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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 22, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend James R. Seale, Rector, All Saints Episcopal Church, Frederick, Maryland, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray. O God, Creator and Preserver of this world, we thank You for all the blessings we are so privileged to enjoy in this land. We give thanks for all who work at the local, State, and national levels to serve our citizens and uphold the freedoms we so cherish. We pray for a gentle heart and courage to prevail in all we do and say as we go about this day.

And now I ask Your blessing on this session of the House of Representatives and ask that today and each day You bestow on each Member and their staff wisdom and perseverance to work for justice and peace here at home and throughout the world. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BALLENGER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BALLENGER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 1122) "An Act to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions," returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House, in which it originated, and passed by the House on reconsideration of the same, it was resolved, that the said bill do not pass, two-thirds of the Senators present not having voted in the affirmative.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2317. An act to improve the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate disagrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 2206) "An Act to amend the Head Start Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Community Services Block Grant Act to reauthorize and make improvements to those Acts, to establish demonstration projects that provide an opportunity for persons with limited means to accumulate assets, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. COATS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. KENNEDY, and

Mr. DODD, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4112, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

Mr. LIVINGSTON submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 4112) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes:

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 105-734)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4112) "making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes", having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

Amendment numbered 1:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 1, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

Strike all on page 2, line 5, of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 4112, down through and including all on page 10, line 7, and in lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert the following:

TITLE I—CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS SENATE

EXPENSE ALLOWANCES

For expense allowances of the Vice President, \$10,000; the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, \$10,000; Majority Leader of the Senate, \$10,000; Minority Leader of the Senate, \$10,000; Majority Whip of the Senate, \$5,000; Minority Whip of the Senate, \$5,000; and Chairmen of the Majority and Minority Conference Committees, \$3,000 for each Chairman; in all, \$56,000.

REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

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

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

For compensation of officers, employees, and others as authorized by law, including agency contributions, \$87,233,000, which shall be paid

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from this appropriation without regard to the below limitations, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

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

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

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

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS

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

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

For salaries of the Committee on Appropriations, \$6,050,000.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

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

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

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

POLICY COMMITTEES

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

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

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

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER

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

OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY

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

AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS AND RELATED EXPENSES

For agency contributions for employee benefits, as authorized by law, and related expenses, \$21,332,000.

OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF THE SENATE

For salaries and expenses of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate, \$3,753,000.

OFFICE OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

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

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

For expense allowances of the Secretary of the Senate, \$3,000; Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, \$3,000; Secretary for the Majority of the Senate, \$3,000; Secretary for the Minority of the Senate, \$3,000; in all, \$12,000.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE

INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

For expenses of inquiries and investigations ordered by the Senate, or conducted pursuant to section 134(a) of Public Law 601, Seventy-ninth Congress, as amended, section 112 of Public Law 96-304 and Senate Resolution 281, agreed to March 11, 1980, \$66,800,000.

EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE CAUCUS ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

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

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

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

SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

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

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

For miscellaneous items, \$8,655,000.

SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT

For Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense 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, \$302,307, 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 Dakota, \$150,225, Ohio, \$262,252, Oklahoma, \$181,913, Oregon, \$189,258, Pennsylvania, \$267,240, Rhode Island, \$138,637, South Carolina, \$171,731, South Dakota, \$151,838, Tennessee, \$192,508, Texas, \$353,911, Utah, \$168,959, Vermont, \$136,315, Virginia, \$193,935, Washington, \$213,887, West Virginia, \$149,135, Wisconsin, \$191,314, Wyoming, \$153,016, plus”.

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

(1) by striking “the amount referred to in subparagraph (A)(iii)” and inserting “that part of the amount referred to in subparagraph (A)(iii) that is not specifically allocated for official mail expenses”; and

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

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

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

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

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

(1) by inserting after the first sentence the following: “The President pro tempore of the Senate is authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of 1 consultant, on a temporary or intermittent basis, at a daily rate of compensation not in excess of that specified in the first sentence of this subsection.”; and

(2) in the sentence that begins “The provisions of”, by striking “section 8344” and inserting “sections 8344 and 8468”.

(b) Section 101(b) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1977 (2 U.S.C. 61h-6(b)) is amended by striking all after “(b)” through “to such position” and inserting “Any or all appointments under this section may be”.

(c) This section is effective on and after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 5. (a) There is established the Senate Leader's Lecture Series (hereinafter referred to as the “lecture series”). Expenses incurred in connection with the lecture series shall be paid from the appropriations account “Secretary of the Senate” within the contingent fund of the Senate and shall not exceed \$30,000 in any fiscal year.

(b) Payments for expenses in connection with the lecture series may cover expenses incurred by speakers, including travel, subsistence, and per diem, and the cost of receptions, including food, food related items, and hospitality.

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

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

SEC. 6. (a) The Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate is authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of such employees as may be necessary to operate Senate Hair Care Services.

(b) There is established in the Treasury of the United States within the contingent fund of the Senate a revolving fund to be known as the Senate Hair Care Services Revolving Fund (hereafter in this section referred to as the “revolving fund”).

(c)(1) All moneys received by Senate Hair Care Services from fees for services or from any other source shall be deposited in the revolving fund.

(2) Moneys in the revolving fund shall be available without fiscal year limitation for disbursement by the Secretary of the Senate—

(A) for the payment of salaries and agency contributions of employees of Senate Hair Care Services; and

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

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

(e) At the direction of the Committee on Rules and Administration, the Secretary of the Senate shall withdraw from the revolving fund and deposit in the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts all moneys in the revolving fund that the Committee may determine are in excess of the current and reasonably foreseeable needs of Senate Hair Care Services.

(f) The Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate is authorized to prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, subject to the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

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

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

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

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

SEC. 8. Effective on and after October 1, 1998, each of the dollar amounts contained in the table under section 105(d)(1)(A) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1968 (2 U.S.C. 61-1(d)(1)(A)) shall be deemed to be the dollar amounts in that table, as increased by section 5

of Public Law 105-55, increased by an additional \$50,000 each.

SEC. 9. (a) With the prior written approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate may enter into agreements with public or private parties for the purpose of demonstrating the use of alternative fuel vehicles (as defined in section 301(2) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-486)) in Senate fleet operations. Any such agreement may also provide for necessary fueling infrastructure in connection with the alternative fuel vehicles.

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

SEC. 10. (a) The Committee on Appropriations is authorized in its discretion—

(1) to hold hearings, report such hearings, and make investigations as authorized by paragraph 1 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate;

(2) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(3) to employ personnel;

(4) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration to use, on a reimbursable or nonreimbursable basis, the services of personnel of any such department or agency;

(5) to procure the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 and Senate Resolution 140, agreed to May 14, 1975); and

(6) to provide for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of such Act).

(b) Senate Resolution 54, agreed to February 13, 1997, is amended by striking section 4.

(c) This section shall be effective on and after October 1, 1998, or the date of enactment of this Act, whichever is later.

SEC. 11. (a)(1) The Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate may, during any fiscal year, at his or her election transfer funds from the appropriation account for salaries for the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, to the account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, from which expenses are payable for such committee.

(2) The Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate may, during any fiscal year, at his or her election transfer funds from the appropriation account for expenses, within the contingent fund of the Senate, for the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, to the account from which salaries are payable for such committee.

(b) Any funds transferred under this section shall be—

(1) available for expenditure by such committee in like manner and for the same purposes as are other moneys which are available for expenditure by such committee from the account to which the funds were transferred; and

(2) made at such time or times as the Chairman shall specify in writing to the Senate Disbursing Office.

(c) This section shall take effect on October 1, 1998, and shall be effective with respect to fiscal years beginning on or after that date.

SEC. 12. USE OF FREQUENT FLYER MILES BY MEMBERS OF THE SENATE. Section 507(a) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1436(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking "Notwithstanding" and inserting the following:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), notwithstanding"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(2) TRAVEL BETWEEN THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA AND A HOME STATE.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any travel award relating to air transportation for a Member of the Senate, the spouse of that Member, or a son or daughter of that Member, between the Wash-

ington metropolitan area and the State of that Member."

SEC. 13. Senate Resolution 286, 102d Congress, agreed to April 9, 1992, is amended by adding at the end of subsection (a) the following:

"Fees established under this subsection for services received from the Attending Physician by a Senator or an officer of the Senate shall be equal to the fees for such services received by a member of the House of Representatives."

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PAYMENTS TO WIDOWS AND HEIRS OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

For payment to Marcia S. Schiff, widow of Steven H. Schiff, late a Representative from the State of New Mexico, \$136,700.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses of the House of Representatives, \$733,971,000, as follows:

HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES

For salaries and expenses, as authorized by law, \$13,117,000, including: Office of the Speaker, \$1,686,000, including \$25,000 for official expenses of the Speaker; Office of the Majority Floor Leader, \$1,652,000, including \$10,000 for official expenses of the Majority Leader; Office of the Minority Floor Leader, \$1,675,000, including \$10,000 for official expenses of the Minority Leader; Office of the Majority Whip, including the Chief Deputy Majority Whip, \$1,043,000, including \$5,000 for official expenses of the Majority Whip; Office of the Minority Whip, including the Chief Deputy Minority Whip, \$1,020,000, including \$5,000 for official expenses of the Minority Whip; Speaker's Office for Legislative Floor Activities, \$397,000; Republican Steering Committee, \$738,000; Republican Conference, \$1,199,000; Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, \$1,295,000; Democratic Caucus, \$642,000; nine minority employees, \$1,190,000; training and program development—majority, \$290,000; and training and program development—minority, \$290,000.

MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES

INCLUDING MEMBERS' CLERK HIRE, OFFICIAL EXPENSES OF MEMBERS, AND OFFICIAL MAIL

For Members' representational allowances, including Members' clerk hire, official expenses, and official mail, \$385,279,000.

COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES

STANDING COMMITTEES, SPECIAL AND SELECT

For salaries and expenses of standing committees, special and select, authorized by House resolutions, \$89,743,000: Provided, That such amount shall remain available for such salaries and expenses until December 31, 2000.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

For salaries and expenses of the Committee on Appropriations, \$19,373,000, including studies and examinations of executive agencies and temporary personal services for such committee, to be expended in accordance with section 202(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 and to be available for reimbursement to agencies for services performed: Provided, That such amount shall remain available for such salaries and expenses until December 31, 2000.

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

For compensation and expenses of officers and employees, as authorized by law, \$89,991,000, including: for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Clerk, including not more than \$3,500, of which not more than \$2,500 is for the Family Room, for official representation and reception expenses, \$15,365,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, including the position of Superintendent of Garages, and including not more than \$750 for official representation and reception expenses, \$3,501,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, \$57,211,000, including \$24,282,000 for salaries, expenses and temporary personal services of House Information

Resources, of which \$23,074,000 is provided herein: Provided, That of the amount provided for House Information Resources, \$7,130,000 shall be for net expenses of telecommunications: Provided further, That House Information Resources is authorized to receive reimbursement from Members of the House of Representatives and other governmental entities for services provided and such reimbursement shall be deposited in the Treasury for credit to this account; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Inspector General, \$3,953,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of General Counsel, \$840,000; for the Office of the Chaplain, \$133,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Parliamentarian, including the Parliamentarian and \$2,000 for preparing the Digest of Rules, \$1,106,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House, \$1,912,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House, \$4,980,000; for salaries and expenses of the Corrections Calendar Office, \$799,000; and for other authorized employees, \$191,000.

ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

For allowances and expenses as authorized by House resolution or law, \$136,468,000, including: supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims, \$2,575,000; official mail for committees, leadership offices, and administrative offices of the House, \$410,000; Government contributions for health, retirement, Social Security, and other applicable employee benefits, \$132,832,000; and miscellaneous items including purchase, exchange, maintenance, repair and operation of House motor vehicles, inter-parliamentary receptions, and gratuities to heirs of deceased employees of the House, \$651,000.

CHILD CARE CENTER

For salaries and expenses of the House of Representatives Child Care Center, such amounts as are deposited in the account established by section 312(d)(1) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1992 (40 U.S.C. 184g(d)(1)), subject to the level specified in the budget of the Center, as submitted to the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 101. (a) Section 2(a) of House Resolution 611, Ninety-seventh Congress, agreed to November 30, 1982, as enacted into permanent law by section 127 of Public Law 97-377 (2 U.S.C. 88b-3), is amended—

(1) by adding "and" at the end of paragraph (1);

(2) by striking "; and" at the end of paragraph (2) and inserting a period; and

(3) by striking paragraph (3).

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to the One Hundred Sixth Congress and each succeeding Congress.

SEC. 102. Subsection (b) of the first section of House Resolution 1047, Ninety-fifth Congress, agreed to April 4, 1978, as enacted into permanent law by section 111 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1979 (2 U.S.C. 130-1(b)), is amended by striking "\$55,000" and inserting "\$80,000".

SEC. 103. (a) There is hereby established an account in the House of Representatives for purposes of carrying out training and program development activities of the Republican Conference and the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee.

(b) Subject to the allocation described in subsection (c), funds in the account established under subsection (a) shall be paid—

(1) for activities of the Republican Conference in such amounts, at such times, and under such terms and conditions as the Speaker of the House of Representatives may direct; and

(2) for activities of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee in such amounts, at such times, and under such terms and conditions as the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives may direct.

(c) Of the total amount in the account established under subsection (a)—

(1) 50 percent shall be allocated to the Speaker for payments for activities of the Republican Conference; and

(2) 50 percent shall be allocated to the Minority Leader for payments for activities of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee.

(d) There are authorized to be appropriated to the account under this section for fiscal year 1999 and each succeeding fiscal year such sums as may be necessary for training and program development activities of the Republican Conference and the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee during the fiscal year.

SEC. 104. (a) Section 311(e)(2) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991 (2 U.S.C. 59(e)(2)) is amended—

(1) by adding “and” at the end of subparagraph (B);

(2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “; and” and inserting a period; and

(3) by striking subparagraph (D).

(b) Section 311(e) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 59e(e)) is amended by striking paragraph (4).

SEC. 105. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or any other rule or regulation, any information on payments made by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct of the House of Representatives to an individual for attendance as a witness before the Committee in executive session during a Congress shall be reported not later than the second semiannual report filed under section 106 of the House of Representatives Administrative Reform Technical Corrections Act (2 U.S.C. 104b) in the following Congress.

SEC. 106. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Committee on House Oversight may prescribe by regulation appropriate conditions for the incidental use, for other than official business, of equipment and supplies owned or leased by, or the cost of which is reimbursed by, the House of Representatives.

(b) The authority of the Committee on House Oversight to prescribe regulations pursuant to subsection (a) shall apply with respect to fiscal year 1999 and each succeeding fiscal year.

SEC. 107. (a) The Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives are each authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of one consultant, on a temporary or intermittent basis, at a daily rate of compensation not in excess of the per diem equivalent of the highest gross rate of annual compensation which may be paid to employees of a standing committee of the House.

(b) This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 1999 and each succeeding fiscal year.

SEC. 108. Any amount appropriated in this Act for “HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—SALARIES AND EXPENSES—MEMBERS’ REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES” shall be available only for fiscal year 1999. Any amount remaining after all payments are made under such allowances for such fiscal year shall be deposited in the Treasury, to be used for deficit reduction.

SEC. 109. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, official resources may be used during a fiscal year (beginning with fiscal year 1999), in accordance with regulations of the Committee on House Oversight, to reimburse a Member, officer, or employee of the House of Representatives for the ordinary and necessary expenses related to the official use of telecommunications lines in the residence of the Member, officer, or employee.

(b) The Committee on House Oversight shall promulgate such regulations as are necessary to implement this section.

SEC. 110. Section 121 of Public Law 104-99 is amended in subsection (b)(2)—

(1) by striking in subparagraph (B) “and” after the semicolon; and

(2) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (C) and inserting “; and” therefor; and

(3) by adding after subparagraph (C) the following new subparagraph:

“(D) reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Chief Administrative Office of the House of Representatives to cover the costs of furnishings and furniture to accommodate the needs of the House of Representatives child care center.”

JOINT ITEMS

For Joint Committees, as follows:

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

For salaries and expenses of the Joint Economic Committee, \$3,096,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Printing, \$202,000, together with an additional amount of \$150,000 if there is enacted into law legislation which transfers the legislative and oversight responsibilities of the Joint Committee on Printing to the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives: Provided, That such additional amount shall be transferred to the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives and made available beginning January 1, 1999: Provided further, That all such funds are to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Taxation, \$5,965,400, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House.

For other joint items, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

For medical supplies, equipment, and contingent expenses of the emergency rooms, and for the Attending Physician and his assistants, including: (1) an allowance of \$1,500 per month to the Attending Physician; (2) an allowance of \$500 per month each to two medical officers while on duty in the Office of the Attending Physician; (3) an allowance of \$500 per month to one assistant and \$400 per month each to not to exceed nine assistants on the basis heretofore provided for such assistants; and (4) \$893,000 for reimbursement to the Department of the Navy for expenses incurred for staff and equipment assigned to the Office of the Attending Physician, which shall be advanced and credited to the applicable appropriation or appropriations from which such salaries, allowances, and other expenses are payable and shall be available for all the purposes thereof, \$1,415,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House.

CAPITOL POLICE BOARD

CAPITOL POLICE

SALARIES

For the Capitol Police Board for salaries of officers, members, and employees of the Capitol Police, including overtime, hazardous duty pay differential, clothing allowance of not more than \$600 each for members required to wear civilian attire, and Government contributions for health, retirement, Social Security, and other applicable employee benefits, \$76,844,000, of which \$37,037,000 is provided to the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House, and \$39,807,000 is provided to the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate: Provided, That, of the amounts appropriated under this heading, such amounts as may be necessary may be transferred between the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives and the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, upon approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

GENERAL EXPENSES

For the Capitol Police Board for necessary expenses of the Capitol Police, including motor vehicles, communications and other equipment, security equipment and installation, uniforms, weapons, supplies, materials, training, medical

services, forensic services, stenographic services, personal and professional services, the employee assistance program, not more than \$2,000 for the awards program, postage, telephone service, travel advances, relocation of instructor and liaison personnel for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and \$85 per month for extra services performed for the Capitol Police Board by an employee of the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate or the House of Representatives designated by the Chairman of the Board, \$6,237,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives: Provided, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the cost of basic training for the Capitol Police at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for fiscal year 1999 shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury from funds available to the Department of the Treasury.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 111. Amounts appropriated for fiscal year 1999 for the Capitol Police Board for the Capitol Police may be transferred between the headings “SALARIES” and “GENERAL EXPENSES” upon the approval of—

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

(2) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, in the case of amounts transferred from the appropriation provided to the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate under the heading “SALARIES”; and

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

CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE AND SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE

For salaries and expenses of the Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office, \$2,195,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate: Provided, That no part of such amount may be used to employ more than forty-three individuals: Provided further, That the Capitol Guide Board is authorized, during emergencies, to employ not more than two additional individuals for not more than 120 days each, and not more than ten additional individuals for not more than six months each, for the Capitol Guide Service.

STATEMENTS OF APPROPRIATIONS

For the preparation, under the direction of the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives, of the statements for the second session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress, showing appropriations made, indefinite appropriations, and contracts authorized, together with a chronological history of the regular appropriations bills as required by law, \$30,000, to be paid to the persons designated by the chairmen of such committees to supervise the work.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses of the Office of Compliance, as authorized by section 305 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1385), \$2,086,000.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-344), including not more than \$2,500 to be expended on the certification of the Director of the Congressional Budget Office in connection with official representation and reception expenses, \$25,671,000: Provided, That no part of such amount may be used for the purchase or hire of a passenger motor vehicle.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL
CAPITOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
CAPITOL BUILDINGS
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries for the Architect of the Capitol, the Assistant Architect of the Capitol, and other personal services, at rates of pay provided by law; for surveys and studies in connection with activities under the care of the Architect of the Capitol; for all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol and electrical substations of the Senate and House office buildings under the jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol, including furnishings and office equipment, including not more than \$1,000 for official reception and representation expenses, to be expended as the Architect of the Capitol may approve; for purchase or exchange, maintenance and operation of a passenger motor vehicle; and not to exceed \$20,000 for attendance, when specifically authorized by the Architect of the Capitol, at meetings or conventions in connection with subjects related to work under the Architect of the Capitol, \$43,683,000, of which \$8,175,000 shall remain available until expended.

CAPITOL GROUNDS

For all necessary expenses for care and improvement of grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant, \$6,046,000, of which \$525,000 shall remain available until expended.

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

For all necessary expenses for maintenance, care and operation of Senate office buildings; and furniture and furnishings to be expended under the control and supervision of the Architect of the Capitol, \$54,144,000, of which \$14,615,000 shall remain available until expended.

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the House office buildings, \$42,139,000, of which \$11,449,000 shall remain available until expended: Provided, That of the total amount provided under this heading, not less than \$100,000 shall be used exclusively for waste recycling programs.

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol Power Plant; lighting, heating, power (including the purchase of electrical energy) and water and sewer services for the Capitol, Senate and House office buildings, Library of Congress buildings, and the grounds about the same, Botanic Garden, Senate garage, and air conditioning refrigeration not supplied from plants in any of such buildings; heating the Government Printing Office and Washington City Post Office, and heating and chilled water for air conditioning for the Supreme Court Building, the Union Station complex, the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building and the Folger Shakespeare Library, expenses for which shall be advanced or reimbursed upon request of the Architect of the Capitol and amounts so received shall be deposited into the Treasury to the credit of this appropriation, \$38,174,000, of which \$5,100,000 shall remain available until expended: Provided, That not more than \$4,000,000 of the funds credited or to be reimbursed to this appropriation as herein provided shall be available for obligation during fiscal year 1999.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of section 203 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 166) and to revise and extend the Annotated Constitution of the United States of America, \$67,124,000: Provided, That no part of such amount may be used to pay any salary or expense in connection with

any publication, or preparation of material therefor (except the Digest of Public General Bills), to be issued by the Library of Congress unless such publication has obtained prior approval of either the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives or the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate: Provided further, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the compensation of the Director of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, shall be at an annual rate which is equal to the annual rate of basic pay for positions at level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

For authorized printing and binding for the Congress and the distribution of Congressional information in any format; printing and binding for the Architect of the Capitol; expenses necessary for preparing the semimonthly and session index to the Congressional Record, as authorized by law (44 U.S.C. 902); printing and binding of Government publications authorized by law to be distributed to Members of Congress; and printing, binding, and distribution of Government publications authorized by law to be distributed without charge to the recipient, \$74,465,000: Provided, That this appropriation shall not be available for paper copies of the permanent edition of the Congressional Record for individual Representatives, Resident Commissioners or Delegates authorized under 44 U.S.C. 906: Provided further, That this appropriation shall be available for the payment of obligations incurred under the appropriations for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years: Provided further, That notwithstanding the 2-year limitation under section 718 of title 44, United States Code, none of the funds appropriated or made available under this Act or any other Act for printing and binding and related services provided to Congress under chapter 7 of title 44, United States Code, may be expended to print a document, report, or publication after the 27-month period beginning on the date that such document, report, or publication is authorized by Congress to be printed, unless Congress reauthorizes such printing in accordance with section 718 of title 44, United States Code.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 112. (a) The Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1998 (Public Law 105-55; 111 Stat. 1191) is amended in the item relating to "CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING" under the heading "GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE" by striking "\$81,669,000" and all that follows through "Provided," and inserting the following: "\$70,652,000: Provided, That an additional amount of not more than \$11,017,000 may be derived by transfer from the Government Printing Office revolving fund under section 309 of title 44, United States Code: Provided further,".

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1998.

This title may be cited as the "Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1999".

TITLE II—OTHER AGENCIES

BOTANIC GARDEN

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Botanic Garden and the nurseries, buildings, grounds, and collections; and purchase and exchange, maintenance, repair, and operation of a passenger motor vehicle; all under the direction of the Joint Committee on the Library, \$3,052,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 201. Section 307E(b) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1989 (40 U.S.C. 216c(b)) is amended by—

(1) redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3); and

(2) inserting after paragraph (1) the following: "(2) The Secretary of the Treasury shall invest any portion of the account designated in paragraph (1) that, as determined by the Architect, is not required to meet current expenses. Each investment shall be made in an interest-bearing obligation of the United States or an obligation guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States that, as determined by the Architect, has a maturity date suitable for the purposes of the account. The Secretary of the Treasury shall credit interest earned on the obligations to the account."

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Library of Congress not otherwise provided for, including development and maintenance of the Union Catalogs; custody and custodial care of the Library buildings; special clothing; cleaning, laundering and repair of uniforms; preservation of motion pictures in the custody of the Library; operation and maintenance of the American Folklife Center in the Library; preparation and distribution of catalog records and other publications of the Library; hire or purchase of one passenger motor vehicle; and expenses of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board not properly chargeable to the income of any trust fund held by the Board, \$238,373,000, of which not more than \$6,500,000 shall be derived from collections credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 1999, and shall remain available until expended, under the Act of June 28, 1902 (chapter 1301; 32 Stat. 480; 2 U.S.C. 150) and not more than \$350,000 shall be derived from collections during fiscal year 1999 and shall remain available until expended for the development and maintenance of an international legal information database and activities related thereto: Provided, That the Library of Congress may not obligate or expend any funds derived from collections under the Act of June 28, 1902, in excess of the amount authorized for obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: Provided further, That the total amount available for obligation shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are less than the \$6,850,000: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$10,119,000 is to remain available until expended for acquisition of books, periodicals, newspapers, and all other materials including subscriptions for bibliographic services for the Library, including \$40,000 to be available solely for the purchase, when specifically approved by the Librarian, of special and unique materials for additions to the collections: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$3,544,000 is to remain available until expended for the acquisition and partial support for implementation of an integrated library system (ILS): Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$2,000,000 is to remain available until expended for a project to digitize collections for the Meeting of the Frontiers United States-Russian digital library: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$250,000 is to remain available until expended for the Library's efforts in connection with the commemoration of the Bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Copyright Office, including publication of the decisions of the United States courts involving copyrights, \$34,891,000, of which not more than \$16,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be derived from collections credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 1999 under 17 U.S.C. 708(d): Provided, That the Copyright Office may not obligate or expend any funds derived from collections under 17 U.S.C. 708(d), in excess of the amount authorized for obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: Provided further, That not more than \$5,170,000 shall be derived

from collections during fiscal year 1999 under 17 U.S.C. 111(d)(2), 119(b)(2), 802(h), and 1005: Provided further, That the total amount available for obligation shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are less than \$21,170,000: Provided further, That not more than \$100,000 of the amount appropriated is available for the maintenance of an "International Copyright Institute" in the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress for the purpose of training nationals of developing countries in intellectual property laws and policies: Provided further, That not more than \$2,250 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official representation and reception expenses for activities of the International Copyright Institute.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses to carry out the Act of March 3, 1931 (chapter 400; 46 Stat. 1487; 2 U.S.C. 135a), \$46,824,000, of which \$13,744,000 shall remain available until expended.

FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS

For necessary expenses for the purchase, installation, maintenance, and repair of furniture, furnishings, office and library equipment, \$4,448,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 202. Appropriations in this Act available to the Library of Congress shall be available, in an amount of not more than \$194,290, of which \$58,100 is for the Congressional Research Service, when specifically authorized by the Librarian, for attendance at meetings concerned with the function or activity for which the appropriation is made.

SEC. 203. (a) No part of the funds appropriated in this Act shall be used by the Library of Congress to administer any flexible or compressed work schedule which—

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

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

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

SEC. 204. Appropriated funds received by the Library of Congress from other Federal agencies to cover general and administrative overhead costs generated by performing reimbursable work for other agencies under the authority of 31 U.S.C. 1535 and 1536 shall not be used to employ more than 65 employees and may be expended or obligated—

(1) in the case of a reimbursement, only to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in appropriations Acts; or

(2) in the case of an advance payment, only—

(A) to pay for such general or administrative overhead costs as are attributable to the work performed for such agency; or

(B) to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in appropriations Acts, with respect to any purpose not allowable under subparagraph (A).

SEC. 205. Of the amounts appropriated to the Library of Congress in this Act, not more than \$5,000 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official representation and reception expenses for the incentive awards program.

SEC. 206. Of the amount appropriated to the Library of Congress in this Act, not more than \$12,000 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official representation and reception expenses for the Overseas Field Offices.

SEC. 207. (a) For fiscal year 1999, the obligational authority of the Library of Con-

gress for the activities described in subsection (b) may not exceed \$99,765,100.

(b) The activities referred to in subsection (a) are reimbursable and revolving fund activities that are funded from sources other than appropriations to the Library in appropriations Acts for the legislative branch.

SEC. 208. Effective October 1, 1998, the Library of Congress is authorized to receive funds from participants in and sponsors of an international legal information database led by the Law Library of Congress, and to credit any such funds to the Library of Congress appropriations, up to the extent authorized in appropriations Acts, for the development and maintenance of the database.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

CONGRESSIONAL CEMETERY

For a grant for the perpetual care and maintenance of the historic Congressional Cemetery, \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended.

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

STRUCTURAL AND MECHANICAL CARE

For all necessary expenses for the mechanical and structural maintenance, care and operation of the Library buildings and grounds, \$12,672,000, of which \$910,000 shall remain available until expended.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 209. (a) GRANT FOR CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF CONGRESSIONAL CEMETERY.—In order to assist in the perpetual care and maintenance of the historic Congressional Cemetery, the Architect of the Capitol shall make a grant to the National Trust for Historic Preservation (hereafter in this section referred to as the "National Trust") in accordance with an agreement entered into by the Architect of the Capitol with the National Trust and the Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery (hereafter in this section referred to as the "Association") which contains the terms and conditions described in subsection (b) and such other provisions as the Architect may deem necessary or desirable for the implementation of this section or for the protection of the interests of the Federal Government.

(b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT.—The terms and conditions described in this subsection are as follows:

(1) Upon receipt of the amounts provided under the grant made under subsection (a), the National Trust shall deposit the amounts in a permanently restricted account in its endowment and shall administer, invest, and manage such grant funds in the same manner as other National Trust endowment funds.

(2) The National Trust shall make distributions to the Association from the amounts deposited in the endowment pursuant to paragraph (1), in accordance with its regularly established spending rate, for the care and maintenance of the Cemetery (other than the cost of personnel), except that the National Trust may only make such distributions incrementally and proportionately upon receipt by the National Trust of contributions from the Association which incrementally match the amounts provided under the grant made under subsection (a) and which are to be added to the permanently restricted account described in paragraph (1).

(3) The Association shall use such distributions from the endowment and the match for the care and maintenance of Congressional Cemetery, except that the Association may not use such distributions for nonroutine restoration or capital projects.

(4) The Association, or any successor thereto, shall maintain adequate records and accounts of all financial transactions and operations carried out with such distributions, and such records shall be available at all times for audit and investigation by the Architect of the Capitol and the Comptroller General.

(c) NO TITLE IN UNITED STATES.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to vest title to the Congressional Cemetery in the United States.

SEC. 210. For fiscal year 1999, the amount available for expenditure by the Architect of the Capitol from the fund established under section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize acquisition of certain real property for the Library of Congress, and for other purposes", approved December 15, 1997 (Public Law 105-144; 111 Stat. 2688), may not exceed \$2,500,000.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses of the Office of Superintendent of Documents necessary to provide for the cataloging and indexing of Government publications and their distribution to the public, Members of Congress, other Government agencies, and designated depository and international exchange libraries as authorized by law, \$29,264,000: Provided further, That travel expenses, including travel expenses of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer, shall not exceed \$150,000: Provided further, That amounts of not more than \$2,000,000 from current year appropriations are authorized for producing and disseminating Congressional serial sets and other related publications for 1997 and 1998 to depository and other designated libraries.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND

The Government Printing Office is hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds available and in accord with the law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 9104 of title 31, United States Code, as may be necessary in carrying out the programs and purposes set forth in the budget for the current fiscal year for the Government Printing Office revolving fund: Provided, That not more than \$2,500 may be expended on the certification of the Public Printer in connection with official representation and reception expenses: Provided further, That the revolving fund shall be available for the hire or purchase of not more than twelve passenger motor vehicles: Provided further, That expenditures in connection with travel expenses of the advisory councils to the Public Printer shall be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of title 44, United States Code: Provided further, That the revolving fund shall be available for temporary or intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not more than the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such title: Provided further, That the revolving fund and the funds provided under the heading "OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS", "SALARIES AND EXPENSES" together may not be available for the full-time equivalent employment of more than 3,383 workyears: Provided further, That activities financed through the revolving fund may provide information in any format: Provided further, That the revolving fund shall not be used to administer any flexible or compressed work schedule which applies to any manager or supervisor in a position the grade or level of which is equal to or higher than GS-15: Provided further, That expenses for attendance at meetings shall not exceed \$75,000.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the General Accounting Office, including not more than \$7,000 to be expended on the certification of the Comptroller General of the United States in connection with official representation and reception expenses; temporary or intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not more than the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of such title; hire of one passenger motor vehicle; advance payments in foreign countries in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3324;

benefits comparable to those payable under sections 901(5), 901(6) and 901(8) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4081(5), 4081(6) and 4081(8)); and under regulations prescribed by the Comptroller General of the United States, rental of living quarters in foreign countries, \$354,268,000: Provided, That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 9105 hereafter amounts reimbursed to the Comptroller General pursuant to that section shall be deposited to the appropriation of the General Accounting Office then available and remain available until expended, and not more than \$2,000,000 of such funds shall be available for use in fiscal year 1999: Provided further, That this appropriation and appropriations for administrative expenses of any other department or agency which is a member of the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) shall be available to finance an appropriate share of JFMIP costs as determined by the JFMIP, including the salary of the Executive Director and secretarial support: Provided further, That this appropriation and appropriations for administrative expenses of any other department or agency which is a member of the National Intergovernmental Audit Forum or a Regional Intergovernmental Audit Forum shall be available to finance an appropriate share of either Forum's costs as determined by the respective Forum, including necessary travel expenses of non-Federal participants. Payments hereunder to either Forum or the JFMIP may be credited as reimbursements to any appropriation from which costs involved are initially financed: Provided further, That this appropriation and appropriations for administrative expenses of any other department or agency which is a member of the American Consortium on International Public Administration (ACIPA) shall be available to finance an appropriate share of ACIPA costs as determined by the ACIPA, including any expenses attributable to membership of ACIPA in the International Institute of Administrative Sciences.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 211. The unexpended balance appropriated in Public Law 104-208 to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for carrying out section 301(l) of Public Law 104-191 is transferred to the "Salaries and Expenses" appropriation of Public Law 105-55 for necessary expenses of the General Accounting Office, to remain available until September 30, 1998.

TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

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

SEC. 303. Whenever in this Act any office or position not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of 1929 is appropriated for or the rate of compensation or designation of any office or position appropriated for is different from that specifically established by such Act, the rate of compensation and the designation in this Act shall be the permanent law with respect thereto: Provided, That the provisions in this Act for the various items of official expenses of Members, officers, and committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, and clerk hire for Senators and Members of the House of Representatives shall be the permanent law with respect thereto.

SEC. 304. The expenditure of any appropriation under this Act for any consulting service through procurement contract, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109, shall be limited to those contracts where such expenditures are a matter of public

record and available for public inspection, except where otherwise provided under existing law, or under existing Executive order issued pursuant to existing law.

SEC. 305. (a) It is the sense of the Congress that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased with funds made available in this Act should be American-made.

(b) In providing financial assistance to, or entering into any contract with, any entity using funds made available in this Act, the head of each Federal agency, to the greatest extent practicable, shall provide to such entity a notice describing the statement made in subsection (a) by the Congress.

(c) If it has been finally determined by a court or Federal agency that any person intentionally affixed a label bearing a "Made in America" inscription, or any inscription with the same meaning, to any product sold in or shipped to the United States that is not made in the United States, such person shall be ineligible to receive any contract or subcontract made with funds provided pursuant to this Act, pursuant to the debarment, suspension, and ineligibility procedures described in section 9.400 through 9.409 of title 48, Code of Federal Regulations.

SEC. 306. Such sums as may be necessary are appropriated to the account described in subsection (a) of section 415 of Public Law 104-1 to pay awards and settlements as authorized under such subsection.

SEC. 307. Amounts available for administrative expenses of any legislative branch entity which participates in the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council (LBFMC) established by charter on March 26, 1996, shall be available to finance an appropriate share of LBFMC costs as determined by the LBFMC, except that the total LBFMC costs to be shared among all participating legislative branch entities (in such allocations among the entities as the entities may determine) may not exceed \$1,500.

SEC. 308. (a) SEVERANCE PAY FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL.—Section 5595(a) of title 5, United States Code, as amended by section 310 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1998, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)(F), by striking ", but only with respect to the United States Senate Restaurants"; and

(2) in paragraph (2), in clause (viii) in the matter following subparagraph (B), by striking "of the United States Senate Restaurants".

(b) EARLY RETIREMENT FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL.—Section 310(b)(1) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1998 (40 U.S.C. 174j-1(b)(1)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "of the United States Senate Restaurants"; and

(2) in subparagraph (A), by striking "1999;" and inserting "1999 (or, in the case of an individual who is not an employee of the United States Senate Restaurants, on or after the date of the enactment of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999 and before October 1, 2001).";

(c) VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL.—Section 310(c) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1998 (40 U.S.C. 174j-1(c)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "of the United States Senate Restaurants"; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking "not more than 50";

(B) by striking "1999" and inserting "1999 (or, in the case of an individual who is not an employee of the United States Senate Restaurants, on or after the date of the enactment of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999 and before October 1, 2001)"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new sentence: "The number of employees of the United States Senate Restaurants to whom vol-

untary separation incentive payments may be offered under the program established under the previous sentence may not exceed 50.";

(3) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as paragraphs (6) and (7), respectively; and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

"(4)(A) No voluntary separation incentive payment may be paid under this section on or after the date of enactment of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999, unless the Architect of the Capitol submits a plan described under subparagraph (B) to the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives and such committees approve the plan.

"(B) The plan referred to under subparagraph (A) shall include—

"(i) the positions and functions to be reduced or eliminated, identified by organizational unit, occupational category, and pay or grade level;

"(ii) the number and amounts of voluntary separation incentive payments to be offered; and

"(iii) a description of how the Architect of the Capitol will operate without the eliminated positions and functions.

"(5)(A) In addition to any other payments which the Architect of the Capitol is required to make under subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, the Architect of the Capitol shall remit to the Office of Personnel Management for deposit in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund an amount equal to 15 percent of the final basic pay of each employee who is covered under subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to whom a voluntary separation incentive has been paid under this section. This subparagraph shall not apply to any employee of the United States Senate Restaurants.

"(B) For the purpose of this paragraph, the term 'final basic pay', with respect to an employee—

"(i) means the total amount of basic pay which would be payable for a year of service by such employee, computed using the employee's final rate of basic pay; and

"(ii) includes an appropriate adjustment to the amount computed under clause (i) if the employee is last serving on other than a full-time basis."

(d) RETRAINING, JOB PLACEMENT, AND COUNSELING SERVICES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL.—Section 310(e) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1998 (40 U.S.C. 174j-1(e)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking "of the United States Senate Restaurants"; and

(2) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking "the United States Senate Restaurants of".

SEC. 309. (a) SEVERANCE PAY.—Section 5595 of title 5, United States Code, as amended by section 310 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1998, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2)—

(A) in clause (viii), by striking "or" after the semicolon; and

(B) by redesignating clause (ix) as clause (x) and inserting after clause (viii) the following new clause:

"(ix) an employee of the Government Printing Office, who is employed on a temporary when actually employed basis; or"; and

(2) in subsection (b) by adding at the end the following: "The Public Printer may prescribe regulations to effect the application and operation of this section to the agency specified in subsection (a)(1)(G) of this section."

(b) EARLY RETIREMENT.—(1) This subsection applies to an employee of the Government Printing Office who—

(A) voluntarily separates from service on or after the date of enactment of this Act and before October 1, 2001; and

(B) on such date of separation—

(i) has completed 25 years of service as defined under section 8331(12) or 8401(26) of title 5, United States Code; or

(ii) has completed 20 years of such service and is at least 50 years of age.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 83 or 84 of title 5, United States Code, an employee described under paragraph (1) is entitled to an annuity which shall be computed consistent with the provisions of law applicable to annuities under section 8336(d) or 8414(b) of title 5, United States Code.

(c) VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.—(1) In this subsection, the term "employee" means an employee of the Government Printing Office, serving without limitation, who has been currently employed for a continuous period of at least 12 months, except that such term shall not include—

(A) a reemployed annuitant under subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, or another retirement system for employees of the Government;

(B) an employee having a disability on the basis of which such employee is or would be eligible for disability retirement under any of the retirement systems referred to in subparagraph (A); or

(C) an employee who is employed on a temporary when actually employed basis.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in order to avoid or minimize the need for involuntary separations due to a reduction in force, reorganization, transfer of function, or other similar action affecting the agency, the Public Printer shall establish a program under which voluntary separation incentive payments may be offered to encourage eligible employees to separate from service voluntarily (whether by retirement or resignation) during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act through September 30, 2001.

(3) Such voluntary separation incentive payments shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of section 5597(d) of title 5, United States Code. Any such payment shall not be a basis of payment, and shall not be included in the computation, of any other type of Government benefit.

(4)(A) Not later than January 15, 1999, the Public Printer shall submit a plan described under subparagraph (C) to the Joint Committee on Printing (or any applicable successor committees).

(B) No voluntary separation incentive payment may be paid under this section unless the Public Printer submits a plan described under subparagraph (C) to the Joint Committee on Printing (or any applicable successor committees) and the Joint Committee on Printing approves the plan (or such successor committees approve the plan).

(C) The plan referred to under subparagraph (B) shall include—

(i) the positions and functions to be reduced or eliminated, identified by organizational unit, occupational category, and pay or grade level;

(ii) the number and amounts of voluntary separation incentive payments to be offered; and

(iii) a description of how the Government Printing Office will operate without the eliminated positions and functions.

(5)(A) In addition to any other payments which the Public Printer is required to make under subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, the Public Printer shall remit to the Office of Personnel Management for deposit in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund an amount equal to 15 percent of the final basic pay of each employee who is covered under subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to whom a voluntary separation incentive has been paid under this section.

(B) For the purpose of this paragraph, the term "final basic pay", with respect to an employee—

(i) means the total amount of basic pay which would be payable for a year of service by such employee, computed using the employee's final rate of basic pay; and

(ii) includes an appropriate adjustment to the amount computed under clause (i) if the employee is last serving on other than a full-time basis.

(6)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), an employee who has received a voluntary separation incentive payment under this section and accepts employment with the Government of the United States within 5 years after the date of the separation on which the payment is based shall be required to repay the entire amount of the incentive payment to the agency that paid the incentive payment.

(B)(i) If the employment is with an Executive agency (as defined by section 105 of title 5, United States Code), the Director of the Office of Personnel Management may, at the request of the head of the agency, waive the repayment if the individual involved possesses unique abilities and is the only qualified applicant available for the position.

(ii) If the employment is with an entity in the legislative branch, the head of the entity or the appointing official may waive the repayment if the individual involved possesses unique abilities and is the only qualified applicant available for the position.

(iii) If the employment is with the judicial branch, the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts may waive the repayment if the individual involved possesses unique abilities and is the only qualified applicant available for the position.

(C) For purposes of subparagraph (A) (but not subparagraph (B)), the term "employment" includes employment under a personal services contract with the United States.

(7) Not later than January 15, 1999, the Public Printer shall prescribe regulations to carry out this subsection.

(d) RETRAINING, JOB PLACEMENT, AND COUNSELING SERVICES.—(1) In this subsection, the term "employee"—

(A) means an employee of the Government Printing Office; and

(B) shall not include—

(i) a reemployed annuitant under subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, or another retirement system for employees of the Government; or

(ii) an employee who is employed on a temporary when actually employed basis.

(2) The Public Printer may establish a program to provide retraining, job placement, and counseling services to employees and former employees.

(3) A former employee may not participate in a program established under this subsection, if—

(A) the former employee was separated from service with the Government Printing Office for more than 1 year; or

(B) the separation was by removal for cause on charges of misconduct or delinquency.

(4) Retraining costs for the program established under this subsection may not exceed \$5,000 for each employee or former employee.

(e) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—(1) The Public Printer—

(A) may use employees of the Government Printing Office to establish and administer programs and carry out the provisions of this section; and

(B) may procure temporary and intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, to carry out such provisions—

(i) not subject to the 1 year of service limitation under such section 3109(b); and

(ii) at rates for individuals which do not exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such title.

(2) Funds to carry out subsections (a) and (c) may be expended only from funds available for the basic pay of the employee who is receiving the applicable payment.

(3) Funds to carry out subsection (d) may be expended from any funds made available to the Public Printer.

SEC. 310. The Architect of the Capitol—

(1) shall develop and implement a cost-effective energy conservation strategy for all facilities currently administered by Congress to achieve a net reduction of 20 percent in energy consumption on the congressional campus compared to fiscal year 1991 consumption levels on a Btu-per-gross-square-foot basis not later than 7 years after the adoption of this resolution;

(2) shall submit to Congress no later than 10 months after the adoption of this resolution a comprehensive energy conservation and management plan which includes life cycle costs methods to determine the cost-effectiveness of proposed energy efficiency projects;

(3) shall submit to the Committee on Appropriations in the Senate and the House of Representatives a request for the amount of appropriations necessary to carry out this resolution;

(4) shall present to Congress annually a report on congressional energy management and conservation programs which details energy expenditures for each facility, energy management and conservation projects, and future priorities to ensure compliance with the requirements of this resolution;

(5) shall perform energy surveys of all congressional buildings and update such surveys as needed;

(6) shall use such surveys to determine the cost and payback period of energy and water conservation measures likely to achieve the required energy consumption levels;

(7) shall install energy and water conservation measures that will achieve the requirements through previously determined life cycle cost methods and procedures;

(8) may contract with nongovernmental entities and employ private sector capital to finance energy conservation projects and achieve energy consumption targets;

(9) may develop innovative contracting methods that will attract private sector funding for the installation of energy-efficient and renewable energy technology to meet the requirements of this resolution;

(10) may participate in the Department of Energy's Financing Renewable Energy and Efficiency (FREE Savings) contracts program for Federal Government facilities; and

(11) shall produce information packages and "how-to" guides for each Member and employing authority of the Congress that detail simple, cost-effective methods to save energy and taxpayer dollars.

SEC. 311. Section 316 of Public Law 101-302 is amended in the first sentence of subsection (a) by striking "1998" and inserting "1999".

SEC. 312. AMERICAN FOLKLIFE CENTER. (a) FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.—

(1) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(A) The American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress was created by Congress in 1976, building on the vast expertise and archival material existing at the Library since 1928.

(B) As an instrumentality of the Congress, it is fitting that the American Folklife Center should have a direct and close relationship with the representatives of the people, who are best able to oversee the ongoing activities of the Center to preserve and promote the cultural traditions of the people, and to ensure that the resources of the Center be readily available to all Americans.

(C) In over 20 years since its creation, the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress has—

(i) increased the size of the Archive of Folk Culture from 500,000 to 1,500,000 multi-format ethnographic items;

(ii) engaged in 15 cultural surveys and field documentation projects in all regions of the country;

(iii) provided publications, documentary equipment on loan, and advisory and reference service to persons and institutions in all 50 States;

(iv) produced exhibitions and other educational programs on American Folklife at the Library and around the country;

(v) begun sharing its unique collections in digital form via the Internet; and

(vi) served as a national center for the professions of folklore, ethnomusicology, and cultural studies.

(D) Congress has consistently provided encouragement and support of American Folklife as an appropriate matter of concern to the Federal Government, passing legislation to reauthorize the Center 8 times since its creation in 1976.

(E) The American Folklife Center is the only unit in the Library of Congress which is not permanently authorized. Since its establishment in 1976, the Center's collections and activities have been fully and successfully integrated into the Library of Congress. It is useful to statutorily conform the American Folklife Center with the rest of the Library of Congress.

(2) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to authorize permanently the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress to preserve and present American Folklife.

(b) REAUTHORIZATION AND AMENDMENT.—

(1) BOARD OF TRUSTEES; APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION OF DIRECTOR; ELIMINATION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR POSITION.—Section 4 of the American Folklife Preservation Act (20 U.S.C. 2103) is amended—

(A) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

“(b)(1) The Center shall be under the direction of a Board of Trustees. The Board shall be composed as follows—

“(A) four members appointed by the President from among individuals who are officials of Federal departments and agencies concerned with some aspect of American Folklife traditions and arts;

“(B) four members appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate from among individuals from private life who are widely recognized by virtue of their scholarship, experience, creativity, or interest in American Folklife traditions and arts, and four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from among such individuals;

“(C) four members appointed by the Librarian of Congress from among individuals who are widely recognized by virtue of their scholarship, experience, creativity, or interest in American folklife traditions and arts; and

“(D) seven ex officio members including—

“(i) the Librarian of Congress;

“(ii) the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution;

“(iii) the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts;

“(iv) the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities;

“(v) the President of the American Folklore Society;

“(vi) the President of the Society for Ethnomusicology; and

“(vii) the Director of the Center.

(2) In making appointments from private life under paragraph (1) (B) and (C), the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Librarian of Congress shall give due consideration to the appointment of individuals who collectively will provide appropriate diversity and regional balance on the Board. Not more than 3 of the members appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate or by the Speaker of the House of Representatives may be affiliated with the same political party.

(3) In making appointments under paragraph (1)(C), the Librarian of Congress shall include at least 2 members who direct or are members of the boards of major American folklife organizations other than the American Folklore Society and the Society for Ethnomusicology.”;

(B) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

“(d) Members of the Board shall serve without pay, but members who are not regular full-time employees of the United States may, at the discretion of the Librarian, be reimbursed for the actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses incurred by them in the performance of the duties of the Board.”;

(C) in subsection (e)—

(i) in paragraph (2), by inserting “currently serving” after “Board”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) The Board shall meet at least once each fiscal year.”;

(D) by striking subsection (f) and inserting the following:

“(f) After consultation with the Board, the Librarian shall appoint the Director of the Center. The basic pay of the Director shall be at an annual rate that is not less than an amount equal to 120 percent of the minimum rate of basic pay payable for GS-15 of the General Schedule nor more than an amount equal to the pay payable under level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code.”; and

(E) in subsection (g)—

(i) in paragraph (1), by striking the paragraph designation; and

(ii) by striking paragraph (2).

(2) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—Section 7(a)(4) of the American Folklife Preservation Act (20 U.S.C. 2106(a)(4)) is amended by striking “, but no individual so appointed shall receive compensation in excess of the rate received by the Deputy Director of the Center”.

(c) PERMANENT AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 8 of the American Folklife Preservation Act (20 U.S.C. 2107) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

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

(d) BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TRANSITION PERIOD.—The term of office of members of the Board of Trustees appointed by the Librarian of Congress under the amendments made by subsection (b)(1) shall be 6 years, except that of the 4 members first appointed by the Librarian, 1 shall serve for a term of 2 years, 2 for a term of 4 years, and 1 for a term of 6 years.

SEC. 313. 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.

And the Senate agree to the same.

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C.W. BILL YOUNG,
RANDY “DUKE”

CUNNINGHAM,
ZACH WAMP,
TOM LATHAM,
BOB LIVINGSTON,
JOSE SERRANO,
VIC FAZIO,
STENY HOYER,
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Managers on the Part of the House.

ROBERT F. BENNETT,
TED STEVENS,
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THAD COCHRAN,
BYRON DORGAN,
BARBARA BOXER,
ROBERT C. BYRD,

Managers on the Part of the Senate.

JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

The managers on the part of the House and the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4112) making appropriations for the Legislative

Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, submit the following joint statement to the House and Senate in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the managers and recommended in the accompanying conference report.

Amendment No. 1: The Senate deleted several provisions of the House bill and inserted substitute provisions. Many items in both House and Senate bills are identical and are included in the conference agreement without change. With respect to those items in the conference agreement that differ between House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following:

TITLE I—CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS SENATE

Appropriates \$469,391,000 for Senate operations and contains several administrative provisions, including two additional provisions, regarding frequent flyer miles and reimbursements to the Attending Physician's office, and an adjustment to an allowance amount not included in the Senate amendment. A technical amendment to Administrative Provision Service 1 has been made to the Official Office Expense allowance of the State of Florida to correct a printing error reflected in the Senate tables. The State of Florida's Official Office Expense Allowance effective October 1, 1998 is \$302,307. The State of Florida's total annual allowance effective October 1, 1998 is \$2,381,991. The total Senate Official Office Expense Allowance effective October 1, 1998 is \$19,997,232. The total Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Allowance effective October 1, 1998 is \$190,654,592. Inasmuch as this item relates solely to the Senate, and in accord with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the managers on the part of the House, at the request of the managers on the part of the Senate, have receded to the Senate.

The managers on the part of the Senate note that concern has been expressed that the Senate Sergeant at Arms' proposed new computer information system could reduce the services available to individual offices currently provided through the office of the Sergeant at Arms. It is the understanding of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate that this system will improve the research services available to the Senate. The Sergeant at Arms is directed to prepare a report on the proposed changes to the computer information services program for the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration and the Senate Committee on Appropriations thirty days in advance of implementing any new system. The report should detail the cost to the Senate of both the old and new systems, a comparison of the services available on the old and new systems, and the advantages and disadvantages between the old and new systems for users.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Provides a death gratuity and appropriates \$733,971,000 for salaries and expenses, House of Representatives and includes several administrative provisions as proposed by the House. Two additional provisions have been included dealing with telecommunication regulations and authorizing reimbursement to the Chief Administrative Officer's budget for certain furniture and equipment expenses. Inasmuch as this item relates solely to the House, and in accord with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the managers on the part of the Senate, at the request of the managers on the part of the House, have receded to the House.

JOINT ITEMS

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Appropriates \$3,096,000 for the Joint Economic Committee instead of \$2,796,000 as proposed by the House and Senate.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

Appropriates \$202,000 for the Joint Committee on Printing and an additional \$150,000 for the Committee on House Oversight as proposed by the House instead of \$202,000 for the Joint Committee on Printing as proposed by the Senate. The Senate has provided \$150,000 for the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration elsewhere in the bill.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Appropriates \$5,965,400 for the Joint Committee on Taxation as proposed by the Senate instead of \$6,018,000 as proposed by the House. The conferees agree that the Joint Committee on Taxation, a joint item that supports both the House and Senate equally, serves a critical role in preparing tax and revenue estimates for Members of Congress. The conferees expect the Joint Committee staff to be fully responsive in assisting with revenue estimates for Members of Congress who are not members of the tax committees. Upon the request of any Member of Congress, the Joint Committee shall expeditiously provide a revenue estimate, describe all assumptions it makes in performing its calculations and provide all primary and secondary source materials to Members or their designees. The Joint Committee shall also state the assumptions and source material in a manner that will allow the calculations for the revenue estimate to be replicated by Members or their designees. The conferees note that such revenue estimates are needed in a timely manner and are critical to the consideration of legislation and amendments. The conferees expect the Joint Committee to be both responsive and timely in its responses to Members of Congress who do not serve on the revenue committees.

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

Appropriates \$1,415,000 for the Office of the Attending Physician as proposed by the Senate instead of \$1,383,000 as proposed by the House.

CAPITOL POLICE BOARD

CAPITOL POLICE

SALARIES

Appropriates \$76,844,000 for salaries of officers, members, and employees of the Capitol Police instead of \$72,615,000 as proposed by the House and \$74,281,000 as proposed by the Senate, of which \$37,037,000 is provided to the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives and \$39,807,000 is provided to the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate. With respect to differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following changes from FY1998:

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| 1. FTE's | -\$100,000 |
| 2. Increase in benefits | +457,000 |
| 3. Attrition savings | -422,000 |
| 4. Sunday and holiday day differential | +1,119,031 |
| 5. Night differential | 1,323,033 |
| 6. Longevity | 1,687,284 |

The conferees have agreed to fund 1251 FTE's as proposed by the Senate instead of 1247 as proposed by the House. \$267,000 is provided for "comparability" pay and is fenced pending approval of the appropriate authorities, including the Committee on House Oversight and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration. In addition, the conferees have provided funds for pay parity (\$2,442,064) and an adjustment to the longevity schedule (\$1,687,284) but fence those amounts pending approval by the appropriate authorities, including the named authorizing committees.

The conferees commend the U.S. Capitol Police (USCP) for its desire to improve the management of its administrative operations. The Appropriations Committees will expect to hear from the Chief of the Capitol Police the details of steps taken to implement improvements during the presentation of the Police fiscal year 2000 budget, specifically the USCP's priorities and the schedule to accomplish those improvements.

GENERAL EXPENSES

Appropriates \$6,237,000 for general expenses of the Capitol Police instead of \$3,766,000 as proposed by House and \$6,297,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees have added \$500,000 to replenish funds used to defray unforeseen overtime expenditures. With respect to object class and program differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following changes from FY 1998:

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| 1. Travel | -\$23,000 |
| 2. Chemical/biological program | +160,000 |
| 3. Price level increases | |
| 4. Start up costs, new computer system | +200,000 |
| 5. Information security systems | +720,000 |
| 6. Computer & telecommunications service costs | |
| 7. Tuition | |
| 8. Supplies | +4,000 |
| 9. Life-cycle replacement for physical security systems | +1,200,000 |
| 10. Replenish overtime expenses | +500,000 |

CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE AND SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE

Appropriates \$2,195,000 for the Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office as proposed by the Senate instead of \$2,110,000 as proposed by the House and increases to 43 the limitation on the number of individuals that can be employed as proposed by the Senate.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$2,086,000 for salaries and expenses, Office of Compliance as proposed by the House instead of \$2,286,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees agree that the Office of Compliance should submit a request for its FY2000 budget that takes into account reduced workload of the Office.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conferees agree with language in the House report directing House Information Resources and the Library of Congress to work out an acceptable solution to the Congressional Budget Office's computing needs and directing CBO to post on the Internet, effective October 1, 1998, all CBO papers and publications available to the public and in index to such papers and publications.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

CAPITOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

CAPITOL BUILDINGS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$43,683,000 for salaries and expenses, Capitol buildings instead of \$40,347,000 as proposed by the House and \$44,641,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$8,175,000 shall remain available until expended as proposed by the Senate instead of \$6,425,000 as proposed by the House. With respect to object class and project differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following operating and capital budget changes from FY 1998:

Operating Budget:

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| 1. Personnel compensation and benefits | +\$1,947,000 |
| 2. Attrition savings | -146,000 |
| 3. Rental of warehouse space | |
| 4. Hazardous materials abatement | |
| 5. Postage and metered mail | +4,000 |
| 6. Contractual services for safety personnel | +30,000 |
| 7. Price level increases | +15,000 |
| 8. Uniforms | +80,000 |
| 9. Replace Senate restaurant equipment | +28,000 |

Capital Budget:

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| 10. Conservation of wall paintings | +100,000 |
| 11. Analysis & renovation of outside air intake tunnels | +50,000 |
| 12. Replace electrical wiring S-215 & stair by S-344 | +25,000 |
| 13. Computer-aided facility management (CAFM) | +400,000 |
| 14. Capitol complex integrated security program | +475,000 |
| 15. Senate chamber improvements | +200,000 |
| 16. Upgrade cable television system | +1,000,000 |
| 17. Other police security designs | +1,000,000 |

The conferees agree with language in the House report directing the Architect to develop an energy savings plan that will use proceeds to fund needed maintenance.

CAPITOL GROUNDS

Appropriates \$6,046,000 for care and improvement of grounds surrounding the Capitol, House and Senate office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant instead of \$5,803,000 as proposed by the House and \$6,055,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$525,000 shall remain available until expended as proposed by the Senate. With respect to object class and project differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following operating and capital budget changes from FY 1998:

Operating Budget:

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| 1. Personnel compensation and benefits | +\$305,000 |
| 2. Attrition savings | -63,000 |
| 3. Fee, disposal of solid waste (contractual) | -100,000 |
| 4. Replace bituminous paving at various locations | -20,000 |
| 5. Supplies, price level increases | +1,000 |
| 6. Uniforms | +32,000 |

Capital Budget:

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| 7. Refurbishment of Taft Memorial Carillon | +130,000 |
| 8. ADA handicapped ramps, terraces | +500,000 |

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

Appropriates \$54,144,000 instead of \$53,644,000 as proposed by the Senate, of which \$14,615,000 shall remain available until expended, for the operations of the Senate office buildings. Inasmuch as this item relates solely to the Senate, and in accord with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention, the managers on the part of the House, at the request of the managers on the part of the Senate, have receded to the Senate, including an additional amount above the amount in the Senate bill.

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

Appropriates \$38,174,000 for plant operations instead of \$33,145,000 as proposed by the House and \$38,222,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$5,100,000 shall remain available until expended as proposed by the Senate instead of \$100,000 as proposed by the House. With respect to object class and project differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following operating and capital budget changes from FY1998:

Operating Budget:

- 1. Personnel compensation and benefits +\$347,000
- 2. Attrition savings -98,000
- 3. Uniforms +33,000
- 4. Personal protective/safety equipment +7,000

Capital Budget:

- 5. Optimization of chilled water distribution system +150,000
- 6. East plant chiller replacement +4,000,000

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$67,124,000 for salaries and expenses, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress instead of \$66,688,000 as proposed by the House and \$67,877,483 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees agree with language in the House report that the Congressional Research Service should replace departing staff with lower level professionals to even out grade distribution. The conferees direct that the Congressional Research Service not increase its full-time equivalent (FTE) employment level above the current level.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

Appropriates \$74,465,000 for Congressional printing and binding as proposed by the House instead of \$75,500,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees have agreed to the House provision regarding the use of this appropriation for obligations incurred in other years, and have substituted a provision allowing 27 months to perform a printing job in lieu of a provision in the Senate amendment that adjusted current billing procedures.

The conferees have agreed to language in the House report directing the Clerk of the House, in consultation with the Secretary of the Senate and the Public Printer, to evaluate ways to improve the cost-effectiveness of printing Congressional documents and to make appropriate recommendations. The conferees request that the Secretary of the Senate work with the Clerk of the House of Representatives on this project.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The conferees have agreed to an administrative provision in the House bill that amends the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1998 to authorize "not to exceed" \$11,017,000 to be transferred from the revolving fund.

TITLE II—OTHER AGENCIES

BOTANIC GARDEN

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$3,052,000 for salaries and expenses, Botanic Garden instead of \$3,032,000 as proposed by the House and \$3,180,000 as proposed by the Senate. With respect to object class and project differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following operating budget changes from FY 1998:

- 1. Personnel compensation and benefits +\$133,000

- 2. Attrition savings -117,000
- 3. Uniforms +16,000
- 4. Safety apparel +4,000
- 5. Roof fall protection

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The conferees have included an administrative provision amending Section 307E(b) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1989, which established a fund for private donations supporting a National Garden at the Botanic Garden. The amendment provides for the investment of such funds in Treasury securities or other Federally-guaranteed obligations and credit of the investments and investment proceeds to the account.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Salaries and Expenses

Provides \$238,373,000 for salaries and expenses, Library of Congress instead of \$234,822,000 as proposed by the House and \$239,176,542 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$6,850,000 is made available from receipts collected by the Library as proposed by the House instead of \$6,500,000 as proposed by the Senate; and \$10,119,000 is to remain available until expended for acquisition of library materials as proposed by the Senate instead of \$9,869,000 as proposed by the House. With respect to differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following budget changes from FY 1998:

- 1. Mandatory pay increases +\$6,448,000
- 2. Attrition savings -1,032,000
- 3. Price level increases +1,668,000
- Growing workload increases:
- 4. Fort Meade Storage +551,000
- 5. Meeting of the Frontiers—Russia and Alaska +2,000,000
- 6. Bicentennial of Lewis and Clark Expedition +250,000
- 7. Law Library +253,775
- 8. International legal information database (receipts) +350,000
- 9. Automation +691,771
- 10. Security Office +335,331

The conferees agree with language in the House bill limiting to \$350,000 the amount available from collections relating to an international legal information database. The conferees have also agreed to a provision in the Senate bill providing \$2,000,000, to remain available until expended, for a four-year project to digitize collections for the "Meeting of the Frontiers" United States-Russian digital collection and to a Senate provision of \$250,000, also to remain available until expended, for the Library's efforts in connection with the commemoration of the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

The conferees agree with the directives in the Senate report concerning full-time equivalent jobs and direct that the funds provided may only be expended within current FTE levels.

The conferees agree with language in the House report directing the Library to develop measurements of the extent of the collections security problem and with language in the Senate report urging the Library to continue efforts to assist the Senate with a legislative information retrieval system.

The conferees direct the Library to develop a strategic plan no later than January 15, 1999, coordinating all aspects of the Library's interior and exterior physical security. The plan should identify the Library's central requirements and detail how those requirements are proposed to be met in the short term and in the long term. The Library

should consult with the Architect of the Capitol and include in the report those aspects of building security currently provided by the Architect. The Library should also consider the U.S. Capitol Police as a source of information and should consult with the Capitol Police for advice on the best industry practices.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Provides \$34,891,000 for salaries and expense, Copyright Office instead of \$33,897,000 as proposed by the House and \$35,269,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees have agreed to provide an additional \$993,500 to the Copyright Office for theft detection devices to be inserted into materials delivered to the Copyright Office for deposit. The conferees have agreed to language in the House bill making the amounts collected under 17 U.D.C. 708(d) available until expended and subject to appropriations. With respect to differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following budget changes from FY1998:

- 1. Attrition savings -106,000
- 2. Workload -346,500

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY

HANDICAPPED

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$46,824,000 for salaries and expenses, Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped as proposed by the House instead of \$46,895,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$13,744,000 shall remain available until expended.

FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS

Appropriates \$4,448,000 for furniture and furnishings at the Library of Congress instead of \$4,178,000 as proposed by the House and \$4,458,000 as proposed by the Senate. With respect to differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following budget change from FY1998:

- Security equipment +270,000

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The conferees have agreed to a provision in the House bill authorizing the Library to receive funds from participants in and sponsors of an international legal information database for the development and maintenance of the database, subject to appropriations.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

CONGRESSIONAL CEMETERY

Appropriates \$1,000,000 to the Architect of the Capitol for a grant, to be matched by donations, for perpetual care and maintenance of Congressional Cemetery as proposed by the House.

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

STRUCTURAL AND MECHANICAL CARE

Appropriates \$12,672,000 for structural and mechanical care, Library buildings and grounds, Architect of the Capitol instead of \$11,933,000 as proposed by the House and \$12,566,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of this amount, \$910,000 shall remain available until expended. With respect to object class and project differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following operating and capital budget changes from FY 1998:

Operating Budget

- 1. Personnel compensation and benefits +\$299,000
- 2. Attrition savings -39,000
- 3. Annual maintenance, price level increases
- 4. Supplies and materials, price level increases +6,500

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| 5. Uniforms | +43,000 |
| 6. Safety apparel | +9,000 |
| 7. Equipment, price level increases | |
| Capital Budget: | |
| 8. Install additional readers | +300,000 |
| 9. Design, roof-fall protection | |
| 10. Design, lightning protection, Madison Building | |
| 11. Bookstack lighting controls, Jefferson and Adams | +200,000 |
| 12. Exterior security improvements | +600,000 |

The conferees direct that the Architect of the Capitol obtain the concurrence of the Capitol Police Board in the submission of budget requests involving the physical security of the Library buildings and grounds.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The conferees have agreed to a provision in the House bill authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to make a grant of \$1,000,000 to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, to be placed in a restricted account and to be matched by donations to the Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery. Earnings of the account, to the extent that the grant is matched by private donations, will be available to the Association for care and maintenance of Congressional Cemetery, excluding costs of nonroutine restoration or capital projects.

The conferees have included language authorizing up to \$2,500,000 for improvements to the National Audio Visual Conservation Center in Culpepper, Virginia. The conferees note that when the acquisition of the National Audio Visual Conservation Center was authorized, the Library announced a goal of funding improvements to the facility on a three-to-one private/public match over the life of the improvement project. The conferees direct the Library to develop a funding strategy, similar to that utilized for the National Digital Library, which will achieve its stated goal.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$29,264,000 for salaries and expenses, Office of the Superintendent of Documents as proposed by the House instead of \$29,600,000 as proposed by the Senate.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND

The conferees agree to a 3,383 workyear limitation at the Government Printing Office instead of 3,416 as proposed by the House and 3,350 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees agree with language in the House report regarding the coordination of the implementation of a commercial off-the-shelf financial management system with the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council and further direct that the Public Printer implement the recommendations of the recent management audit conducted by Booz-Allen and Hamilton, Inc., as appropriate, and submit an annual report. The first report is due with the submission of the fiscal year 2000 appropriation request.

The conferees agree with language in the Senate report regarding a total plan for capital upgrades and obtaining approvals of the plan by the appropriate committees.

As part of ongoing concern over the efforts of Legislative branch agencies to be Year 2000 compliant, the conferees direct the Government Printing Office to complete all assessments of its mission-critical systems, all planning for the time and resources nec-

essary to complete critical renovation, validation and implementation activities, and take all actions necessary to make the agency Year 2000 compliant during fiscal year 1999. The conferees are particularly concerned that certain key elements of the agency's Year 2000 preparation may not be installed until May of 1999 or later, leaving the agency with little time to test mission-critical applications associated with these elements. The conferees direct GPO management to take whatever steps are necessary to prevent any major Year 2000 failures resulting from the agency's inability or unwillingness to cooperate fully in this vital endeavor.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriates \$354,268,000 for salaries and expenses, General Accounting Office instead of \$354,238,000 as proposed by the House and \$363,298,000 as proposed by the Senate. With respect to differences between the House and Senate bills, the conferees have agreed to the following budget changes from FY1998:

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| 1. Attrition savings | -\$3,091,000 |
| 2. Other compensation | +250,000 |
| 3. Price level increases | +976,500 |
| 4. Program changes | +6,610,000 |

The \$6,610,000 provided for program changes allows for not to exceed 50 full time equivalent (FTE) employees. The conferees expect that a minimum of one-third of the program funding increase will be used by GAO to support information technology (IT) work, particularly in support of issues related to the Year 2000 computing crisis. Any funds in excess of the amount required for additional FTE's should be allocated to program contract support. The conferees direct the Comptroller General to include in the agency's FY2000 budget presentation an accounting of how this increase has been used, including how many additional FTE's have been added and how much of the program increase has been used to acquire mission-related contract services.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The conferees have included an administrative provision that transfers unexpended balances from funds transferred by the Department of Health and Human Services to the Comptroller General for a study. The study has been completed and the funds are no longer necessary for their intended purpose.

TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

In Title III, General Provisions, section numbers have been changed to conform to the conference agreement. The conferees have agreed to include section 305, a sense of Congress provision relating to purchase of American-made products. The conferees have included authority for "buyout" incentive programs for the Architect of the Capitol and for the Government Printing Office. The conferees have amended the language of the House bill that contains these provisions. The amended language requires the Architect of the Capitol and the Government Printing Office to make payments to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund equal to 15% of the annual gross salary of each employee electing voluntary separation, a provision comparable to other Federal buyout authority. In addition, each agency is required to submit a plan for utilizing this authority and to make periodic progress reports.

The Architect of the Capitol presented justification for this authority, explaining it will facilitate reengineering and reinvesting in the agency to meet both mission requirements and fiduciary responsibility. The conferees direct that before the Architect offers

each buyout/earlyout program, the Architect inform the House of Representatives Committees on House Oversight and Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Rules and Administration and Appropriations of the areas to be affected by the buyout/earlyout program and the planned for result. Following each buyout/earlyout program that proceeds, but no later than July 1 of each year, the Architect must report on the annual results and compare them with the planned for results. An estimate for resulting savings due to the reengineered functions must accompany each final buyout/earlyout report.

The conferees have included a provision in the House bill that directs the Architect of the Capitol to develop and implement an energy savings strategy and a provision in the Senate bill that amends section 316 of Public Law 101-302. The conferees have included language amending the American Folklife Preservation Act to permanently authorize the Center, to restructure the Board of Trustees, to eliminate payment to Board members (excepting reimbursement for travel and subsistence while on Board business), and to eliminate the long-vacant Deputy Director position. The conference agreement amends the provision in the Senate bill regarding payments made by the Government Printing Office to the Employees' Compensation Fund. The amended language will only apply prospectively and removes the requirement for any future reimbursements by the Government Printing Office under section 8147(c) of title 5, United States Code.

TITLE IV—TRADE DEFICIT REVIEW COMMISSION

The conferees have deleted a provision in the Senate bill regarding a trade deficit review commission.

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 1999 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 1998 amount, the 1999 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 1999 follow:

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| New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1998 | \$2,287,951,800 |
| Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1999 | 2,466,766,600 |
| House bill, fiscal year 1999 | 1,804,689,700 |
| Conference agreement, fiscal year 1999 | 2,349,937,100 |
| Senate bill, fiscal year 1999 | 2,361,488,125 |
| Conference agreement compared with: | |
| New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1998 | +61,985,300 |
| Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1999 | -116,829,500 |
| House bill, fiscal year 1999 | +545,247,400 |
| Senate bill, fiscal year 1999 | -11,551,025 |

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IT IS A CLEAR CHOICE

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, Congress has a little less than 1 month to conduct the people's business. I think Congress should focus on the issue of tax cuts.

Republicans believe that Americans are overtaxed. Democrats believe that Americans are not overtaxed, and some of them actually believe that Americans are not taxed enough. Republicans talk about tax cuts for all Americans, and Democrats speak in terms of targeted tax cuts, which is a great way of saying that the middle class, the backbone of America, will not be getting a tax cut.

Now, let us make a distinction between Democrats and so-called new Democrats. Democrats will raise your taxes. New Democrats will talk about cutting your taxes, but they will end up raising them once they get into office.

Mr. Speaker, the choice is clear. If you believe taxes are fundamentally a freedom issue, then Republicans are on your side. If you think the government knows best, then the Democrats are your friend. It is a clear choice.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each:

DEFUNDING AN ELECTED BODY IS A BLOW TO DEMOCRACY ITSELF

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, a serious step was taken last week when the House defunded an elected body that had only a token amount in the D.C. appropriation, a 100th of 1 percent amount in a \$6.8 billion consensus budget that had been approved by the control board and the elected officials.

This may be because the group involved, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, are perhaps not routinely found in other jurisdictions, and there is little understanding of the vital role they play in our urban environment.

Many members seem to think that ANC's, as we call our Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, are like civic organizations in their own home towns.

In one important way, they are. The ANC commissioners are volunteers and are never paid. But, unlike traditional civic organizations, ANC's perform official government duties.

For example, they must be notified 30 days before any neighborhood action is taken. They must hold hearings and receive comments. Then they must transmit their comments to the agency involved, and then the mayor and the city council must give great weight to the comments of the ANC's. These are unusual officials. Aside from their official duties, they perform tasks that have become indispensable to maintaining the quality of life in the District of Columbia.

Let me give just a few examples. ANC commissioners cleaned streets and alleys when the city was unable to deliver services during the fiscal crisis. Commissioners notified the city of declining properties when city inspectors were unable to inspect deteriorating housing. An ANC used the notification process to require developers to include infrastructure improvements, like sidewalks, when building new housing.

Upon receiving notification for liquor license renewal, an ANC was able to force a store owner to stem public intoxication. An ANC uses its funds to operate a youth center, placing teens in jobs with neighborhood vendors.

Our ANC's have taken a 50 percent cut since the fiscal crisis began in 1994. Thus, giving them just a small amount of that back helps our neighborhoods in indescribable ways.

Ironically, these neighborhood institutions were placed in the home rule charter by the House of Representatives itself. Now, they are being defunded by the House. The Senate has not defunded them.

The House chose not to leave to chance grass roots participation in local government when it approved the charter of the District of Columbia, believing that a cadre of front-line elected officials could be the veins and arteries leading out into the neighborhoods to other parts of the government and to the mayor and the city council.

The truth is that the 37 commissions, consisting of 299 commissioners, have the most thankless job in the District. This volunteer job has so few rewards that many single-member districts are without candidates. It is a real labor of love. It is difficult enough without eviscerating ANC by depriving commissioners of the basics, such as phones and faxes.

Defunding an elected body is a blow to democracy itself. The ANC contribution to the city is an important example of the link between democratic grass roots participation and the quality of life. This contribution deserves to be applauded, not defunded.

In the District, we get much more out of the ANC's than we put in. I ask that their funding be returned.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3616

Mr. SPENCE submitted the following conference report and statement on the

bill (H.R. 3616) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes:

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 105-736)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3616) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the "Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999".

(b) *FINDINGS.*—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina first became a member of the Committee on Armed Services of the United States Senate on January 19, 1959. Senator Thurmond's continuous service on that committee covers more than 75 percent of the period of the existence of the committee, which was established immediately after World War II, and more than 20 percent of the period of the existence of military and naval affairs committees of Congress, the original bodies of which were formed in 1816.

(2) Senator Thurmond came to Congress and the committee as a distinguished veteran of service, including combat service, in the Armed Forces of the United States.

(3) Senator Thurmond was commissioned as a reserve second lieutenant of infantry in 1924. He served with great distinction with the First Army in the European Theater of Operations during World War II, landing in Normandy in a glider with the 82nd Airborne Division on D-Day. He was transferred to the Pacific Theater of Operations at the end of the war in Europe and was serving in the Philippines when Japan surrendered.

(4) Having reverted to Reserve status at the end of World War II, Senator Thurmond was promoted to brigadier general in the United States Army Reserve in 1954. He served as President of the Reserve Officers Association beginning that same year and ending in 1955. Senator Thurmond was promoted to major general in the United States Army Reserve in 1959. He transferred to the Retired Reserve on January 1, 1965, after 36 years of commissioned service.

(5) The distinguished character of Senator Thurmond's military service has been recognized by awards of numerous decorations that include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star medal with "V" device, the Army Commendation Medal, the Belgian Cross of the Order of the Crown, and the French Croix de Guerre.

(6) Senator Thurmond has served as chairman of the Committee on Armed Services of the United States Senate since 1995 and served as the ranking minority member of the committee from 1993 to 1995. Senator Thurmond concludes his service as chairman at the end of the One Hundred Fifth Congress, but is to continue to serve the committee as a member in successive Congresses.