



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL
(H.R. 5882)

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The House Legislative Branch appropriations bill provides \$3.3 billion in discretionary budget authority. By longstanding convention, the House bill includes only funding for legislative branch agencies (e.g. GAO, CBO, and the Library of Congress), joint congressional activities (e.g. the Joint Committee on Taxation and the Architect of the Capitol), and House accounts. The bill at this point, contains no funding for the Senate, which will be added by that body when it considers this legislation. Excluding the Senate, the bill reduces overall funding by 3% from the current year's funding levels and 7% below requested levels.

The spending levels in the bill do not exceed the 302(b) allocations adopted by the Appropriations Committee which are consistent with the overall spending level approved by the House in the Budget Resolution (H. Con. Res. 112).

Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill					
(Millions of \$Discretionary BA)					
	2012 Enacted	2013 Request	2013 Reported	% Change Rept vs. 2012	% Change Rept vs. Req.
Senate	867	910	N/A	N/A	N/A
House of Representatives	1,226	1,226	1,226	0%	0%
Joint Items	19	18	18	-5%	0%
Office of Compliance	4	4	4	0%	0%
Capitol Police	340	374	360	6%	-4%
Congressional Budget Office	44	45	44	0%	-2%
Architect of the Capitol	555	659	433	-22%	-34%
Botanic Garden	12	12	12	N/A	N/A
Library of Congress	588	604	594	1%	-2%
Government Printing Office	127	127	123	-3%	-3%
Government Accountability Office	511	526	520	2%	-1%
Legislative Branch Boards and Commissions	10	10	1	-90%	-90%
Allowances	2	-2	-2	-200%	N/A
TOTAL (excluding Senate)^a	3,438	3,603	3,333	-3%	-7%

a. By tradition, funding for the Senate accounts will be added when that body considers this legislation.

House of Representatives operations. The bill proposes \$1.2 billion to fund Legislative Branch operations, continuing the 6.4 percent cut that was put into place in FY 12. This account covers operations and maintenance for House leadership and committee offices, Members' representational expenses (MRAs), and employee salaries. This legislation allows any funds remaining unspent at the end of the fiscal year to be used for deficit reduction.

Capitol Police. This legislation provides \$360 million in funding for the Capitol Police, a 6 percent increase over FY 12 and 4 percent below the President's request. Funds will be dedicated to the continued supports of the force's 1,775 officers and 370 civilian positions as well as to ensure the safety and security of Members' district offices.

Architect of the Capitol. The bill funds the Architect of the Capitol at 22 percent below the 2012 enacted levels and 34 percent below the 2013 request. Budget limitations will require continued prioritization of projects most critical to operational needs. Priority will be given to projects that protect and promote the health and safety of those who visit and work in the Capitol complex.

GPO. The bill funds GPO at 3.2 percent below 2012 levels and the President's request, in addition to any offsetting collections which the GPO may earn under separate authority. This represents a continuation of cuts to printing and binding services.

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