad-
9 dressing the causes and consequences of the United States
10 merchandise trade and current account deficits.

11 (b) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The Commission shall ex-
12 amine and make recommendations to Congress and the
13 President on the following:

14 (1) The manner in which the Government of
15 the United States establishes and administers the
16 Nation’s fundamental trade policies and objectives,
17 including—

18 (A) the relationship of the merchandise
19 trade and current account balances to the over-
20 all well-being of the United States economy and
21 any impact the trade balance may have on
22 wages and employment in various sectors of the
23 United States economy;

24 (B) any effects the merchandise trade and
25 current account deficits may have on the areas

1 of manufacturing and technology and on de-
2 fense production and innovation capabilities of
3 the United States;

4 (C) the impact that United States mone-
5 tary and fiscal policies may have on United
6 States merchandise trade and current account
7 deficits; and

8 (D) the coordination, allocation, and ac-
9 countability of trade responsibilities among
10 Federal agencies and the means for congres-
11 sional oversight of the trade policy process.

12 (2) The causes and consequences of the mer-
13 chandise trade and current account deficits and spe-
14 cific bilateral trade deficits, including—

15 (A) identification and quantification of the
16 macroeconomic factors and bilateral trade bar-
17 riers contributing to the United States mer-
18 chandise trade and current account deficits;

19 (B) identification and quantification of any
20 impact of the merchandise trade and current
21 account deficits on the domestic economy, in-
22 dustrial base, manufacturing capacity, number
23 and quality of jobs, productivity, wages, and the
24 United States standard of living;

1 (C) identification and quantification of
2 trade deficits within individual industrial, man-
3 ufacturing, and production sectors, and any re-
4 lationship to intraindustry and intracompany
5 transactions;

6 (D) a review of the adequacy of the cur-
7 rent collection and reporting of import and ex-
8 port data, and the identification and develop-
9 ment of additional data bases and economic
10 measurements that may be needed to properly
11 quantify the factors described in subparagraphs
12 (A), (B), and (C);

13 (E) the relationship that tariff and non-
14 tariff barriers may have to the merchandise
15 trade and current account deficits and the ex-
16 tent to which such deficits have become struc-
17 tural;

18 (F) the extent to which there is reciprocal
19 market access substantially equivalent to that
20 afforded by the United States in each country
21 with which the United States has a persistent
22 and substantial bilateral trade deficit; and

23 (G) the impact of transshipments on bilat-
24 eral trade.

1 (3) Any relationship of United States merchan-
2 dise trade and current account deficits to both com-
3 parative and competitive trade advantages within the
4 global economy, including—

5 (A) a systematic analysis of the United
6 States trade patterns with different trading
7 partners, to what extent the trade patterns are
8 based on comparative and competitive trade ad-
9 vantages, and how the trade advantages relate
10 to the goods that are exported to and imported
11 from various trading partners;

12 (B) the extent to which the increased mo-
13 bility of capital and technology has changed
14 both comparative and competitive trade advan-
15 tages;

16 (C) the extent to which differences in the
17 growth rates of the United States and its trad-
18 ing partners may impact on United States mer-
19 chandise trade and current account deficits;

20 (D) any impact that labor, environmental,
21 or health and safety standards may have on
22 world trade;

23 (E) the impact that currency exchange
24 rate fluctuations and any manipulation of ex-

1 change rates may have on United States mer-
2 chandise trade and current account deficits;

3 (F) the effect that offset and technology
4 transfer agreements have on the long-term com-
5 petitiveness of the United States manufacturing
6 sectors; and

7 (G) any effect that international trade,
8 labor, environmental, or other agreements may
9 have on United States competitiveness.

10 (4) The flow of investments both into and out
11 of the United States, including—

12 (A) any consequences for the United
13 States economy of the current status of the
14 United States as a debtor nation;

15 (B) any relationship between such invest-
16 ments and the United States merchandise trade
17 and current account deficits and living stand-
18 ards of United States workers;

19 (C) any impact such investments may have
20 on United States labor, community, environ-
21 mental, and health and safety standards, and
22 how such investment flows influence the loca-
23 tion of manufacturing facilities; and

24 (D) the effect of barriers to United States
25 foreign direct investment in developed and de-

1 veloping nations, particularly nations with
2 which the United States has a merchandise
3 trade and current account deficit.

4 SEC. 405. FINAL REPORT; CONGRESSIONAL HEAR-
5 INGS. (a) FINAL REPORT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
7 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commis-
8 sion shall submit to the President and Congress a
9 final report which contains—

10 (A) the findings and conclusions of the
11 Commission described in section 404;

12 (B) recommendations for addressing the
13 problems identified as part of the Commission's
14 analysis; and

15 (C) any proposals for administrative and
16 legislative actions necessary to implement such
17 recommendations.

18 (2) SEPARATE VIEWS.—Any member of the
19 Commission may submit additional findings and rec-
20 ommendations as part of the final report.

21 (b) CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS.—Not later than 6
22 months after the final report described in subsection (a)
23 is submitted, the Committee on Ways and Means of the
24 House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance
25 of the Senate shall hold hearings on the report. Other

1 committees of the House of Representatives and Senate
2 with relevant jurisdiction may also hold hearings on the
3 report.

4 SEC. 406. POWERS OF COMMISSION. (a) HEAR-
5 INGS.—The Commission may hold such hearings, sit and
6 act at such times and places, take such testimony, and
7 receive such evidence as the Commission may find advis-
8 able to fulfill the requirements of this title. The Commis-
9 sion shall hold at least 1 or more hearings in Washington,
10 D.C., and 4 in different regions of the United States.

11 (b) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—The
12 Commission may secure directly from any Federal depart-
13 ment or agency such information as the Commission con-
14 siders necessary to carry out the provisions of this title.
15 Upon request of the Chairperson of the Commission, the
16 head of such department or agency shall furnish such in-
17 formation to the Commission.

18 (c) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Commission may use
19 the United States mails in the same manner and under
20 the same conditions as other departments and agencies of
21 the Federal Government.

22 SEC. 407. COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS. (a)
23 COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the Com-
25 mission who is not an officer or employee of the

1 Federal Government shall be compensated at a rate
2 equal to the daily equivalent of the annual rate of
3 basic pay prescribed for level IV of the Executive
4 Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United
5 States Code, for each day (including travel time)
6 during which such member is engaged in the per-
7 formance of the duties of the Commission. All mem-
8 bers of the Commission who are officers or employ-
9 ees of the United States shall serve without com-
10 pensation in addition to that received for their serv-
11 ices as officers or employees of the United States.

12 (2) OFFICER AND EMPLOYEE OF THE UNITED
13 STATES.—For purposes of this section, a member of
14 the Commission who is a Senator or a member of
15 the House of Representatives shall be treated as an
16 officer or employee of the United States.

17 (b) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members of the Com-
18 mission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per
19 diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employ-
20 ees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title
21 5, United States Code, while away from their homes or
22 regular places of business in the performance of services
23 for the Commission.

24 (c) STAFF.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Chairperson of the
2 Commission may, without regard to the civil service
3 laws and regulations, appoint and terminate an execu-
4 tive director and such other additional personnel as
5 may be necessary to enable the Commission to per-
6 form its duties. The employment of an executive di-
7 rector shall be subject to confirmation by the Com-
8 mission.

9 (2) COMPENSATION.—The Chairperson of the
10 Commission may fix the compensation of the execu-
11 tive director and other personnel without regard to
12 the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of
13 chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, relating
14 to classification of positions and General Schedule
15 pay rates, except that the rate of pay for the execu-
16 tive director and other personnel may not exceed the
17 rate payable for level V of the Executive Schedule
18 under section 5316 of such title.

19 (d) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—Any
20 Federal Government employee may be detailed to the
21 Commission without reimbursement, and such detail shall
22 be without interruption or loss of civil service status or
23 privilege.

24 (e) PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTERMIT-
25 TENT SERVICES.—The Chairperson of the Commission

1 may procure temporary and intermittent services under
2 section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, at rates
3 for individuals which do not exceed the daily equivalent
4 of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level V of
5 the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such title.

6 SEC. 408. SUPPORT SERVICES. The Administrator of
7 the General Services Administration shall provide to the
8 Commission on a reimbursable basis such administrative
9 support services as the Commission may request.

10 SEC. 409. APPROPRIATIONS. There are appropriated
11 \$2,000,000 to the Commission to carry out the provisions
12 of this title.

13 This Act may be cited as the “Legislative Branch Ap-
14 propriations Act, 1999”.

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A BILL

Making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

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