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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 2011

Mr. CRENSHAW, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bill; which was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
2 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
3 Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September
4 30, 2012, and for other purposes, namely:

5 TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

7 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

8 For salaries and expenses of the House of Represent-
9 atives, \$1,226,680,000, as follows:

10 HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES

11 For salaries and expenses, as authorized by law,
12 \$23,275,773, including: Office of the Speaker,
13 \$6,942,770, including \$25,000 for official expenses of the
14 Speaker; Office of the Majority Floor Leader, \$2,277,595,
15 including \$10,000 for official expenses of the Majority
16 Leader; Office of the Minority Floor Leader, \$7,432,812,
17 including \$10,000 for official expenses of the Minority
18 Leader; Office of the Majority Whip, including the Chief
19 Deputy Majority Whip, \$1,971,050, including \$5,000 for
20 official expenses of the Majority Whip; Office of the Mi-
21 nority Whip, including the Chief Deputy Minority Whip,
22 \$1,524,951, including \$5,000 for official expenses of the
23 Minority Whip; Republican Conference, \$1,572,788;
24 Democratic Caucus, \$1,553,807. In addition to the
25 amounts made available above, for salaries and expenses

1 under this heading, to be available during the period be-
2 ginning September 30, 2012, and ending December 31,
3 2013; \$5,818,948, including: Office of the Speaker,
4 \$1,735,694, including \$6,250 for official expenses of the
5 Speaker; Office of the Majority Floor Leader, \$569,399,
6 including \$2,500 for official expenses of the Majority
7 Leader; Office of the Minority Floor Leader, \$1,858,205,
8 including \$2,500 for official expenses of the Minority
9 Leader; Office of the Majority Whip, including the Chief
10 Deputy Majority Whip, \$492,763, including \$1,250 for of-
11 ficial expenses of the Majority Whip; Office of the Minor-
12 ity Whip, including the Chief Deputy Minority Whip,
13 \$381,238, including \$1,250 for official expenses of the Mi-
14 nority Whip; Republican Conference, \$393,197; Demo-
15 cratic Caucus, \$388,452.

16 MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES
17 INCLUDING MEMBERS' CLERK HIRE, OFFICIAL
18 EXPENSES OF MEMBERS, AND OFFICIAL MAIL

19 For Members' representational allowances, including
20 Members' clerk hire, official expenses, and official mail,
21 \$573,939,282.

22 COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES
23 STANDING COMMITTEES, SPECIAL AND SELECT

24 For salaries and expenses of standing committees,
25 special and select, authorized by House resolutions,

1 \$125,964,870: *Provided*, That such amount shall remain
2 available for such salaries and expenses until December
3 31, 2012.

4 COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

5 For salaries and expenses of the Committee on Ap-
6 propriations, \$26,665,785, including studies and examina-
7 tions of executive agencies and temporary personal serv-
8 ices for such committee, to be expended in accordance with
9 section 202(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
10 1946 and to be available for reimbursement to agencies
11 for services performed: *Provided*, That such amount shall
12 remain available for such salaries and expenses until De-
13 cember 31, 2012.

14 SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

15 For salaries and expenses of officers and employees,
16 as authorized by law, \$177,628,400, including: for salaries
17 and expenses of the Office of the Clerk, including not more
18 than \$23,000, of which not more than \$20,000 is for the
19 Family Room, for official representation and reception ex-
20 penses, \$26,114,400, of which \$2,000,000 shall remain
21 available until expended; for salaries and expenses of the
22 Office of the Sergeant at Arms, including the position of
23 Superintendent of Garages and the Office of Emergency
24 Management, and including not more than \$3,000 for offi-
25 cial representation and reception expenses, \$12,585,000

1 of which \$4,445,000 shall remain available until expended;
2 for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Chief Admin-
3 istrative Officer including not more than \$3,000 for offi-
4 cial representation and reception expenses, \$116,782,000,
5 of which \$3,937,000 shall remain available until expended;
6 for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Inspector
7 General, \$5,045,000; for salaries and expenses of the Of-
8 fice of General Counsel, \$1,415,000; for the Office of the
9 Chaplain, \$179,000; for salaries and expenses of the Of-
10 fice of the Parliamentarian, including the Parliamen-
11 tarian, \$2,000 for preparing the Digest of Rules, and not
12 more than \$1,000 for official representation and reception
13 expenses, \$2,060,000; for salaries and expenses of the Of-
14 fice of the Law Revision Counsel of the House,
15 \$3,258,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the
16 Legislative Counsel of the House, \$8,814,000; for salaries
17 and expenses of the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs,
18 \$859,000; for other authorized employees, \$347,000; and
19 for salaries and expenses of the Historian, \$170,000.

20 ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

21 For allowances and expenses as authorized by House
22 resolution or law, \$293,386,942, including: supplies, mate-
23 rials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims,
24 \$3,696,118; official mail for committees, leadership of-
25 fices, and administrative offices of the House, \$201,000;

1 Government contributions for health, retirement, Social
2 Security, and other applicable employee benefits,
3 \$264,848,219; Business Continuity and Disaster Recov-
4 ery, \$17,112,072, of which \$5,000,000 shall remain avail-
5 able until expended; transition activities for new members
6 and staff, \$2,721,533; Wounded Warrior Program
7 \$2,500,000, to remain available until expended; Office of
8 Congressional Ethics, \$1,548,000; and miscellaneous
9 items including purchase, exchange, maintenance, repair
10 and operation of House motor vehicles, interparliamentary
11 receptions, and gratuities to heirs of deceased employees
12 of the House, \$760,000.

13 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

14 SEC. 101. (a) REQUIRING AMOUNTS REMAINING IN
15 MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES TO BE
16 USED FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION OR TO REDUCE THE
17 FEDERAL DEBT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of
18 law, any amounts appropriated under this Act for
19 “HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—SALARIES AND
20 EXPENSES—MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOW-
21 ANCES” shall be available only for fiscal year 2012. Any
22 amount remaining after all payments are made under such
23 allowances for fiscal year 2012 shall be deposited in the
24 Treasury and used for deficit reduction (or, if there is no
25 Federal budget deficit after all such payments have been

1 made, for reducing the Federal debt, in such manner as
2 the Secretary of the Treasury considers appropriate).

3 (b) REGULATIONS.—The Committee on House Ad-
4 ministration of the House of Representatives shall have
5 authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

6 (c) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term
7 “Member of the House of Representatives” means a Rep-
8 resentative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner
9 to, the Congress.

10 REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE

11 SEC. 102. (a) Section 109(a) of the Legislative
12 Branch Appropriations Act, 2005 (2 U.S.C. 74a–13(a))
13 is amended by striking “the chair of the Republican Con-
14 ference” and inserting the following: “the Speaker of the
15 House of Representatives (or, if the Speaker is not a mem-
16 ber of the Republican Party, the Minority Leader of the
17 House of Representatives)”.

18 (b) Section 109(b) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 74a-13(b))
19 is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting
20 the following: “, and which shall be obligated and ex-
21 pended as directed by the Speaker (or, if the Speaker is
22 not a member of the Republican party, the Minority Lead-
23 er).”.

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

4 AUTHORITY OF SPEAKER AND MINORITY LEADER TO
5 ALLOCATE FUNDS AMONG CERTAIN HOUSE LEAD-
6 ERSHIP OFFICES

7 SEC. 103. (a) AUTHORITY OF SPEAKER.—

8 (1) AUTHORITY DESCRIBED.—Notwithstanding
9 any other provision of law (including any provision
10 of law that sets forth an allowance for official ex-
11 penses), the amount appropriated or otherwise made
12 available during a Congress for the salaries and ex-
13 penses of any office or authority described in para-
14 graph (2) shall be the amount allocated for such of-
15 fice or authority by the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives from the aggregate amount appro-
17 priated or otherwise made available for all such of-
18 fices and authorities.

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

22 (A) The Office of the Speaker.

23 (B) The Speaker's Office for Legislative
24 Floor Activities.

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

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

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

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

17 (b) AUTHORITY OF MINORITY LEADER.—

18 (1) AUTHORITY DESCRIBED.—Notwithstanding
19 any other provision of law (including any provision
20 of law that sets forth an allowance for official ex-
21 penses), the amount appropriated or otherwise made
22 available during a Congress for the salaries and ex-
23 penses of any office or authority described in para-
24 graph (2) shall be the amount allocated for such of-
25 fice or authority by the Minority Leader of the

1 House of Representatives from the aggregate
2 amount appropriated or otherwise made available for
3 all such offices and authorities.

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

7 (A) The Office of the Minority Leader.

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE AND THE DEMOCRATIC
6 STEERING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

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

24 (1) by striking subsection (c); and

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

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

6 TRANSFER OF HOUSE EMERGENCY PLANNING, PRE-
7 PAREDNESS, AND OPERATIONS FUNCTIONS TO SER-
8 GEANT AT ARMS

9 SEC. 105. Effective February 1, 2010—

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

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

17 JOINT ITEMS

18 For Joint Committees, as follows:

19 JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

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

1 JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

2 For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on
3 Taxation, \$10,424,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Ad-
4 ministrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

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 \$2,175 per month to the Attending Physician; (2) an
11 allowance of \$1,300 per month to the Senior Medical Offi-
12 cer; (3) an allowance of \$725 per month each to three
13 medical officers while on duty in the Office of the Attend-
14 ing Physician; (4) an allowance of \$725 per month to 2
15 assistants and \$580 per month each not to exceed 11 as-
16 sistants on the basis heretofore provided for such assist-
17 ants; and (5) \$2,427,000 for reimbursement to the De-
18 partment of the Navy for expenses incurred for staff and
19 equipment assigned to the Office of the Attending Physi-
20 cian, which shall be advanced and credited to the applica-
21 ble appropriation or appropriations from which such sala-
22 ries, allowances, and other expenses are payable and shall
23 be available for all the purposes thereof, \$3,400,000, to
24 be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the
25 House of Representatives.

1 OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

3 For salaries and expenses of the Office of Congres-
4 sional Accessibility Services, \$1,363,000, to be disbursed
5 by the Secretary of the Senate.

6 CAPITOL POLICE

7 SALARIES

8 For salaries of employees of the Capitol Police, in-
9 cluding overtime, hazardous duty pay, and Government
10 contributions for health, retirement, social security, pro-
11 fessional liability insurance, and other applicable employee
12 benefits, \$277,132,624, to be disbursed by the Chief of
13 the Capitol Police or his designee.

14 GENERAL EXPENSES

15 For necessary expenses of the Capitol Police, includ-
16 ing motor vehicles, communications and other equipment,
17 security equipment and installation, uniforms, weapons,
18 supplies, materials, training, medical services, forensic
19 services, stenographic services, personal and professional
20 services, the employee assistance program, the awards pro-
21 gram, postage, communication services, travel advances,
22 relocation of instructor and liaison personnel for the Fed-
23 eral Law Enforcement Training Center, and not more
24 than \$5,000 to be expended on the certification of the
25 Chief of the Capitol Police in connection with official rep-

1 resentation and reception expenses, \$63,003,740, of which
2 \$2,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,
3 2014 to be disbursed by the Chief of the Capitol Police
4 or his designee: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding any other
5 provision of law, the cost of basic training for the Capitol
6 Police at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center
7 for fiscal year 2012 shall be paid by the Secretary of
8 Homeland Security from funds available to the Depart-
9 ment of Homeland Security.

10 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

12 SEC. 1001. Amounts appropriated for fiscal year
13 2012 for the Capitol Police may be transferred between
14 the headings “Salaries” and “General Expenses” upon the
15 approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the
16 House of Representatives and the Senate.

17 WAIVER BY CHIEF OF CAPITOL POLICE OF CLAIMS
18 ARISING OUT OF ERRONEOUS PAYMENTS TO OFFI-
19 CERS AND EMPLOYEES

20 SEC. 1002. (a) WAIVER OF CLAIM.—Subject to the
21 approval of the Capitol Police Board, the Chief of the
22 United States Capitol Police may waive in whole or in part
23 a claim of the United States against a person arising out
24 of an erroneous payment of any pay or allowances, other
25 than travel and transportation expenses and allowances,

1 to an officer, member, or employee of the United States
2 Capitol Police, if the collection of the claim would be
3 against equity and good conscience and not in the best
4 interests of the United States.

5 (b) INVESTIGATION OF APPLICATION; REPORT.—The
6 Chief shall investigate each application for the waiver of
7 a claim under subsection (a) and shall submit a written
8 report of the investigation to the Capitol Police Board, ex-
9 cept that if the aggregate amount of the claim involved
10 exceeds \$1,500, the Comptroller General may also inves-
11 tigate the application and submit a written report of the
12 investigation to the Capitol Police Board.

13 (c) PROHIBITION OF WAIVER UNDER CERTAIN CIR-
14 CUMSTANCES.—The Chief may not exercise the authority
15 to waive a claim under subsection (a) if—

16 (1) in the Chief’s opinion, there exists in con-
17 nection with the claim an indication of fraud, mis-
18 representation, fault, or lack of good faith on the
19 part of the officer, member, or employee involved or
20 of any other person having an interest in obtaining
21 a waiver of the claim; or

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

1 (d) CREDIT FOR WAIVER.—In the audit and settle-
2 ment of accounts of any accountable officer or official, full
3 credit shall be given for any amounts with respect to which
4 collection by the United States is waived under subsection
5 (a).

6 (e) EFFECT OF WAIVER.—An erroneous payment,
7 the collection of which is waived under subsection (a), is
8 deemed a valid payment for all purposes.

9 (f) CONSTRUCTION WITH OTHER LAWS.—This sec-
10 tion does not affect any authority under any other law
11 to litigate, settle, compromise, or waive any claim of the
12 United States.

13 (g) RULES AND REGULATIONS.—The Chief shall pro-
14 mulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section.

15 (h) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with
16 respect to payments of pay and allowances made at any
17 time after the Chief became the disbursing officer for the
18 United States Capitol Police pursuant to section 1018(a)
19 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2003 (2
20 U.S.C. 1907(a)).

21 OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

22 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

23 For salaries and expenses of the Office of Compli-
24 ance, as authorized by section 305 of the Congressional
25 Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1385), \$3,817,000,

1 of which \$884,000 shall remain available until September
2 30, 2013: *Provided*, That not more than \$500 may be ex-
3 pended on the certification of the Executive Director of
4 the Office of Compliance in connection with official rep-
5 resentation and reception expenses.

6 CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

7 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

8 For salaries and expenses necessary for operation of
9 the Congressional Budget Office, including not more than
10 \$6,000 to be expended on the certification of the Director
11 of the Congressional Budget Office in connection with offi-
12 cial representation and reception expenses, \$43,787,000.

13 ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

14 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

15 For salaries for the Architect of the Capitol, and
16 other personal services, at rates of pay provided by law;
17 for surveys and studies in connection with activities under
18 the care of the Architect of the Capitol; for all necessary
19 expenses for the general and administrative support of the
20 operations under the Architect of the Capitol including the
21 Botanic Garden; electrical substations of the Capitol, Sen-
22 ate and House office buildings, and other facilities under
23 the jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol; including
24 furnishings and office equipment; including not more than
25 \$5,000 for official reception and representation expenses,

1 to be expended as the Architect of the Capitol may ap-
2 prove; for purchase or exchange, maintenance, and oper-
3 ation of a passenger motor vehicle, \$104,790,000, of
4 which \$3,199,000 shall remain available until September
5 30, 2016.

6 CAPITOL BUILDING

7 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
8 and operation of the Capitol, \$35,354,000, of which
9 \$10,263,000 shall remain available until September 30,
10 2016.

11 CAPITOL GROUNDS

12 For all necessary expenses for care and improvement
13 of grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House
14 office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant, \$9,852,000.

15 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

16 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
17 and operation of the House office buildings, \$89,154,000,
18 of which \$40,631,000 shall remain available until Sep-
19 tember 30, 2016.

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

23 CAPITOL POWER PLANT

24 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
25 and operation of the Capitol Power Plant; lighting, heat-

1 ing, power (including the purchase of electrical energy)
2 and water and sewer services for the Capitol, Senate and
3 House office buildings, Library of Congress buildings, and
4 the grounds about the same, Botanic Garden, Senate ga-
5 rage, and air conditioning refrigeration not supplied from
6 plants in any of such buildings; heating the Government
7 Printing Office and Washington City Post Office, and
8 heating and chilled water for air conditioning for the Su-
9 preme Court Building, the Union Station complex, the
10 Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building and the
11 Folger Shakespeare Library, expenses for which shall be
12 advanced or reimbursed upon request of the Architect of
13 the Capitol and amounts so received shall be deposited
14 into the Treasury to the credit of this appropriation,
15 \$127,159,000, of which \$33,377,000 shall remain avail-
16 able until September 30, 2016: *Provided*, That not more
17 than \$9,000,000 of the funds credited or to be reimbursed
18 to this appropriation as herein provided shall be available
19 for obligation during fiscal year 2012.

20 LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

21 For all necessary expenses for the mechanical and
22 structural maintenance, care and operation of the Library
23 buildings and grounds, \$38,486,000, of which
24 \$12,726,000 shall remain available until September 30,
25 2016.

1 CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND SECURITY

2 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
3 and operation of buildings, grounds and security enhance-
4 ments of the United States Capitol Police, wherever lo-
5 cated, the Alternate Computer Facility, and AOC security
6 operations, \$21,500,000, of which \$3,473,000 shall re-
7 main available until September 30, 2016.

8 BOTANIC GARDEN

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

22 CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

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

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

1 For all necessary expenses of the Library of Congress
2 not otherwise provided for, including development and
3 maintenance of the Library's catalogs; custody and custo-
4 dial care of the Library buildings; special clothing; clean-
5 ing, laundering and repair of uniforms; preservation of
6 motion pictures in the custody of the Library; operation
7 and maintenance of the American Folklife Center in the
8 Library; activities under the Civil Rights History Project
9 Act of 2009; preparation and distribution of catalog
10 records and other publications of the Library; hire or pur-
11 chase of one passenger motor vehicle; and expenses of the
12 Library of Congress Trust Fund Board not properly
13 chargeable to the income of any trust fund held by the
14 Board, \$412,446,000, of which not more than \$6,000,000
15 shall be derived from collections credited to this appropria-
16 tion during fiscal year 2012, and shall remain available
17 until expended, under the Act of June 28, 1902 (chapter
18 1301; 32 Stat. 480; 2 U.S.C. 150) and not more than
19 \$350,000 shall be derived from collections during fiscal
20 year 2012 and shall remain available until expended for
21 the development and maintenance of an international legal
22 information database and activities related thereto: *Pro-*
23 *vided*, That the Library of Congress may not obligate or

1 expend any funds derived from collections under the Act
2 of June 28, 1902, in excess of the amount authorized for
3 obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: *Provided*
4 *further*, That the total amount available for obligation
5 shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are
6 less than \$6,350,000: *Provided further*, That of the total
7 amount appropriated, not more than \$12,000 may be ex-
8 pended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress,
9 in connection with official representation and reception ex-
10 penses for the Overseas Field Offices: *Provided further*,
11 That of the total amount appropriated, \$4,800,000 shall
12 remain available until expended for the digital collections
13 and educational curricula program.

14 COPYRIGHT OFFICE

15 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

16 For all necessary expenses of the Copyright Office,
17 \$50,974,000, of which not more than \$28,029,000, to re-
18 main available until expended, shall be derived from collec-
19 tions credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 2012
20 under section 708(d) of title 17, United States Code: *Pro-*
21 *vided*, That not more than \$3,000,000 shall be derived
22 from prior year available unobligated balances: *Provided*
23 *further*, That the Copyright Office may not obligate or ex-
24 pend any funds derived from collections under such sec-
25 tion, in excess of the amount authorized for obligation or

1 expenditure in appropriations Acts: *Provided further*, That
2 not more than \$5,484,000 shall be derived from collections
3 during fiscal year 2012 under sections 111(d)(2),
4 119(b)(2), 803(e), 1005, and 1316 of such title: *Provided*
5 *further*, That the total amount available for obligation
6 shall be reduced by the amount by which collections and
7 prior year available unobligated balances are less than
8 \$36,513,000: *Provided further*, That not more than
9 \$100,000 of the amount appropriated is available for the
10 maintenance of an “International Copyright Institute” in
11 the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress for the
12 purpose of training nationals of developing countries in
13 intellectual property laws and policies: *Provided further*,
14 That not more than \$4,250 may be expended, on the cer-
15 tification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with
16 official representation and reception expenses for activities
17 of the International Copyright Institute and for copyright
18 delegations, visitors, and seminars: *Provided further*, That
19 notwithstanding any provision of chapter 8 of title 17,
20 United States Code, any amounts made available under
21 this heading which are attributable to royalty fees and
22 payments received by the Copyright Office pursuant to
23 sections 111, 119, and chapter 10 of such title may be
24 used for the costs incurred in the administration of the
25 Copyright Royalty Judges program, with the exception of

1 the costs of salaries and benefits for the Copyright Royalty
2 Judges and staff under section 802(e).

3 CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

4 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

5 For all necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
6 of section 203 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
7 1946 (2 U.S.C. 166) and to revise and extend the Anno-
8 tated Constitution of the United States of America,
9 \$104,091,000: *Provided*, That no part of such amount
10 may be used to pay any salary or expense in connection
11 with any publication, or preparation of material therefor
12 (except the Digest of Public General Bills), to be issued
13 by the Library of Congress unless such publication has
14 obtained prior approval of either the Committee on House
15 Administration of the House of Representatives or the
16 Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

17 BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

18 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

19 For salaries and expenses to carry out the Act of
20 March 3, 1931 (chapter 400; 46 Stat. 1487; 2 U.S.C.
21 135a), \$50,674,000: *Provided*, That of the total amount
22 appropriated, \$650,000 shall be available to contract to
23 provide newspapers to blind and physically handicapped
24 residents at no cost to the individual.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

2 REIMBURSABLE AND REVOLVING FUND ACTIVITIES

3 SEC. 1101. (a) IN GENERAL.—For fiscal year 2012,
4 the obligational authority of the Library of Congress for
5 the activities described in subsection (b) may not exceed
6 \$169,725,000.

7 (b) ACTIVITIES.—The activities referred to in sub-
8 section (a) are reimbursable and revolving fund activities
9 that are funded from sources other than appropriations
10 to the Library in appropriations Acts for the legislative
11 branch.

12 (c) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—During fiscal year 2012,
13 the Librarian of Congress may temporarily transfer funds
14 appropriated in this Act, under the heading “Library of
15 Congress”, under the subheading “Salaries and Ex-
16 penses”, to the revolving fund for the FEDLINK Program
17 and the Federal Research Program established under sec-
18 tion 103 of the Library of Congress Fiscal Operations Im-
19 provement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–481; 2 U.S.C.
20 182c): *Provided*, That the total amount of such transfers
21 may not exceed \$1,900,000: *Provided further*, That the ap-
22 propriate revolving fund account shall reimburse the Li-
23 brary for any amounts transferred to it before the period
24 of availability of the Library appropriation expires.

TRANSFER AUTHORITY

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2 SEC. 1102. (a) IN GENERAL.—Amounts appropriated
3 for fiscal year 2012 for the Library of Congress may be
4 transferred during fiscal year 2012 between any of the
5 headings under the heading “Library of Congress” upon
6 the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the
7 House of Representatives and the Senate.

8 (b) LIMITATION.—Not more than 10 percent of the
9 total amount of funds appropriated to the account under
10 any heading under the heading “Library of Congress” for
11 fiscal year 2012 may be transferred from that account by
12 all transfers made under subsection (a).

13 FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION
14 PAYMENTS

15 SEC. 1103. (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
16 other provision of law, available balances of expired Li-
17 brary of Congress appropriations shall be available for the
18 purposes of making payments for employees of the Library
19 of Congress under section 8147 of title 5, United States
20 Code without regard to the fiscal year for which the obli-
21 gation to make such payments is incurred.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with
23 respect to appropriations for fiscal year 2012 and each
24 fiscal year thereafter.

1 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
2 CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 For authorized printing and binding for the Congress
5 and the distribution of Congressional information in any
6 format; printing and binding of Government publications
7 authorized by law to be distributed to Members of Con-
8 gress; and printing, binding, and distribution of Govern-
9 ment publications authorized by law to be distributed
10 without charge to the recipient, \$78,000,000: *Provided*,
11 That this appropriation shall not be available for paper
12 copies of the permanent edition of the Congressional
13 Record for individual Representatives, Resident Commis-
14 sioners or Delegates authorized under section 906 of title
15 44, United States Code: *Provided further*, That this appro-
16 priation shall be available for the payment of obligations
17 incurred under the appropriations for similar purposes for
18 preceding fiscal years: *Provided further*, That notwith-
19 standing the 2-year limitation under section 718 of title
20 44, United States Code, none of the funds appropriated
21 or made available under this Act or any other Act for
22 printing and binding and related services provided to Con-
23 gress under chapter 7 of title 44, United States Code, may
24 be expended to print a document, report, or publication
25 after the 27-month period beginning on the date that such

1 document, report, or publication is authorized by Congress
2 to be printed, unless Congress reauthorizes such printing
3 in accordance with section 718 of title 44, United States
4 Code: *Provided further*, That any unobligated or unex-
5 pended balances in this account or accounts for similar
6 purposes for preceding fiscal years may be transferred to
7 the Government Printing Office revolving fund for car-
8 rying out the purposes of this heading, subject to the ap-
9 proval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House
10 of Representatives and Senate: *Provided further*, That not-
11 withstanding sections 901, 902, and 906 of title 44,
12 United States Code, this appropriation may be used to
13 prepare indexes to the Congressional Record on only a
14 monthly and session basis.

15 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

16 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

18 For expenses of the Office of Superintendent of Doc-
19 uments necessary to provide for the cataloging and index-
20 ing of Government publications and their distribution to
21 the public, Members of Congress, other Government agen-
22 cies, and designated depository and international exchange
23 libraries as authorized by law, \$35,000,000: *Provided*,
24 That amounts of not more than \$2,000,000 from current
25 year appropriations are authorized for producing and dis-

1 seminating Congressional serial sets and other related
2 publications for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 to depository
3 and other designated libraries: *Provided further*, That any
4 unobligated or unexpended balances in this account or ac-
5 counts for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years may
6 be transferred to the Government Printing Office revolv-
7 ing fund for carrying out the purposes of this heading,
8 subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropria-
9 tions of the House of Representatives and Senate.

10 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND

11 The Government Printing Office is hereby authorized
12 to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds
13 available and in accordance with law, and to make such
14 contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year
15 limitations as provided by section 9104 of title 31, United
16 States Code, as may be necessary in carrying out the pro-
17 grams and purposes set forth in the budget for the current
18 fiscal year for the Government Printing Office revolving
19 fund: *Provided*, That not more than \$7,500 may be ex-
20 pended on the certification of the Public Printer in connec-
21 tion with official representation and reception expenses:
22 *Provided further*, That the revolving fund shall be available
23 for the hire or purchase of not more than 12 passenger
24 motor vehicles: *Provided further*, That expenditures in con-
25 nection with travel expenses of the advisory councils to

1 the Public Printer shall be deemed necessary to carry out
2 the provisions of title 44, United States Code: *Provided*
3 *further*, That the revolving fund shall be available for tem-
4 porary or intermittent services under section 3109(b) of
5 title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals
6 not more than the daily equivalent of the annual rate of
7 basic pay for level V of the Executive Schedule under sec-
8 tion 5316 of such title: *Provided further*, That activities
9 financed through the revolving fund may provide informa-
10 tion in any format.

11 GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

12 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

13 For necessary expenses of the Government Account-
14 ability Office, including not more than \$12,500 to be ex-
15 pended on the certification of the Comptroller General of
16 the United States in connection with official representa-
17 tion and reception expenses; temporary or intermittent
18 services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States
19 Code, but at rates for individuals not more than the daily
20 equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level IV of
21 the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of such title;
22 hire of one passenger motor vehicle; advance payments in
23 foreign countries in accordance with section 3324 of title
24 31, United States Code; benefits comparable to those pay-
25 able under sections 901(5), (6), and (8) of the Foreign

1 Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4081(5), (6), and (8));
2 and under regulations prescribed by the Comptroller Gen-
3 eral of the United States, rental of living quarters in for-
4 eign countries, \$511,296,000: *Provided*, That, in addition,
5 \$18,304,000 of payments received under sections 782,
6 3521, and 9105 of title 31, United States Code, shall be
7 available without fiscal year limitation: *Provided further*,
8 That this appropriation and appropriations for adminis-
9 trative expenses of any other department or agency which
10 is a member of the National Intergovernmental Audit
11 Forum or a Regional Intergovernmental Audit Forum
12 shall be available to finance an appropriate share of either
13 Forum’s costs as determined by the respective Forum, in-
14 cluding necessary travel expenses of non-Federal partici-
15 pants: *Provided further*, That payments hereunder to the
16 Forum may be credited as reimbursements to any appro-
17 priation from which costs involved are initially financed.

18 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

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

21 (1) by striking subsection (d); and

22 (2) in subsection (f)(2)(A), by striking “United
23 States Code” and inserting “United States Code,
24 but excluding the Government Accountability Of-
25 fice”.

1 (b) Section 3521(1) of title 5, United States Code,
2 is amended by striking “section 105” and inserting “sec-
3 tion 105 (other than the Government Accountability Of-
4 fice)”.

5 (c) The amendments made by this section shall apply
6 with respect to voluntary separation incentive payments
7 made during fiscal year 2012 or any succeeding fiscal
8 year.

9 OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST
10 FUND

11 For a payment to the Open World Leadership Center
12 Trust Fund for financing activities of the Open World
13 Leadership Center under section 313 of the Legislative
14 Branch Appropriations Act, 2001 (2 U.S.C. 1151),
15 \$1,000,000.

16 TITLE II—GENERAL PROVISIONS

17 MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES

18 SEC. 201. No part of the funds appropriated in this
19 Act shall be used for the maintenance or care of private
20 vehicles, except for emergency assistance and cleaning as
21 may be provided under regulations relating to parking fa-
22 cilities for the House of Representatives issued by the
23 Committee on House Administration and for the Senate
24 issued by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

1 FISCAL YEAR LIMITATION

2 SEC. 202. No part of the funds appropriated in this
3 Act shall remain available for obligation beyond fiscal year
4 2012 unless expressly so provided in this Act.

5 RATES OF COMPENSATION AND DESIGNATION

6 SEC. 203. Whenever in this Act any office or position
7 not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of
8 1929 (46 Stat. 32 et seq.) is appropriated for or the rate
9 of compensation or designation of any office or position
10 appropriated for is different from that specifically estab-
11 lished by such Act, the rate of compensation and the des-
12 ignation in this Act shall be the permanent law with re-
13 spect thereto: *Provided*, That the provisions in this Act
14 for the various items of official expenses of Members, offi-
15 cers, and committees of the House of Representatives and
16 Senate, and clerk hire for Senators and Members of the
17 House of Representatives shall be the permanent law with
18 respect thereto.

19 CONSULTING SERVICES

20 SEC. 204. The expenditure of any appropriation
21 under this Act for any consulting service through procure-
22 ment contract, under section 3109 of title 5, United States
23 Code, shall be limited to those contracts where such ex-
24 penditures are a matter of public record and available for
25 public inspection, except where otherwise provided under

1 existing law, or under existing Executive order issued
2 under existing law.

3 AWARDS AND SETTLEMENTS

4 SEC. 205. Such sums as may be necessary are appro-
5 priated to the account described in subsection (a) of sec-
6 tion 415 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995
7 (2 U.S.C. 1415(a)) to pay awards and settlements as au-
8 thorized under such subsection.

9 COSTS OF LBFMC

10 SEC. 206. Amounts available for administrative ex-
11 penses of any legislative branch entity which participates
12 in the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council
13 (LBFMC) established by charter on March 26, 1996, shall
14 be available to finance an appropriate share of LBFMC
15 costs as determined by the LBFMC, except that the total
16 LBFMC costs to be shared among all participating legisla-
17 tive branch entities (in such allocations among the entities
18 as the entities may determine) may not exceed \$2,000.

19 LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

20 SEC. 207. The Architect of the Capitol, in consulta-
21 tion with the District of Columbia, is authorized to main-
22 tain and improve the landscape features, excluding streets,
23 in the irregular shaped grassy areas bounded by Wash-
24 ington Avenue, SW on the northeast, Second Street SW

1 on the west, Square 582 on the south, and the beginning
2 of the I-395 tunnel on the southeast.

3 LIMITATION ON TRANSFERS

4 SEC. 208. None of the funds made available in this
5 Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-
6 strumentality of the United States Government, except
7 pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority pro-
8 vided in, this Act or any other appropriation Act.

9 GUIDED TOURS OF THE CAPITOL

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

17 (b) At the direction of the Capitol Police Board, or
18 at the direction of the Architect of the Capitol with the
19 approval of the Capitol Police Board, guided tours of the
20 United States Capitol which are led by employees and in-
21 terns described in subsection (a) may be suspended tempo-
22 rarily or otherwise subject to restriction for security or re-
23 lated reasons to the same extent as guided tours of the
24 United States Capitol which are led by the Architect of
25 the Capitol.

1 SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

2 SEC. 210. The amount by which the applicable alloca-
3 tion of new budget authority made by the Committee on
4 Appropriations of the House of Representatives under sec-
5 tion 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, ex-
6 cluding Senate items, exceeds the amount of proposed new
7 budget authority is \$0.

8 This Act may be cited as the “Legislative Branch Ap-
9 propriations Act, 2012”.

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