



# APPROPRIATIONS

CHAIRMAN TOM COLE *Tom Cole*

## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

The Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2026, provides full-year funding for Congress, its agencies and operations, at a total discretionary allocation of \$7.23 billion. In summary, the bill maintains funding for operations of the legislative branch and provides for the safety and security of Members of Congress, while continuing to hold funding at responsible fiscal levels.

### KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Enables Congress to better serve the American people by:**
  - Maintaining investments to ensure Congress can continue its work to support President Trump’s legislative priorities.
  - Continuing existing funding levels for Member offices.
  - Streamlining research and support agencies to enhance efficiency and reduce costs.
  - Increasing funding for Capitol Police officers and the civilians who support their efforts, while also enhancing Member security.
- **Bolsters U.S. national security by:**
  - Prohibiting the purchase of technology and telecommunications equipment from the People’s Republic of China and other adversaries.
  - Barring the purchase of drones manufactured in the People’s Republic of China or by a business affiliated with the People’s Republic of China, except as allowed for national security purposes.
- **Safeguards American taxpayer dollars by:**
  - Requiring unspent amounts from Members’ Representational Allowances (MRA) to be used for debt and deficit reduction.
  - Restricting incentive or award payments to contractors for work on contracts or programs behind schedule or over budget.
  - Prohibiting the use of funds for the maintenance or care of private vehicles.
  - Providing for the responsible upkeep and maintenance of the U.S. Capitol complex, with a priority on physical security and life safety.
- **Supports American values and principles by:**
  - Maintaining restrictions on the use of funds for computer networks that do not block pornography.
  - Eliminating the requirement for Members to use “low greenhouse gas emitting vehicles” for leased vehicles paid for with the MRA.
  - Supporting families by extending the PUMP Act protections to the legislative branch.
  - Eliminating a liberal plastic waste provision.



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## DETAILED FUNDING SUMMARY

### **House of Representatives**

Provides \$2 billion for the House of Representatives.

- \$36.6 million for Leadership Offices.
- \$850 million for the MRA.
- \$216.1 million for Committee Employees.
  - Increased to reflect the rising costs of committee room renovations.
- \$460.6 million for Salaries, Officers, and Employees.
  - Increased to support the Member security program through the House Sergeant at Arms.
- \$491.5 million for Allowances and Expenses.

### **Joint Items**

Provides nearly \$25 million for joint items such as the Joint Economic Committee, Joint Committee on Taxation, Office of Attending Physician, and Office of Congressional Accessibility Services.

### **U.S. Capitol Police**

Provides \$852.4 million for the U.S. Capitol Police.

- \$653.4 million for salaries of sworn officers and civilian personnel.
- \$198.9 million for general expenses.

### **Office of Congressional Workplace Rights**

Provides \$8.35 million for the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights.

### **Congressional Budget Office**

Provides \$74.75 million for the Congressional Budget Office.

### **Architect of the Capitol**

Provides \$811.9 million for the Architect of the Capitol.



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## **Library of Congress**

Provides \$852.2 million for the Library of Congress and \$592.4 million for salaries and expenses.

- \$57.5 million for the Copyright Office.
- \$136 million for the Congressional Research Service.
- \$66.1 million for the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled.

## **Government Publishing Office**

Provides \$132 million for the Government Publishing Office.

## **Government Accountability Office**

Provides \$811.9 million for the Government Accountability Office.

## **Congressional Office for International Leadership**

Provides \$6 million for the Congressional Office for International Leadership.

## **Stennis Center for Public Service**

Provides \$430,000 for the Stennis Center for Public Service.