

sell our farm products in these countries. It is my understanding that the protection of one particular American product was largely responsible for the negotiating situation that led to the long tariff elimination schedules for so many of our farming products.

If not for the fact that, almost without exception, the Central American countries have enjoyed duty-free access to our markets for their agricultural exports for years, these long tariff phaseout schedules might well have forced me to oppose this agreement.

The truth is, due to existing trade relationships, the various parties did not start out this trade negotiation on similar footings: We paid to export to them and they did not pay to export to us.

While this agreement absolutely does not even this relationship as quickly and fairly as I would like, it does eventually get the job done. While our farmers are often forced to wait far too long for duty-free access, that duty-free access does eventually go into place. The opportunity for new export markets for our farmers will be—ultimately—beneficial to the folks in Kentucky, particularly the rural parts of my State.

While I have concerns about other parts of the agreement, particularly some textile issues, there are also aspects of the agreement which are especially good for Kentucky.

Important to my State of Kentucky is the treatment of the exportation of tobacco products under the agreement. I was particularly pleased to see that the report of the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Cotton, Peanuts, Planting Seeds and Tobacco, which included a member of the Kentucky Farm Bureau, found the agreement to be fair regarding tobacco trade.

I was also pleased to see that this agreement immediately eliminates tariffs on bourbon and whiskeys exported from America. Furthermore, agreement for the recognition of “bourbon” as an exclusively Kentucky-made product is important to an industry employing over 30,000 Kentuckians.

I also want to bring the attention of my colleagues to the fact that this agreement, while obviously primarily a trade agreement, also represents an opportunity for us to show our support to a region that has come a long way in the area of democracy.

Not so long ago, most of us here will remember, democracy was not assured in this part of the world. In Central America—our own backyard—communism was a threat. The United States has worked hard over the years and we have seen the menace of communism recede and the democracies and economies of El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Honduras begin to flourish.

We must not lose track of the message that the approval of this agreement will send to these new democracies on our doorstep. Without this

agreement, the democracies we have helped build in Central America will be less prosperous in the increasingly competitive global marketplace. We must allow these fledgling democracies the access they need to compete with the overwhelming wave of Chinese imports.

It is the development of strong trade in goods and services that will help these countries to oppose a return to corrupt regimes that promote trade in illegal drugs.

We in this body have done so much to foster democracy and economic stability in Central America. The approval of DR-CAFTA is another chance for us to show our support of these democratic governments.

I have come to believe after long and careful examination, that this agreement is good for the United States and for the future of Central America. I urge my colleagues to support the agreement before us today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order—

Mr. BAUCUS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following be the only remaining debate on the bill, in the following order: Senator SESSIONS, 10 minutes; Senator DAYTON, 5 minutes; Senator SUNUNU, 5 minutes; Senator ENSIGN, 5 minutes; Senator BAUCUS, 10 minutes; Senator GRASSLEY, 10 minutes; Senator REID from Nevada, 10 minutes; Senator FRIST, 10 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from North Dakota.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, how much time remains on my allocation?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Dakota has 11 minutes 28 seconds.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, let me reserve 5 minutes of that as well.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I add that to the request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the Senator from Montana state where he would like that placed in the order.

Mr. BAUCUS. That would be after Ensign and before myself.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the modified request? Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Colorado.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 138, H.R. 2985; I further ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported amendments be agreed to; provided further that the Lott-Dodd amendment which is at the desk be considered and agreed to, there be 5 minutes of debate equally divided between the two managers, and the bill, as amended, be read a third time

and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD. I further ask unanimous consent that following passage, the Senate insist on its amendments, request a conference with the House, and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2985) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Appropriations, with amendments.

(Strike the parts shown in black brackets and insert the parts shown in italic.)

H.R. 2985

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS SENATE EXPENSE ALLOWANCES

For expense allowances of the Vice President, \$20,000; the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, \$40,000; Majority Leader of the Senate, \$40,000; Minority Leader of the Senate, \$40,000; Majority Whip of the Senate, \$10,000; Minority Whip of the Senate, \$10,000; President Pro Tempore emeritus, \$15,000; Chairmen of the Majority and Minority Conference Committees, \$5,000 for each Chairman; and Chairmen of the Majority and Minority Policy Committees, \$5,000 for each Chairman; in all, \$195,000.

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, \$147,120,000, which shall be paid from this appropriation without regard to the following limitations:

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

For the Office of the Vice President, \$2,181,000.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

For the Office of the President Pro Tempore, \$582,000.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS

For the Office of the President Pro Tempore emeritus, \$290,000.

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

For Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders, \$4,340,000.

OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS

For Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips, \$2,644,000.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

For salaries of the Committee on Appropriations, \$13,758,000.

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, \$1,470,000 for each such committee; in all, \$2,940,000.

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, \$728,000.

POLICY COMMITTEES

For salaries of the Majority Policy Committee and the Minority Policy Committee, \$1,524,000 for each such committee; in all, \$3,048,000.

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN

For Office of the Chaplain, \$354,000.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

For Office of the Secretary, \$20,866,000.

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND

DOORKEEPER

For Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, \$56,700,000.

OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY

For Offices of the Secretary for the Majority and the Secretary for the Minority, \$1,584,000.

AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS AND RELATED EXPENSES

For agency contributions for employee benefits, as authorized by law, and related expenses, \$37,105,000.

OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF THE SENATE

For salaries and expenses of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate, \$5,437,000.

OFFICE OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

For salaries and expenses of the Office of Senate Legal Counsel, \$1,306,000.

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, \$6,000; Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, \$6,000; Secretary for the Majority of the Senate, \$6,000; Secretary for the Minority of the Senate, \$6,000; in all, \$24,000.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE

INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

For expenses of inquiries and investigations ordered by the Senate, or conducted under section 134(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (Public Law 97-601), section 112 of the Supplemental Appropriations and Rescission Act, 1980 (Public Law 96-304), and Senate Resolution 281, 96th Congress, agreed to March 11, 1980, \$119,637,000.

EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE CAUCUS ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

For expenses of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, \$520,000.

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

For expenses of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, \$1,980,000.

SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE

For expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, \$142,000,000, which shall remain available until September 30, 2010.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

For miscellaneous items, \$17,000,000, of which up to \$500,000 shall be made available for a pilot program for mailings of postal patron postcards by Senators for the purpose of providing notice of a town meeting by a Senator in a county (or equivalent unit of local government) at which the Senator will personally attend: *Provided*, That any amount allocated to a Senator for such mailing shall not exceed 50 percent of the cost of the mailing and the remaining cost shall be paid by the Senator from other funds available to the Senator.

SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT

For Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account, \$350,000,000.

OFFICIAL MAIL COSTS

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 1. GROSS RATE OF COMPENSATION IN OFFICES OF SENATORS. Effective on and after October 1, 2005, 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 adjusted by law and in effect on September 30, 2005, increased by an additional \$50,000 each.

SEC. 2. CONSULTANTS. With respect to fiscal year 2006, the first sentence of section 101(a) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1977 (2 U.S.C. 61h-6(a)) shall be applied by substituting "nine individual consultants" for "eight individual consultants".

SEC. 3. UNITED STATES SENATE COLLECTION. Section 316 of Public Law 101-302 (2 U.S.C. 2107) is amended in the first sentence of subsection (a) by striking "2005" and inserting "2006".

SEC. 4. SENATE COMMISSION ON ART. Section 3(c)(2) of Public Law 108-83 (2 U.S.C. 2108(c)(2)) is amended by striking "and for any purposes" through the period and inserting "for any purposes for which funds from the contingent fund of the Senate may be used under section 316(a) of Public Law 101-302 (2 U.S.C. 2107(a)), and for expenditures, not to exceed \$10,000 in any fiscal year, for meals and refreshments in Capitol facilities in connection with official activities of the Commission or other authorized programs or activities".

SEC. 5. ABSENCES. Section 40 of the Revised Statutes (2 U.S.C. 39) is amended by—

(1) striking "Secretary of the Senate and the";

(2) striking "respectively, shall" and inserting "shall";

(3) striking "Senate or"; and

(4) striking "respectively, unless" and inserting "unless".

SEC. 6. MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN CONSULTANT REQUIREMENT. Section 10(a)(5) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999 (2 U.S.C. 72d) is amended by inserting "except that any approval (and related reporting requirement) shall not apply" after "May 14, 1975".

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses of the House of Representatives, \$1,092,407,000, as follows:

HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES

For salaries and expenses, as authorized by law, \$19,844,000, including: Office of the Speaker, \$2,788,000, including \$25,000 for official expenses of the Speaker; Office of the Majority Floor Leader, \$2,089,000, including \$10,000 for official expenses of the Majority Leader; Office of the Minority Floor Leader, \$2,928,000, including \$10,000 for official expenses of the Minority Leader; Office of the Majority Whip, including the Chief Deputy Majority Whip, \$1,797,000, including \$5,000 for official expenses of the Majority Whip; Office of the Minority Whip, including the Chief Deputy Minority Whip, \$1,345,000, including \$5,000 for official expenses of the Minority Whip; Speaker's Office for Legislative Floor Activities, \$482,000; Republican Steering Committee, \$906,000; Republican Conference, \$1,548,000; Republican Policy Committee, \$307,000; Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, \$1,945,000; Democratic Caucus, \$816,000; nine minority employees, \$1,445,000; training and program development—majority, \$290,000; training and program development—minority, \$290,000; Cloakroom Personnel—majority, \$434,000; and Cloakroom Personnel—minority, \$434,000.

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, \$538,109,000.

COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES

STANDING COMMITTEES, SPECIAL AND SELECT

For salaries and expenses of standing committees, special and select, authorized by House resolutions, \$117,913,000: *Provided*, That such amount shall remain available for such salaries and expenses until December 31, 2006.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

For salaries and expenses of the Committee on Appropriations, \$25,668,000, 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, 2006.

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

For compensation and expenses of officers and employees, as authorized by law, \$167,749,000, including: for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Clerk, including not more than \$13,000, of which not more than \$10,000 is for the Family Room, for official representation and reception expenses, \$21,911,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, including the position of Superintendent of Garages, and including not more than \$3,000 for official representation and reception expenses, \$6,284,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, \$116,971,000, of which \$3,306,000 shall remain available until expended; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Inspector General, \$3,991,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Operations, \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended; for salaries and expenses of the Office of General Counsel, \$962,000; for the Office of the Chaplain, \$161,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Parliamentarian, including the Parliamentarian and \$2,000 for preparing the Digest of Rules, \$1,767,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House, \$2,453,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House, \$6,963,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, \$720,000; for other authorized employees, \$161,000; and for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Historian, \$405,000.

ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

For allowances and expenses as authorized by House resolution or law, \$223,124,000, including: supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims, \$4,179,000; 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, \$214,422,000; supplies, materials, and other costs relating to the House portion of expenses for the Capitol Visitor Center, \$3,410,000, to remain available until expended; and miscellaneous items including purchase, exchange, maintenance, repair and operation of House motor vehicles, interparliamentary receptions, and gratuities to heirs of deceased employees of the House, \$703,000.

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 (2 U.S.C. 2112), 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) REQUIRING AMOUNTS REMAINING IN MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES TO BE USED FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION OR TO REDUCE THE FEDERAL DEBT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any amounts appropriated under this Act for "HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—SALARIES AND EXPENSES—MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES" shall be available only for fiscal year 2006. Any amount remaining after all payments are made under such allowances for fiscal year 2006 shall be deposited in the Treasury and used for deficit reduction (or, if there is no Federal budget deficit after all such payments have been made, for reducing the Federal debt, in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury considers appropriate).

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

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

JOINT ITEMS

For Joint Committees, as follows:

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

For salaries and expenses of the Joint Economic Committee, \$4,276,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Taxation, \$8,781,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

For other joint items, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

For medical supplies, equipment, and continuing expenses of the emergency rooms, and for the Attending Physician and his assistants, including: (1) an allowance of \$2,175 per month to the Attending Physician; (2) an allowance of \$725 per month each to four medical officers while on duty in the Office of the Attending Physician; (3) an allowance of \$725 per month to two assistants and \$580 per month each not to exceed 11 assistants on the basis heretofore provided for such assistants; and (4) \$1,834,000 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, \$2,545,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE AND SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE

For salaries and expenses of the Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office, \$4,268,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate: *Provided*, That no part of such amount may be used to employ more than 58 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 10 additional individuals for not more than 6 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 first session of the 109th 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.

CAPITOL POLICE

SALARIES

For salaries of employees of the Capitol Police, including overtime, hazardous duty pay differential, and Government contributions for health, retirement, social security, professional liability insurance, and other applicable employee benefits, \$210,350,000, to be disbursed by the Chief of the Capitol Police or his designee.

GENERAL EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Capitol Police, including motor vehicles, communications and other equipment, security equipment and installation, uniforms, weapons, supplies, materials, training, medical services, forensic services, stenographic services, personal and professional services, the employee assistance program, the awards program, postage, communication services, travel advances, relocation of instructor and liaison personnel for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and not more than \$5,000 to be expended on the certification of the Chief of the Capitol Police in connection with official representation and reception expenses, \$29,345,000, to be disbursed by the Chief of the Capitol Police or his designee: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the cost of basic training for the Capitol Police at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for fiscal year 2006 shall be paid by the Secretary of Homeland Security from funds available to the Department of Homeland Security.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 1001. TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—Amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2006 for the Capitol Police may be transferred between the headings "SALARIES" and "GENERAL EXPENSES" upon the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SEC. 1002. (a) The United States Capitol Police may not operate a mounted horse unit during fiscal year 2006 or any succeeding fiscal year.

(b) Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Chief of the Capitol Police shall transfer to the Chief of the United States Park Police the horses, equipment, and supplies of the Capitol Police mounted horse unit which remain in the possession of the Capitol Police as of such date.

SEC. 1003. (a) Section 103(h)(1)(A)(i)(I) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App. 103(h)(1)(A)(i)(I)) is amended by inserting "United States Capitol Police," after "Architect of the Capitol."

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to reports filed under the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 for calendar year 2005 and each succeeding calendar year.

SEC. 1004. Section 1003 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108-83; 117 Stat. 1021), is hereby repealed, and each provision of law amended by such section is hereby restored as if such section had not been enacted into law.

SEC. 1005. (a) During fiscal year 2006 and each succeeding fiscal year, the United States Capitol Police may not carry out any reprogramming, transfer, or use of funds described in subsection (b) unless—

(1) the Chief of the Capitol Police submits a request for the reprogramming, transfer, or use of funds to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate on or before August 1 of the respective year, unless both such Committees agree to accept the request at a later date because of extraordinary and emergency circumstances cited by the Chief;

(2) the request contains clearly stated and detailed documentation presenting justification for the reprogramming, transfer, or use of funds;

(3) the request contains a declaration that, as of the date of the request, none of the funds included in the request have been obligated, and none will be obligated, until both Committees have approved the request; and

(4) both Committees approve the request.

(b) A reprogramming, transfer, or use of funds described in this subsection is any reprogramming or transfer of funds, or use of unobligated balances, under which—

(1) the amount to be shifted to or from any object class, approved budget, or program involved under the request, or the aggregate amount to be shifted to or from any object class, approved budget, or program involved during the fiscal year taking into account the amount contained in the request, is in excess of \$250,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less, of the object class, approved budget, or program;

(2) the reprogramming, transfer, or use of funds would result in a major change to the program or item which is different than that presented to and approved by the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate; or

(3) the funds involved were earmarked by either of the Committees for a specific activity which is different than the activity proposed under the request, without regard to whether the amount provided in the earmark is less than, equal to, or greater than the amount required to carry out the activity.

SEC. 1006. (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.—There is established in the United States Capitol Police the Office of the Inspector General (hereafter in this section referred to as the "Office"), headed by the Inspector General of the United States Capitol Police (hereafter in this section referred to as the "Inspector General").

(b) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—

(1) **APPOINTMENT.**—The Inspector General shall be appointed by the Capitol Police Board, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate, acting jointly, and shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of integrity and demonstrated ability in accounting, auditing, financial analysis, law, management analysis, public administration, or investigations.

(2) **TERM OF SERVICE.**—The Inspector General shall serve for a term of 5 years, and an individual serving as Inspector General may be reappointed for not more than 2 additional terms.

(3) **REMOVAL.**—The Inspector General may be removed from office prior to the expiration of his term only by the unanimous vote of all of the members of the Capitol Police Board, and the Board shall communicate the reasons for any such removal to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President pro tempore of the Senate.

(4) **SALARY.**—The Inspector General shall be paid at an annual rate equal to \$1,000 less than the annual rate of pay in effect for the Chief of the Capitol Police.

(5) **DEADLINE.**—The Capitol Police Board shall appoint the first Inspector General

under this section not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

[(c) DUTIES.—

[(1) APPLICABILITY OF DUTIES OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT.—The Inspector General shall carry out the same duties and responsibilities with respect to the United States Capitol Police as an Inspector General of an establishment carries out with respect to an establishment under section 4 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App. 4), under the same terms and conditions which apply under such section.

[(2) SEMIANNUAL REPORTS.—The Inspector General shall prepare and submit semiannual reports summarizing the activities of the Office in the same manner, and in accordance with the same deadlines, terms, and conditions, as an Inspector General of an establishment under section 5 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App. 5). For purposes of applying section 5 of such Act to the Inspector General, the Capitol Police Board shall be considered the head of the establishment, except that the Inspector General shall transmit to the Chief of the Capitol Police a copy of any report submitted to the Board pursuant to this paragraph.

[(3) INVESTIGATIONS OF COMPLAINTS OF EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS.—

[(A) AUTHORITY.—The Inspector General may receive and investigate complaints or information from an employee or member of the Capitol Police concerning the possible existence of an activity constituting a violation of law, rules, or regulations, or mismanagement, gross waste of funds, abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to the public health and safety, including complaints or information the investigation of which is under the jurisdiction of the Internal Affairs Division of the Capitol Police as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

[(B) NONDISCLOSURE.—The Inspector General shall not, after receipt of a complaint or information from an employee or member, disclose the identity of the employee or member without the consent of the employee or member, unless the Inspector General determines such disclosure is unavoidable during the course of the investigation.

[(C) PROHIBITING RETALIATION.—An employee or member of the Capitol Police who has authority to take, direct others to take, recommend, or approve any personnel action, shall not, with respect to such authority, take or threaten to take any action against any employee or member as a reprisal for making a complaint or disclosing information to the Inspector General, unless the complaint was made or the information disclosed with the knowledge that it was false or with willful disregard for its truth or falsity.

[(4) INDEPENDENCE IN CARRYING OUT DUTIES.—Neither the Capitol Police Board, the Chief of the Capitol Police, nor any other member or employee of the Capitol Police may prevent or prohibit the Inspector General from carrying out any of the duties or responsibilities assigned to the Inspector General under this section.

[(d) POWERS.—

[(1) IN GENERAL.—The Inspector General may exercise the same authorities with respect to the United States Capitol Police as an Inspector General of an establishment may exercise with respect to an establishment under section 6(a) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App. 6(a)), other than paragraphs (7) and (8) of such section.

[(2) STAFF.—

[(A) IN GENERAL.—The Inspector General may appoint and fix the pay of such personnel as the Inspector General considers appropriate. Such personnel may be appointed without regard to the provisions of title 5,

United States Code, regarding appointments in the competitive service, and may be paid without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates, except that no personnel of the Office (other than the Inspector General) may be paid at an annual rate greater than \$500 less than the annual rate of pay of the Inspector General under subsection (b)(4).

[(B) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—The Inspector General may procure temporary and intermittent services under section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, at rates not to exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of such title.

[(C) INDEPENDENCE IN APPOINTING STAFF.—No individual may carry out any of the duties or responsibilities of the Office unless the individual is appointed by the Inspector General, or provides services procured by the Inspector General, pursuant to this paragraph. Nothing in this subparagraph may be construed to prohibit the Inspector General from entering into a contract or other arrangement for the provision of services under this section.

[(D) APPLICABILITY OF CAPITOL POLICE PERSONNEL RULES.—None of the regulations governing the appointment and pay of employees of the Capitol Police shall apply with respect to the appointment and compensation of the personnel of the Office, except to the extent agreed to by the Inspector General. Nothing in the previous sentence may be construed to affect subparagraphs (A) through (C).

[(3) EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.—The Chief of the Capitol Police shall provide the Office with appropriate and adequate office space, together with such equipment, supplies, and communications facilities and services as may be necessary for the operation of the Office, and shall provide necessary maintenance services for such office space and the equipment and facilities located therein.

[(e) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—

[(1) TRANSFER.—To the extent that any office or entity in the Capitol Police prior to the appointment of the first Inspector General under this section carried out any of the duties and responsibilities assigned to the Inspector General under this section, the functions of such office or entity shall be transferred to the Office upon the appointment of the first Inspector General under this section.

[(2) NO REDUCTION IN PAY OR BENEFITS.—The transfer of the functions of an office or entity to the Office under paragraph (1) may not result in a reduction in the pay or benefits of any employee of the office or entity, except to the extent required under subsection (d)(2)(A).

[SEC. 1007. (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the last day of each semiannual period, the Chief of the Capitol Police shall submit to Congress, with respect to that period, a detailed, itemized report of the disbursements for the operations of the United States Capitol Police.

[(b) CONTENTS.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include—

[(1) the name of each person or entity who receives a payment from the Capitol Police;

[(2) the cost of any item furnished to the Capitol Police;

[(3) a description of any service rendered to the Capitol Police, together with service dates;

[(4) a statement of all amounts appropriated to, or received or expended by, the Capitol Police and any unexpended balances of such amounts for any open fiscal year; and

[(5) such additional information as may be required by regulation of the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives or the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

[(c) PRINTING.—Each report under this section shall be printed as a House document.

[(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with respect to the semiannual periods of October 1 through March 31 and April 1 through September 30 of each year, beginning with the semiannual period in which this section is enacted.

[(OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

[SALARIES AND EXPENSES

[For salaries and expenses of the Office of Compliance, as authorized by section 305 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1385), \$3,112,000, of which \$780,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2007: *Provided*, That the Executive Director of the Office of Compliance may, within the limits of available appropriations, dispose of surplus or obsolete personal property by interagency transfer, donation, or discarding: *Provided further*, That not more than \$500 may be expended on the certification of the Executive Director of the Office of Compliance in connection with official representation and reception expenses.

[(CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

[SALARIES AND EXPENSES

[For salaries and expenses necessary for operation of the Congressional Budget Office, including not more than \$3,000 to be expended on the certification of the Director of the Congressional Budget Office in connection with official representation and reception expenses, \$35,450,000.

[(ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

[SEC. 1100. (a) PERMITTING WAIVER OF CLAIMS FOR OVERPAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES.—Section 5584(g) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

[(1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (5);

[(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (6) and inserting “; and”; and

[(3) by inserting immediately after paragraph (6) the following new paragraph:

[(7) the Congressional Budget Office.”

[(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2006 and each succeeding fiscal year.

[(ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

[GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

[For salaries for the Architect of the Capitol, and other personal services, at rates of pay provided by law; for surveys and studies in connection with activities under the care of the Architect of the Capitol; for all necessary expenses for the general and administrative support of the operations under the Architect of the Capitol including the Botanic Garden; electrical substations of the Capitol, Senate and House office buildings, and other facilities under the jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol; including furnishings and office equipment; including not more than \$5,000 for official reception and representation expenses, to be expended as the Architect of the Capitol may approve; for purchase or exchange, maintenance, and operation of a passenger motor vehicle, \$77,002,000, of which \$350,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008.

[CAPITOL BUILDING

[For all necessary expenses for maintenance, care, and operation of the Capitol, \$22,097,000, of which \$6,580,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008.

[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, \$7,723,000, of which \$740,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008.】

CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE AND SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE

For salaries and expenses of the Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office, \$4,098,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate: *Provided*, That no part of such amount may be used to employ more than 58 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 10 additional individuals for not more than 6 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 first session of the 109th 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.

CAPITOL POLICE

SALARIES

For salaries of employees of the Capitol Police, including overtime, hazardous duty pay differential, and Government contributions for health, retirement, social security, professional liability insurance, and other applicable employee benefits, \$222,600,000, to be disbursed by the Chief of the Capitol Police or his designee.

GENERAL EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Capitol Police, including motor vehicles, communications and other equipment, security equipment and installation, uniforms, weapons, supplies, materials, training, medical services, forensic services, stenographic services, personal and professional services, the employee assistance program, the awards program, postage, communication services, travel advances, relocation of instructor and liaison personnel for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and not more than \$5,000 to be expended on the certification of the Chief of the Capitol Police in connection with official representation and reception expenses, \$42,000,000, to be disbursed by the Chief of the Capitol Police or his designee: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the cost of basic training for the Capitol Police at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for fiscal year 2005 shall be paid by the Secretary of Homeland Security from funds available to the Department of Homeland Security.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 1001. TRANSFER AUTHORITY. Amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2006 for the Capitol Police may be transferred between the headings "SALARIES" and "GENERAL EXPENSES" upon the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SEC. 1002. CAPITOL POLICE AND TRANSFER OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS POLICE. (a) **LIMITATION ON CERTAIN HIRING AUTHORITY OF CAPITOL POLICE.**—Section 1006(b)(3) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108-83; 117 Stat. 1023), as amended by section 1002 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2005 (2 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 108-447; 118 Stat. 3179), is further amended by adding after subparagraph (D), the following:

“(E) **LIMITATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006.**—During fiscal year 2006, the number of individuals hired under this subsection may not exceed—

“(i) the number of Library of Congress Police employees who separated from service or transferred to a position other than a Library of Congress Police employee position during fiscal year

2005 for whom a corresponding hire was not made under this subsection; and

“(ii) the number of Library of Congress Police employees who separate from service or transfer to a position other than a Library of Congress Police employee position during fiscal year 2006.”.

(b) **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.**—The Memorandum of Understanding between the Library of Congress and the Capitol Police entered into on December 12, 2004, shall remain in effect through fiscal year 2006, subject to such modifications as may be made in accordance with the modification and dispute resolution provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses of the Office of Compliance, as authorized by section 305 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1385), \$3,112,000, of which \$780,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2007: *Provided*, That the Executive Director of the Office of Compliance may, within the limits of available appropriations, dispose of surplus or obsolete personal property by interagency transfer, donation, or discarding.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses necessary for operation of the Congressional Budget Office, including not more than \$3,000 to be expended on the certification of the Director of the Congressional Budget Office in connection with official representation and reception expenses, \$35,853,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 1100. WAIVER OF CERTAIN CLAIMS. Section 5584(g) of title 5, United States Code, (relating to the definition of an agency) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (6) as a paragraph (7);

(2) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (5);

(3) by inserting after paragraph (5) the following:

“(6) the Congressional Budget Office; and”;

and

(4) in the last sentence, by striking “paragraph (6)” and inserting “paragraph (7)”.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

For salaries for the Architect of the Capitol, and other personal services, at rates of pay provided by law; for surveys and studies in connection with activities under the care of the Architect of the Capitol; for all necessary expenses for the general and administrative support of the operations under the Architect of the Capitol including the Botanic Garden; electrical substations of the Capitol, Senate and House office buildings, and other facilities under the jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol; including furnishings and office equipment; including not more than \$5,000 for official reception and representation expenses, to be expended as the Architect of the Capitol may approve; for purchase or exchange, maintenance, and operation of a passenger motor vehicle, \$76,522,000.

CAPITOL BUILDING

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care, and operation of the Capitol, \$25,380,000, of which \$10,055,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2010.

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, \$7,061,000.

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

For all necessary expenses for the 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, \$67,004,000, of which \$15,745,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2010.

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the House office buildings, \$59,616,000, of which \$20,922,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008.

【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, \$58,585,000, of which \$1,592,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008: *Provided*, That not more than \$6,600,000 of the funds credited or to be reimbursed to this appropriation as herein provided shall be available for obligation during fiscal year 2006.

【LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

【For all necessary expenses for the mechanical and structural maintenance, care and operation of the Library buildings and grounds, \$31,318,000, of which \$6,325,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008.

【CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

【For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of buildings and grounds of the United States Capitol Police, \$16,830,000, of which \$5,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008.

【BOTANIC GARDEN

【For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Botanic Garden and the nurseries, buildings, grounds, and collections; and purchase and exchange, maintenance, repair, and operation of a passenger motor vehicle; all under the direction of the Joint Committee on the Library, \$7,211,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall not be available for construction of the National Garden: *Provided further*, That of the amount made available under this heading, the Architect may obligate and expend such sums as may be necessary for the maintenance, care, and operation of the National Garden established under section 307E of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1989 (2 U.S.C. 2146), upon vouchers approved by the Architect or a duly authorized designee.

【CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

【For an additional amount for the Capitol Visitor Center project, \$36,900,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Architect of the Capitol may not obligate any of the funds which are made available for the Capitol Visitor Center project without an obligation plan approved by the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives.

【ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

【SEC. 1201. (a) Section 108 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991 (2 U.S.C. 1849), is amended—

【(1) in subsection (b), by striking “8 positions” and inserting “10 positions”; and

“(2) in subsection (c), by striking “4 positions” and inserting “2 positions”.

“(b) The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to pay periods beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

“SEC. 1202. (a) Section 905 of the 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery From and Response To Terrorist Attacks on the United States (2 U.S.C. 1819) is amended—

“(1) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e); and

“(2) by inserting after subsection (c) the following new subsection:

“(d) In the case of a building or facility acquired through purchase pursuant to subsection (a), the Architect of the Capitol may enter into or assume a lease with another person for the use of any portion of the building or facility that the Architect of the Capitol determines is not required to be used to carry out the purposes of this section, subject to the approval of the entity which approved the acquisition of such building or facility under subsection (b).”.

“(b) The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to leases entered into on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

“SEC. 1203. (a) There is hereby established the Capitol Visitor Center Governing Board (hereafter in this section referred to as the “Governing Board”), consisting of each of the following individuals:

“(1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the Speaker’s designee.

“(2) The minority leader of the House of Representatives, or the minority leader’s designee.

“(3) The majority leader of the Senate, or the majority leader’s designee.

“(4) The minority leader of the Senate, or the minority leader’s designee.

“(5) The chairman of the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives, who shall serve as co-chairman of the Governing Board.

“(6) The ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

“(7) The chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, who shall serve as co-chairman of the Governing Board.

“(8) The ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

“(b) The Governing Board shall be responsible for establishing the policies which govern the operations of the Capitol Visitor Center, consistent with applicable law.

“(c) This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2006 and each succeeding fiscal year.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING RESCISSION)

“For necessary expenses of the Library of Congress not otherwise provided for, including development and maintenance of the Library’s 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, \$388,144,000, of which not more than \$6,000,000 shall be derived from collections credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 2006, 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 2006 and shall remain available until expended for the development and maintenance of an international legal information database and activities related thereto: *Provided*, That the Library of Congress may not obligate or expend any funds derived from collections under the Act of June 28, 1902, in excess of the amount authorized for obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: *Provided further*, That the total amount available for obligation shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are less than \$6,350,000: *Provided further*, That of the total amount appropriated, \$13,972,000 shall remain available until expended for the partial 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, not more than \$12,000 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official representation and reception expenses for the Overseas Field Offices: *Provided further*, That of the total amount appropriated, \$500,000 shall remain available until expended, and shall be transferred to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission for carrying out the purposes of Public Law 106-173, of which \$10,000 may be used for official representation and reception expenses of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: *Provided further*, That of the total amount appropriated, \$11,078,000 shall remain available until expended for partial support of the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this heading in chapter 9 of division A of the Miscellaneous Appropriations Act, 2001 (Public Law 106-554; 114 Stat. 2763A-194), \$15,500,000 is rescinded.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

“For necessary expenses of the Copyright Office, \$58,601,000, of which not more than \$30,481,000, to remain available until expended, shall be derived from collections credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 2006 under section 708(d) of title 17, United States Code: *Provided*, That the Copyright Office may not obligate or expend any funds derived from collections under such section, in excess of the amount authorized for obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: *Provided further*, That not more than \$5,465,000 shall be derived from collections during fiscal year 2006 under sections 111(d)(2), 119(b)(2), 802(h), 1005, and 1316 of such title: *Provided further*, That the total amount available for obligation shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are less than \$35,946,000: *Provided further*, That not more than \$100,000 of the amount appropriated is available for the maintenance of an “International Copyright Institute” in the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress for the purpose of training nationals of developing countries in intellectual property laws and policies: *Provided further*, That not more than \$4,250 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official representation and reception expenses for activities of the International Copyright Institute and for copyright delegations, visitors, and seminars: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any provision of chapter 8 of title 17, United States Code, any amounts made available under this heading which are at-

tributable to royalty fees and payments received by the Copyright Office pursuant to sections 111, 119, and chapter 10 of such title may be used for the costs incurred in the administration of the Copyright Royalty Judges program.

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, \$99,952,000: *Provided*, That no part of such amount may be used to pay any salary or expense in connection with any publication, or preparation of material therefor (except the Digest of Public General Bills), to be issued by the Library of Congress unless such publication has obtained prior approval of either the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives or the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

“For salaries and expenses to carry out the Act of March 3, 1931 (chapter 400; 46 Stat. 1487; 2 U.S.C. 135a), \$54,049,000, of which \$15,831,000 shall remain available until expended.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

“SEC. 1301. INCENTIVE AWARDS PROGRAM.—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. 1302. REIMBURSABLE AND REVOLVING FUND ACTIVITIES. (a) IN GENERAL.—For fiscal year 2006, the obligational authority of the Library of Congress for the activities described in subsection (b) may not exceed \$109,943,000.

“(b) ACTIVITIES.—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.

“(c) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—During fiscal year 2006, the Librarian of Congress may temporarily transfer funds appropriated in this Act, under the heading “LIBRARY OF CONGRESS” under the subheading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” to the revolving fund for the FEDLINK Program and the Federal Research Program established under section 103 of the Library of Congress Fiscal Operations Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-481; 2 U.S.C. 182c): *Provided*, That the total amount of such transfers may not exceed \$1,900,000: *Provided further*, That the appropriate revolving fund account shall reimburse the Library for any amounts transferred to it before the period of availability of the Library appropriation expires.

“SEC. 1303. UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES.—Funds made available for the Library of Congress under this Act are available for transfer to the Department of State as remittance for a fee charged by the Department for fiscal year 2006 for the maintenance, upgrade, or construction of United States diplomatic facilities only to the extent that the amount of the fee so charged is equal to or less than the unreimbursed value of the services provided during fiscal year 2006 to the Library of Congress on State Department diplomatic facilities.

“SEC. 1304. (a) Section 208 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1996 (Public Law 104-53; 109 Stat. 532), is hereby repealed.

[(b) The amendment made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act or October 1, 2005, whichever occurs earlier.]

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

[For authorized printing and binding for the Congress and the distribution of Congressional information in any format; printing and binding for the Architect of the Capitol; expenses necessary for preparing the semi-monthly and session index to the Congressional Record, as authorized by law (section 902 of title 44, United States Code); 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, \$88,090,000 (reduced by \$5,400,000): *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 section 906 of title 44, United States Code: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be available for the payment of obligations incurred under the appropriations for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the 2-year limitation under section 718 of title 44, United States Code, none of the funds appropriated or made available under this Act or any other Act for printing and binding and related services provided to Congress under chapter 7 of title 44, United States Code, may be expended to print a document, report, or publication after the 27-month period beginning on the date that such document, report, or publication is authorized by Congress to be printed, unless Congress reauthorizes such printing in accordance with section 718 of title 44, United States Code: *Provided further*, That any unobligated or unexpended balances in this account or accounts for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years may be transferred to the Government Printing Office revolving fund for carrying out the purposes of this heading, subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate.]

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

[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, \$33,337,000: *Provided*, 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 fiscal years 2004 and 2005 to depository and other designated libraries: *Provided further*, That any unobligated or unexpended balances in this account or accounts for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years may be transferred to the Government Printing Office revolving fund for carrying out the purposes of this heading, subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate.]

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND

[For payment to the Government Printing Office Revolving Fund, \$1,200,000 for workforce retraining. The Government Printing Office may 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 \$5,000 may be expended on the certification of the Public Printer in connection with official representation and reception expenses: *Provided further*, That the revolving fund shall be available for the hire or purchase of not more than 12 passenger motor vehicles: *Provided further*, That expenditures in connection with travel expenses of the advisory councils to the Public Printer shall be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of title 44, United States Code: *Provided further*, That the revolving fund shall be available for temporary or intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not more than the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such title: *Provided further*, That the revolving fund and the funds provided under the headings "OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS" and "SALARIES AND EXPENSES" together may not be available for the full-time equivalent employment of more than 2,621 workyears (or such other number of workyears as the Public Printer may request, subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate): *Provided further*, That activities financed through the revolving fund may provide information in any format: *Provided further*, That not more than \$10,000 may be expended from the revolving fund in support of the activities of the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission established by Public Law 107-202.]

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

[For necessary expenses of the Government Accountability Office, including not more than \$12,500 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 section 3324 of title 31, United States Code; benefits comparable to those payable under sections 901(5), (6), and (8) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4081(5), (6), and (8)); and under regulations prescribed by the Comptroller General of the United States, rental of living quarters in foreign countries, \$482,395,000: *Provided*, That not more than \$5,104,000 of payments received under section 782 of title 31, United States Code, shall be available for use in fiscal year 2006: *Provided further*, That not more than \$2,061,000 of reimbursements received under section 9105 of title 31, United States Code, shall be available for use in fiscal year 2006: *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: *Provided further*,

That payments hereunder to the Forum may be credited as reimbursements to any appropriation from which costs involved are initially financed.]

PAYMENT TO THE OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND

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

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, \$58,817,000, of which \$1,600,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2010: *Provided*, That not more than \$6,500,000 of the funds credited or to be reimbursed to this appropriation as herein provided shall be available for obligation during fiscal year 2006.*

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

For all necessary expenses for the mechanical and structural maintenance, care and operation of the Library buildings and grounds, \$70,948,000, of which \$42,950,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2010.

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care, and operation of buildings and grounds of the United States Capitol Police, \$10,031,000.

BOTANIC GARDEN

*For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the Botanic Garden and the nurseries, buildings, grounds, and collections; and purchase and exchange, maintenance, repair, and operation of a passenger motor vehicle; all under the direction of the Joint Committee on the Library, \$7,633,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall not be available for construction of the National Garden: *Provided further*, That of the amount made available under this heading, the Architect may obligate and expend such sums as may be necessary for the maintenance, care, and operation of the National Garden established under section 307E of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1989 (2 U.S.C. 2146), upon vouchers approved by the Architect or a duly authorized designee.*

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

*For an additional amount for the Capitol Visitor Center project, \$41,900,000, to remain available until expended, and in addition, \$2,300,000 for Capitol Visitor Center operation costs: *Provided*, That the Architect of the Capitol may not obligate any of the funds which are made available for the Capitol Visitor Center project without an obligation plan approved by the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives.*

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 1201. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER. The Architect of the Capitol may appoint an Executive Director of the Capitol Visitor Center whose annual rate of pay

shall be determined by the Architect of the Capitol and shall not exceed \$1,500 less than the annual rate of pay for the Architect of the Capitol.

**LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
SALARIES AND EXPENSES**

For necessary expenses of the Library of Congress not otherwise provided for, including development and maintenance of the Library's 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, \$397,285,000, of which not more than \$6,000,000 shall be derived from collections credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 2006, 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 2006 and shall remain available until expended for the development and maintenance of an international legal information database and activities related thereto: Provided, That the Library of Congress may not obligate or expend any funds derived from collections under the Act of June 28, 1902, in excess of the amount authorized for obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: Provided further, That the total amount available for obligation shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are less than \$6,350,000: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$13,972,000 shall remain available until expended for the partial 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, not more than \$12,000 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official representation and reception expenses for the Overseas Field Offices: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$4,000,000 shall remain available until expended for the digital collections and school curricula program under section 1305 of this Act: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$600,000 shall remain available until expended, and shall be transferred to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission for carrying out the purposes of Public Law 106-173, of which \$10,000 may be used for official representation and reception expenses of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$12,085,000 shall remain available until expended for partial support of the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, \$250,000 shall be used to provide a grant to the Middle Eastern Text Initiative for translation and publishing of middle eastern text: Provided further, That no funds made available under this heading may be expended inconsistently with the provisions and intent of section 1006 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108-83), as amended, and the memorandum of understanding between the Library of Congress and the Capitol Police entered into on December 12, 2004.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Copyright Office and the new Copyright Royalty Judges program, \$57,322,000, of which not more than

\$30,481,000, to remain available until expended, shall be derived from collections credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 2006 under section 708(d) of title 17, United States Code: Provided, That the Copyright Office may not obligate or expend any funds derived from collections under such section, in excess of the amount authorized for obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: Provided further, That not more than \$4,141,000 shall be derived from collections during fiscal year 2006 under sections 111(d)(2), 119(b)(2), 802(h), 1005, and 1316 of such title: Provided further, That the total amount available for obligation shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are less than \$34,622,000: Provided further, That not more than \$100,000 of the amount appropriated is available for the maintenance of an "International Copyright Institute" in the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress for the purpose of training nationals of developing countries in intellectual property laws and policies: Provided further, That not more than \$4,250 may be expended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official representation and reception expenses for activities of the International Copyright Institute and for copyright delegations, visitors, and seminars.

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, \$101,755,000: Provided, That no part of such amount may be used to pay any salary or expense in connection with any publication, or preparation of material therefor (except the Digest of Public General Bills), to be issued by the Library of Congress unless such publication has obtained prior approval of either the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives or the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

**BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY
HANDICAPPED**

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses to carry out the Act of March 3, 1931 (chapter 400; 46 Stat. 1487; 2 U.S.C. 135a), \$64,172,000, of which \$25,667,000 shall remain available until expended.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 1301. INCENTIVE AWARDS PROGRAM. 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. 1302. REIMBURSABLE AND REVOLVING FUND ACTIVITIES. (a) **IN GENERAL.**—For fiscal year 2006, the obligational authority of the Library of Congress for the activities described in subsection (b) may not exceed \$109,943,000.

(b) **ACTIVITIES.**—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.

(c) **TRANSFER OF FUNDS.**—During fiscal year 2006, the Librarian of Congress may temporarily transfer funds appropriated in this Act, under the heading "LIBRARY OF CONGRESS" under the subheading "SALARIES AND EXPENSES" to the revolving fund for the FEDLINK Program and the Federal Research Program established under section 103 of the Library of Congress Fiscal Operations Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-481; 2 U.S.C. 182c): Provided, That the total amount of such transfers may not exceed \$1,900,000: Provided further, That the appropriate revolving fund account shall reimburse the Library for any amounts transferred to it before the period of availability of the Library appropriation expires.

SEC. 1303. NATIONAL DIGITAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM. The Miscellaneous Appropriations Act, 2001 (enacted into law by section 1(a)(4) of Public Law 106-554, 114 Stat. 2763A-194) is amended in the first proviso under the subheading "SALARIES AND EXPENSES" under the heading "LIBRARY OF CONGRESS" in chapter 9 of division A by adding at the end " , except that an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 of such additional \$75,000,000 shall remain available until expended and may be used for competitive grants to State governmental entities, without regard to any matching contribution requirement, to work cooperatively to collect and preserve at-risk digital State and local government information".

SEC. 1304. UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES. Funds made available for the Library of Congress under this Act are available for transfer to the Department of State as remittance for a fee charged by the Department for fiscal year 2006 for the maintenance, upgrade, or construction of United States diplomatic facilities only to the extent that the amount of the fee so charged is equal to or less than the unreimbursed value of the services provided during fiscal year 2006 to the Library of Congress on State Department diplomatic facilities.

SEC. 1305. INCORPORATION OF DIGITAL COLLECTIONS INTO SCHOOL CURRICULA. (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the "Library of Congress Digital Collections and School Curricula Act of 2005".

(b) **PROGRAM.**—The Librarian of Congress shall administer a program to teach educators and librarians how to incorporate the digital collections of the Library of Congress into school curricula.

(c) **EDUCATIONAL CONSORTIUM.**—In administering the program under this section, the Librarian of Congress may—

(1) establish an educational consortium to support the program; and

(2) make funds appropriated for the program available to consortium members, educational institutions, and libraries.

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as necessary to carry out this section for fiscal year 2006 and each fiscal year thereafter.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For authorized printing and binding for the Congress and the distribution of Congressional information in any format; printing and binding for the Architect of the Capitol; expenses necessary for preparing the semimonthly and session index to the Congressional Record, as authorized by law (section 902 of title 44, United States Code); 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, \$88,090,000: 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 section 906 of title 44, United States Code: Provided further, That this appropriation shall be available for the payment of obligations incurred under the appropriations for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years: Provided further, That notwithstanding the 2-year limitation under section 718 of title 44, United States Code, none of the funds appropriated or made available under this Act or any other Act for printing and binding and related services provided to Congress under chapter 7 of title 44, United States Code, may be expended to print a document, report, or publication after the 27-month period beginning on the date that such document, report, or publication is authorized by Congress to be printed, unless Congress reauthorizes such printing in accordance with

section 718 of title 44, United States Code: Provided further, That any unobligated or unexpended balances in this account or accounts for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years may be transferred to the Government Printing Office revolving fund for carrying out the purposes of this heading, subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS
SALARIES AND EXPENSES
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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, \$33,837,000: Provided, 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 fiscal years 2004 and 2005 to depository and other designated libraries: Provided further, That any unobligated or unexpended balances in this account or accounts for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years may be transferred to the Government Printing Office revolving fund for carrying out the purposes of this heading, subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING
FUND

For payment to the Government Printing Office Revolving Fund, \$5,000,000 for workforce retraining: Provided, That the Government Printing Office may make such expenditures, within the limits of funds available and in accordance with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 9104 of title 31, United States Code, as may be necessary in carrying out the programs and purposes set forth in the budget for the current fiscal year for the Government Printing Office revolving fund: Provided further, That not more than \$5,000 may be expended on the certification of the Public Printer in connection with official representation and reception expenses: Provided further, That the revolving fund shall be available for the hire or purchase of not more than 12 passenger motor vehicles: Provided further, That expenditures in connection with travel expenses of the advisory councils to the Public Printer shall be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of title 44, United States Code: Provided further, That the revolving fund shall be available for temporary or intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not more than the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such title: Provided further, That the revolving fund and the funds provided under the headings "OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS" and "SALARIES AND EXPENSES" together may not be available for the full-time equivalent employment of more than 2,621 workyears (or such other number of workyears as the Public Printer may request, subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate): Provided further, That activities financed through the revolving fund may provide information in any format: Provided further, That not more than \$10,000 may be expended from the revolving fund in support of the activities of the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission established by Public Law 107-202.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Government Accountability Office, including not more than \$12,500 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 section 3324 of title 31, United States Code; benefits comparable to those payable under section 901(5), (6), and (8) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4081(5), (6), and (8)); and under regulations prescribed by the Comptroller General of the United States, rental of living quarters in foreign countries, \$484,383,000: Provided, That not more than \$5,104,000 of payments received under section 782 of title 31, United States Code, shall be available for use in fiscal year 2006: Provided further, That not more than \$2,061,000 of reimbursements received under section 9105 of title 31, United States Code, shall be available for use in fiscal year 2006: 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: Provided further, That payments hereunder to the Forum may be credited as reimbursements to any appropriation from which costs involved are initially financed.

OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST
FUND

For a payment to the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund for financing activities of the Open World Leadership Center, \$14,000,000.

JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC
SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

For payment to the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Development Trust Fund established under section 116 of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development Act (2 U.S.C. 1105), \$430,000.

TITLE II—GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

SEC. 202. FISCAL YEAR LIMITATION.—No part of the funds appropriated in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond fiscal year 2006 unless expressly so provided in this Act.

SEC. 203. RATES OF COMPENSATION AND DESIGNATION.—Whenever in this Act any office or position not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of 1929 (46 Stat. 32 et seq.) is appropriated for or the rate of compensation or designation of any office or position appropriated for is different from that specifically established by such Act, the rate of compensation and the designation in this Act shall be the permanent law with respect thereto: Provided, That the provisions in this Act for the various items of official expenses of Members, officers, and committees of the 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. 204. CONSULTING SERVICES.—The expenditure of any appropriation under this Act for any consulting service through procurement contract, under section 3109 of

title 5, United States Code, shall be limited to those contracts where such expenditures are a matter of public record and available for public inspection, except where otherwise provided under existing law, or under existing Executive order issued under existing law.

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

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

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

SEC. 208. LIMITATION ON TRANSFERS.—None of the funds made available in this Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government, except pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority provided in, this Act or any other appropriation Act.

SEC. 209. COMPENSATION LIMITATION.—None of the funds contained in this Act or any other Act may be used to pay the salary of any officer or employee of the legislative branch during fiscal year 2006 or any succeeding fiscal year to the extent that the aggregate amount of compensation paid to the employee during the year (including base salary, performance awards and other bonus payments, and incentive payments, but excluding the value of any in-kind benefits and payments) exceeds the annual rate of pay for a Member of the House of Representatives or a Senator.

SEC. 209. COMPENSATION LIMITATION. Legislative branch appropriations are not available to pay the salary of any officer or employee to the extent that the aggregate amount of compensation (including base salary, awards, bonus incentives, excluding in-kind compensation) exceeds the annual rate for a Senator or Member unless the applicable entity head has certified that the entity has a performance appraisal system which (as designed and applied) makes meaningful distinctions based on relative performance consistent with the criteria established pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5307(d)(3)(A). Each entity head shall recertify its performance appraisal system (bi-annually in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 5307(d)(3)(B)). Entities with such certified appraisal systems may pay total annual compensation up to the amounts Executive branch personnel subject to certified performance appraisal systems may receive.

TITLE III—CONTINUITY IN
REPRESENTATION

SEC. 301. Section 26 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (2 U.S.C. 8) is amended—

“(1) by striking “The time” and inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the time”; and

“(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

["(b) SPECIAL RULES IN EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES.—

["(1) IN GENERAL.—In extraordinary circumstances, the executive authority of any State in which a vacancy exists in its representation in the House of Representatives shall issue a writ of election to fill such vacancy by special election.

["(2) TIMING OF SPECIAL ELECTION.—A special election held under this subsection to fill a vacancy shall take place not later than 49 days after the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that the vacancy exists, unless, during the 75-day period which begins on the date of the announcement of the vacancy—

["(A) a regularly scheduled general election for the office involved is to be held; or

["(B) another special election for the office involved is to be held, pursuant to a writ for a special election issued by the chief executive of the State prior to the date of the announcement of the vacancy.

["(3) NOMINATIONS BY PARTIES.—If a special election is to be held under this subsection, the determination of the candidates who will run in such election shall be made—

["(A) by nominations made not later than 10 days after the Speaker announces that the vacancy exists by the political parties of the State that are authorized by State law to nominate candidates for the election; or

["(B) by any other method the State considers appropriate, including holding primary elections, that will ensure that the State will hold the special election within the deadline required under paragraph (2).

["(4) EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES.—

["(A) IN GENERAL.—In this subsection, 'extraordinary circumstances' occur when the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that vacancies in the representation from the States in the House exceed 100.

["(B) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—If any action is brought for declaratory or injunctive relief to challenge an announcement made under subparagraph (A), the following rules shall apply:

["(i) Not later than 2 days after the announcement, the action shall be filed in the United States District Court having jurisdiction in the district of the Member of the House of Representatives whose seat has been announced to be vacant and shall be heard by a 3-judge court convened pursuant to section 2284 of title 28, United States Code.

["(ii) A copy of the complaint shall be delivered promptly to the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

["(iii) A final decision in the action shall be made within 3 days of the filing of such action and shall not be reviewable.

["(iv) The executive authority of the State that contains the district of the Member of the House of Representatives whose seat has been announced to be vacant shall have the right to intervene either in support of or opposition to the position of a party to the case regarding the announcement of such vacancy.

["(5) PROTECTING ABILITY OF ABSENT MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS TO PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL ELECTIONS.—

["(A) DEADLINE FOR TRANSMITTAL OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS.—In conducting a special election held under this subsection to fill a vacancy in its representation, the State shall ensure to the greatest extent practicable (including through the use of electronic means) that absentee ballots for the election are transmitted to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters (as such terms are defined in the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) not later than 15 days after the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that the vacancy exists.

["(B) PERIOD FOR BALLOT TRANSIT TIME.—Notwithstanding the deadlines referred to in paragraphs (2) and (3), in the case of an individual who is an absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter (as such terms are defined in the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act), a State shall accept and process any otherwise valid ballot or other election material from the voter so long as the ballot or other material is received by the appropriate State election official not later than 45 days after the State transmits the ballot or other material to the voter.

["(6) APPLICATION TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND TERRITORIES.—This subsection shall apply—

["(A) to a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress in the same manner as it applies to a Member of the House of Representatives; and

["(B) to the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, and the United States Virgin Islands in the same manner as it applies to a State, except that a vacancy in the representation from any such jurisdiction in the House shall not be taken into account by the Speaker in determining whether vacancies in the representation from the States in the House exceed 100 for purposes of paragraph (4)(A).

["(7) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING FEDERAL ELECTION LAWS.—Nothing in this subsection may be construed to affect the application to special elections under this subsection of any Federal law governing the administration of elections for Federal office (including any law providing for the enforcement of any such law), including, but not limited to, the following:

["(A) The Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973 et seq.), as amended.

["(B) The Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ee et seq.), as amended.

["(C) The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff et seq.), as amended.

["(D) The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg et seq.), as amended.

["(E) The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), as amended.

["(F) The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.), as amended.

["(G) The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15301 et seq.), as amended.".]

This Act may be cited as the "Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2006".

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I am proud to present to the Senate the Appropriations Committee's recommendations for fiscal year 2006 Legislative Branch appropriations, H.R. 2985. I would like to thank Senator DURBIN, ranking member of the subcommittee, for his full cooperation in crafting the legislation. Under our recommendation, funding for the legislative branch would total \$3.83 billion in budget authority and \$3.84 billion in outlays. This is \$230 million above the FY05 enacted level and a reduction of \$194 million below the request. While there are very few programmatic increases in the bill, funding is sufficient to maintain current operations in all agencies. Significant increases above the fiscal year 2005 budget are recommended in only a few areas, such as funding to complete the Capitol Visitor Center.

Highlights of the bill include funding of \$264.6 million for the Capitol Police, which will enable the Capitol Police to

maintain its current staffing level of 1,592 police officers and ensure appropriate levels of security for the Capitol complex.

The recommendation also includes \$427 million for the Architect of the Capitol, including \$42 million for Capitol Visitor Center construction and \$2.3 million for initial operational costs of the CVC. The Architect believes this amount will be sufficient to complete the CVC construction.

Also within the AOC budget is storage modules for the Library of Congress at Ft. Meade, totaling \$40.7 million. While this is an expensive project, it is critically needed to take care of burgeoning storage requirements at the Library.

For the Library of Congress, funding would total \$580 million, including funding for the Library's highest priorities such as the new National Audio-Visual Conservation Center and Congressional Research Service enhancements. A total of \$9.8 million would be included for the Books for the Blind digital talking book, as a "downpayment" on the \$75 million effort to replace the current cassette playback system with digital "flash memory" technology.

Funding for the GPO would total \$126.9 million, including \$5 million to retrain staff for the new digital environment; the Government Accountability Office would receive \$484 million, and the Open World Leadership Program would be funded at the budget request level of \$14 million.

Funding and language pertaining only to the House remains as passed by the House, pursuant to the normal protocol of comity between the two bodies.

This is a non-controversial and lean bill that meets the most important needs of the Congress and its support agencies, and I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

Before closing, I would like to thank the staff who have been involved in this bill. Senator DURBIN's staff, Nancy Olkewicz, Drew Willison and Pat Souders, and my own staff, Lance Landry, Carrie Apostolou, and Christen Taylor.

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. President, I thank the chairman for taking the time to engage in a colloquy to discuss a program funded in the Legislative Branch appropriations measure that is important to many Nevada educators.

In this bill, the Library of Congress is slated to receive \$4 million for continued development of the Adventure of the American Mind program. AAM facilitates the incorporation of digital collections into school curricula. AAM provides teacher training so they can learn how to use primary resources in their classroom instruction. I think it is important to give educators and students—regardless of where they live—access to what the Librarian of Congress, Dr. James Billington, calls "the world's largest repository of knowledge." I commend the chairman for his support for AAM.

I know that he is aware of two Nevadans who have performed extensive work to develop AAM. I am proud of my constituents. George and Carolyn Breaz of Las Vegas have traveled all over the country to train teachers in the five States that participate in the AAM Consortium. I believe it is through an oversight that my State of Nevada was not included as a member of the consortium. It was perhaps my staff's oversight for not communicating my support for Nevada's participation to the previous chairman, Senator Campbell, during the expansion of this AAM consortium.

I think that participation in AAM should be based on merit. I am not asking for special treatment for Nevada. Some states may get special treatment. I don't know. I do know that Mr. and Mrs. Breaz have worked hard to get this program to where it is today, and I believe that taxpayers have a right to expect that technical experts are developing AAM. The Breazes were quite devastated when they were not invited to participate in the AAM consortium, particularly given the amount of work they devoted for the past 5 years.

It is my understanding that the chairman and his staff will advocate Nevada's participation in this important project, whether it is through a legislative or administrative solution, prior to the Legislative Branch appropriations bill becoming law. Is this correct?

Mr. ALLARD. Yes, that's correct.

Mr. ENSIGN. Thank you for your support and for your personal commitment to be as helpful as possible. I appreciate very much your assistance and the hard work of your staff.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I first congratulate Chairman ALLARD for successfully crafting his first Legislative branch appropriations bill. It has been a pleasure working through this process with him and I thank him for his leadership. He has done an exceptional job.

The Fiscal Year 2006 Legislative branch appropriations bill we are considering today is comprehensive, thorough, and fair. I want to thank Chairman COCHRAN for providing us with an allocation which has allowed us to adequately fund the agencies that support the Legislative branch, such as the Capitol Police, the Government Accountability Office, the Library of Congress, and the Architect of the Capitol.

The bill we are presenting today provides funding to support the Capitol Police at the current staff level of 1,592 officers and 411 civilian staff, along with anticipated cost-of-living adjustments and estimated overtime requirements. The bill also provides funding for 14 new officers for the Capitol Visitor Center. I believe it is critical that we provide adequate funding to support the men and women who put their lives on the line to protect us every day. Our bill does that.

The House Legislative branch bill made some painfully deep cuts to some of our support agencies, particularly the Capitol Police, so we will have a real challenge to face during conference.

This bill provides funding to the Architect of the Capitol to complete construction of the Capitol Visitor Center. I thank Chairman ALLARD for his diligence in holding monthly hearings to monitor the progress of the CVC. These hearings have been very useful and informative to the members of the subcommittee and have allowed us to make the best of a very challenging situation.

I thank Chairman ALLARD for including funding for several projects which are very important to the State of Illinois—the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and the Adventures of the American Mind. I am also happy to note that a legislative provision is included in this bill which provides permanent authorization for a program within the Library of Congress, the Digital Collections into School Curricula Act of 2005, which is patterned after the Adventures of the American Mind program.

Finally, I thank Carrie Apostolou, Fred Pagan, and Christen Taylor of the majority staff, and Terry Sauvain, Drew Willison, and Nancy Olkewicz of the minority staff for their help on this bill.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, this amendment No. 1082 provides \$800,000 for the NFB-NEWSLINE Service in the Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped program in the Library of Congress as a provision of H.R. 2985, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2006.

The NFB-NEWSLINE service is a telephone-based electronic audio newspaper service developed by the National Foundation of the Blind, NFB. The Service ensures that newspapers are directly accessible to blind readers at the same time when print publications are released.

In 1931, Congress established a national Books for the Blind program within the Nation's premier library, the Library of Congress, to be administered by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, NLS. The Books for the Blind program continues to be the principal source of Braille and audio books and magazines for blind adults. At present, NFB-NEWSLINE offers over 150 newspapers and magazines daily.

The ultimate goal of the Service is to ensure that blind-patrons have the same opportunity for access to daily newspapers as sighted-patrons. The following statistics support the need: Approximately 57,000 blind Americans are enrolled in elementary, secondary or post-secondary education programs. NFB-NEWSLINE helps them be more informed about current events. Approximately 300,000 blind Americans

are of working age. NFB-NEWSLINE supports them in numerous employment activities. Approximately 700,000 blind Americans are seniors, age 65 and older. NFB-NEWSLINE helps them keep up with current events in their community.

In 2001, Congress first appropriated funding to establish the NFB-NEWSLINE service in the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act. Congress subsequently appropriated funds in two Legislative Branch appropriations bills to pay the telecommunications costs for the electronic service. The annual telecommunications costs, including inflation adjustments, are approximately \$850,000.

Telecommunications service is the only cost for which a regular and continuing appropriation is needed from the Federal Government. Ongoing operation of the Service is paid for by State sponsors, including public libraries and rehabilitation agencies, to help defray the telecommunications costs associated with the dissemination of audio information to eligible individuals.

Many of you know that equal access for persons with disabilities has long been a personal and family goal. My sister is an American with a disability. She is a member of the National Foundation of the Blind.

The current appropriation will be expended at the end of 2005, making it essential to provide funding in fiscal year 2006. The funding level of \$800,000 will ensure that the Service continues in fiscal year 2006 and that all persons with disabilities will continue to have equal access to information.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The committee-reported amendments are agreed to.

The Lott-Dodd amendment No. 1082 is agreed to.

The amendment is as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1082

(Purpose: To provide funds for the Librarian of Congress to pay telecommunications costs for rapid dissemination of periodicals and daily newspapers available to blind and physically handicapped readers)

On page 60, line 10, after "expended" insert "and of which \$800,000 shall be available to the Librarian of Congress to pay telecommunications costs for eligible readers to have interstate toll free access to electronic editions of periodicals and newspapers, disseminated in specialized audio and electronic text formats from a multi-State nonprofit source which obtains content from publishers for free distribution to blind and physically handicapped readers in a minimum of 20 States."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill is read a third time and passed. The motion to reconsider is laid upon the table. The Senate insists on its amendments and requests a conference with the House, and the Chair appoints the following conferees: Senators ALLARD, DEWINE, COCHRAN, STEVENS, DURBIN, JOHNSON, and BYRD.

(The bill will be printed in a future edition of the RECORD.)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-CENTRAL AMERICA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senator from Alabama is recognized for 10 minutes.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I congratulate my colleague Senator ALLARD on his ability to move that legislation so rapidly. It makes you wonder maybe if we could do more things around here that way.

My colleague from North Dakota raises a concern about trade deficits. This is something I have worried about, too. A lot of people seem less concerned than we, but it does bother me.

There is some good news out there. We are getting jobs outsourced to our country. Alabama just had a number of good news items. Our Mercedes, Daimler-Chrysler plant has doubled its employees to 4,000. Honda just doubled its plant in Alabama to 4,000. Hyundai, a South Korean company, just rolled out its first new automobile in a plant that will have 4,000 employees and 7,000 employed by suppliers who provide parts and components. Toyota has some 600 in the state as well. Austal, an Australian company, is building ships in Alabama. I don't know exactly how trade works. I am not able to comprehend it all. Sometimes it works good for you, and sometimes it doesn't.

I am not religious about free trade. I think there are some people who have it in their heads that if we have free trade, there will be peace in the world and cancer will be cured and there will be no problems left. That is not exactly so.

But trade is good. The more we trade, the better we get along, the more prosperity that appears to exist. In my home State, unemployment continues to fall and is now below 4.5 percent. It has been falling regularly. I am not able to explain exactly why, because we are losing textile jobs. But high-paid automotive jobs are coming in large numbers. That is playing a good part in our advancement.

I have been concerned about this CAFTA agreement. I had not made up my mind about how to vote on it. I have voted for some trade agreements and against other trade agreements. I think we should look at these agreements and see if it is a good deal or not. I had a particular concern on the question of socks. Fort Payne, Alabama, is known as the sock capital of the world. It is also the hometown of the great singing group, Alabama. There are many wonderful people there that are concerned about CAFTA. I spoke with one of them today about his concerns.

I also met with Secretary of Commerce Gutierrez and spoke with Trade Representative Portman today to discuss my concerns with them. I now feel much better about our ability to address them. They have indicated to me they understand the problem. They are

concerned about it, and the Administration will look for meaningful opportunities to be helpful in ways that can make a difference for our sock industry. I feel a lot better about that question.

Looking at the matter as a whole, this is not a large agreement. There exists about a \$31 billion trade relationship between the United States and the six CAFTA countries. That is, in the scheme of things, not large. We have an almost balanced trade relationship with these countries now. Without this agreement, when we ship domestically manufactured goods to these countries, they face a much higher tariff than when those countries ship goods to us. So if we execute this trade agreement, clearly more barriers will go down in those countries than in the United States. The experts tell us that under these circumstances, we should certainly move to a trade surplus with these countries. That is good. If we are concerned about a trade deficit, we ought to vote for things that might help us go to a trade surplus.

The picture worldwide, however, is not so good. Looking at our trade with the United Kingdom, Germany, and France, one sees a \$140 billion trade relationship. And we have a \$65 billion trade deficit with those countries. Look at China. We have a \$231 billion trade relationship with that country including a \$160 billion trade deficit. Look at Mexico and Canada, the NAFTA countries. We have a \$266 billion trade relationship with Mexico and a \$445 billion trade relationship with Canada—\$711 billion with just those two countries—with a trade deficit of \$110 billion.

The CAFTA nations are small countries by comparison. They want to progress. They are young democracies. They are our neighbors south of us—many virtually directly south of my hometown of Mobile, Alabama. And they are good people. They have been friends to the United States. Any trade deficit is a concern, I acknowledge, but I would also point out that the proposed agreement with these countries would likely convert it into a surplus.

As you look at trade and the relationships we have with these countries, it is also important that we look at our national security interests.

First, I believe this trade agreement will move us into an enhanced trade relationship with these six countries. That enhanced trade relationship will move us from a deficit to a surplus, and it will increase trade between our countries, and that will be good for all of us. I am convinced it is good economics.

Second, and very importantly, these are our allies and friends. Let me ask you: how have they proven their friendship? I point out that every one of these six countries supported our efforts in Iraq. Four of them sent troops to Iraq. Four of these countries we are seeking to have a level trade agreement with have actually sent troops to

Iraq. Is that true with Mexico, France, Canada, Germany, or China? I submit to you that it is not. These CAFTA countries are our friends and neighbors with whom we have a balanced trade relationship. If we pass this bill, we can even move to a surplus.

Mr. President, I think it makes good economic sense. It makes good sense in terms of national security. Let me just say one other thing, quite frankly. One reason our trading relationship has not been as productive with Mexico and other Latin American countries as some had predicted, I think, is because of the incredible surge of imports from China. China got out ahead and they are moving forward and they are very aggressive. We ought to take what steps we can, without hesitation, in my view, to make ourselves, our neighbors, our friends, and our allies more able to compete on a level playing field with China. Why would that not be a good thing? I think it would be a good thing.

Mr. President, there are a number of considerations that I have evaluated as I have considered this trade agreement. I am convinced that compared to most of them, if not all of them, this is probably the most worthwhile trade agreement we have had presented to us. I think we ought to ratify it and establish a closer bond and partnership with these countries, our friends and neighbors. It will be good for our economy and our national security.

I yield back such time as I have remaining.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senator from Minnesota is recognized.

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Montana for making the time available. I will be brief. In addition to what I said earlier today, I want to reference representations that have been made since then. It is hard for anyone listening, and even for a Member watching these proceedings, to separate the facts from all of the claims and descriptions that are being presented.

Unfortunately, in complicated issues like this, even experts can reach different conclusions. So it is not surprising that Senators can reach different conclusions—often from different information or different interests from the people we represent. I find it less understandable or acceptable when I hear mischaracterizations of the expressed positions of other affected Americans. If somebody here or anybody else chooses to try to convince people that what is not good for them is what they should believe is good for them, I will disagree, but I won't object to that undertaking.

I do object, however, when the actual statements or the official positions by individuals or organizations are not accurately represented, especially ones being made as currently as today or yesterday. So I want the official public record of this debate to record accurately the positions on DR-CAFTA that have been taken by the American