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Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 2025

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

A BILL

Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
5 Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September
6 30, 2026, and for other purposes, namely:

7 TITLE I

8 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

9 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 PAYMENT TO WIDOWS AND HEIRS OF DECEASED

11 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

12 For payment to Ashley Paige Turner, heir of Syl-
13 vester Turner, late a Representative from the State of
14 Texas, \$174,000.

15 For payment to Ramona Grijalva, widow of Raul M.
16 Grijalva, late a Representative from the State of Arizona,
17 \$174,000.

18 For payment to Catherine M. Smith, widow of Gerald
19 E. Connolly, late a Representative from the Common-
20 wealth of Virginia, \$174,000.

21 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

22 For salaries and expenses of the House of Represent-
23 atives, \$1,984,315,000, as follows:

1 HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES

2 For salaries and expenses, as authorized by law,
3 \$36,560,000, including: Office of the Speaker,
4 \$10,499,000, including \$35,000 for official expenses of
5 the Speaker; Office of the Majority Floor Leader,
6 \$3,730,000, including \$15,000 for official expenses of the
7 Majority Leader; Office of the Minority Floor Leader,
8 \$10,499,000, including \$17,500 for official expenses of
9 the Minority Leader; Office of the Majority Whip, includ-
10 ing the Chief Deputy Majority Whip, \$3,099,000, includ-
11 ing \$5,000 for official expenses of the Majority Whip; Of-
12 fice of the Minority Whip, including the Chief Deputy Mi-
13 nority Whip, \$2,809,000, including \$5,000 for official ex-
14 penses of the Minority Whip; Republican Conference,
15 \$2,962,000; Democratic Caucus, \$2,962,000: *Provided*,
16 That such amount for salaries and expenses shall remain
17 available from January 3, 2026 until January 2, 2027.

18 MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES
19 INCLUDING MEMBERS' CLERK HIRE, OFFICIAL EXPENSES
20 OF MEMBERS, AND OFFICIAL MAIL

21 For Members' representational allowances, including
22 Members' clerk hire, official expenses, and official mail,
23 \$850,000,000.

13 ALLOWANCE FOR COMPENSATION OF INTERNS IN HOUSE
14 LEADERSHIP OFFICES

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1 leadership offices of the minority, to be allocated among
 2 such offices by the Minority Floor Leader.

3 ALLOWANCE FOR COMPENSATION OF INTERNS IN HOUSE
 4 STANDING, SPECIAL AND SELECT COMMITTEE OFFICES

5 For the allowance established under section
 6 113(a)(1) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,
 7 2022 (Public Law 117–103) for the compensation of in-
 8 terns who serve in offices of standing, special, and select
 9 committees (other than the Committee on Appropria-
 10 tions), \$2,600,000, to remain available from January 3,
 11 2026 until January 2, 2027: *Provided*, That of the amount
 12 provided under this heading, \$1,300,000 shall be available
 13 for the compensation of interns who serve in offices of the
 14 majority, and \$1,300,000 shall be available for the com-
 15 pensation of interns who serve in offices of the minority,
 16 to be allocated among such offices by the Chair, in con-
 17 sultation with the ranking minority member, of the Com-
 18 mittee on House Administration.

19 ALLOWANCE FOR COMPENSATION OF INTERNS IN HOUSE
 20 APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OFFICES

21 For the allowance established under section
 22 113(a)(2) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,
 23 2022 (Public Law 117–103) for the compensation of in-
 24 terns who serve in offices of the Committee on Appropria-
 25 tions, \$463,000: *Provided*, That of the amount provided

1 under this heading, \$231,500 shall be available for the
2 compensation of interns who serve in offices of the major-
3 ity, and \$231,500 shall be available for the compensation
4 of interns who serve in offices of the minority, to be allo-
5 cated among such offices by the Chair, in consultation
6 with the ranking minority member, of the Committee on
7 Appropriations.

8 COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES

9 STANDING COMMITTEES, SPECIAL AND SELECT

10 For salaries and expenses of standing committees,
11 special and select, authorized by House resolutions,
12 \$184,787,000: *Provided*, That such amount shall remain
13 available for such salaries and expenses until December
14 31, 2026, except that \$10,000,000 of such amount shall
15 remain available until expended for committee room up-
16 grading.

17 COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

18 For salaries and expenses of the Committee on Ap-
19 propriations, \$31,294,000, including studies and examina-
20 tions of executive agencies and temporary personal serv-
21 ices for such committee, to be expended in accordance with
22 section 202(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
23 1946 and to be available for reimbursement to agencies
24 for services performed: *Provided*, That such amount shall

1 remain available for such salaries and expenses until De-
2 cember 31, 2026.

3 SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

4 For compensation and expenses of officers and em-
5 ployees, as authorized by law, \$361,603,000, including:
6 for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Clerk, includ-
7 ing the positions of the Chaplain and the Historian, and
8 including not more than \$25,000 for official representa-
9 tion and reception expenses, of which not more than
10 \$20,000 is for the Family Room and not more than
11 \$2,000 is for the Office of the Chaplain, \$48,992,000, of
12 which \$10,791,000 shall remain available until expended;
13 for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at
14 Arms, including the position of Superintendent of Garages
15 and the Office of Emergency Management, and including
16 not more than \$3,000 for official representation and re-
17 ception expenses, \$40,606,000, of which \$18,013,000
18 shall remain available until expended; for salaries and ex-
19 penses of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
20 including not more than \$3,000 for official representation
21 and reception expenses, \$234,248,000, of which
22 \$39,772,000 shall remain available until expended; for sal-
23 aries and expenses of the Office of the Whistleblower
24 Ombuds, \$1,250,000; for salaries and expenses of the Of-
25 fice of the Inspector General, \$6,227,000; for salaries and

1 expenses of the Office of General Counsel, \$2,079,000; for
 2 salaries and expenses of the Office of the Parliamentarian,
 3 including the Parliamentarian, \$2,000 for preparing the
 4 Digest of Rules, and not more than \$1,000 for official rep-
 5 resentation and reception expenses, \$2,404,000; for sala-
 6 ries and expenses of the Office of the Law Revision Coun-
 7 sel of the House, \$4,998,000, of which \$1,000,000 shall
 8 remain available until expended; for salaries and expenses
 9 of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House,
 10 \$18,740,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of
 11 Interparliamentary Affairs, \$994,000; for other author-
 12 ized employees, \$1,065,000.

13 ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

14 For allowances and expenses as authorized by House
 15 resolution or law, \$491,783,200, including: supplies, mate-
 16 rials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims,
 17 \$1,555,000; official mail for committees, leadership of-
 18 fices, and administrative offices of the House, \$190,000;
 19 Government contributions for health, retirement, Social
 20 Security, contractor support for actuarial projections, and
 21 other applicable employee benefits, \$444,155,200, to re-
 22 main available until March 31, 2027, except that
 23 \$37,000,000 of such amount shall remain available until
 24 expended; salaries and expenses for Business Continuity
 25 and Disaster Recovery, \$28,951,000, of which \$6,000,000

1 shall remain available until expended; transition activities
2 for new members and staff, \$10,000,000, to remain avail-
3 able until expended; Green and Gold Congressional Aide
4 Program, \$4,122,000, to remain available until expended;
5 Office of Congressional Conduct, \$1,810,000; and mis-
6 cellaneous items including purchase, exchange, mainte-
7 nance, repair and operation of House motor vehicles,
8 interparliamentary receptions, and gratuities to heirs of
9 deceased employees of the House, \$1,000,000.

10 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MODERNIZATION

11 INITIATIVES ACCOUNT

12 For the House of Representatives Modernization Ini-
13 tiatives Account established under section 115 of the Leg-
14 islative Branch Appropriations Act, 2021 (2 U.S.C. 5513),
15 \$4,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*,
16 That disbursement from this account is subject to ap-
17 proval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House
18 of Representatives: *Provided further*, That funds provided
19 in this account shall only be used for initiatives approved
20 by the Committee on House Administration.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS
2 REQUIRING AMOUNTS REMAINING IN MEMBERS'
3 REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES TO BE USED FOR
4 DEFICIT REDUCTION OR TO REDUCE THE FEDERAL DEBT

5 SEC. 110. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision
6 of law, any amounts appropriated under this Act for
7 “HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—SALARIES AND
8 EXPENSES—MEMBERS’ REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOW-
9 ANCES” shall be available only for fiscal year 2026. Any
10 amount remaining after all payments are made under such
11 allowances for fiscal year 2026 shall be deposited in the
12 Treasury and used for deficit reduction (or, if there is no
13 Federal budget deficit after all such payments have been
14 made, for reducing the Federal debt, in such manner as
15 the Secretary of the Treasury considers appropriate).

16 (b) The Committee on House Administration of the
17 House of Representatives shall have authority to prescribe
18 regulations to carry out this section.

19 (c) As used in this section, the term “Member of the
20 House of Representatives” means a Representative in, or
21 a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

22 LIMITATION ON AMOUNT AVAILABLE TO LEASE VEHICLES

23 SEC. 111. None of the funds made available in this
24 Act may be used by the Chief Administrative Officer of
25 the House of Representatives to make any payments from

1 any Members' Representational Allowance for the leasing
2 of a vehicle, excluding mobile district offices, in an aggre-
3 gate amount that exceeds \$1,000 for the vehicle in any
4 month.

5 CYBERSECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES

7 SEC. 112. The head of any Federal entity that pro-
8 vides assistance to the House of Representatives in the
9 House's efforts to deter, prevent, mitigate, or remediate
10 cybersecurity risks to, and incidents involving, the infor-
11 mation systems of the House shall take all necessary steps
12 to ensure the constitutional integrity of the separate
13 branches of the government at all stages of providing the
14 assistance, including applying minimization procedures to
15 limit the spread or sharing of privileged House and Mem-
16 ber information.

17 LONG TERM LEASE REQUIREMENTS

18 SEC. 113. (a) Section 303(f) of the Energy Policy Act
19 of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13212(f)) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraph
21 (C);

22 (2) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “branch,
23 except that it does include the House of Representa-
24 tives with respect to an acquisition described in
25 paragraph (2)(C).” and inserting “branch.”; and

1 (3) in paragraph (1), by striking subparagraph
2 (C).

3 (b) The amendments made by this section apply to
4 fiscal year 2026 and each succeeding fiscal year.

5 USE OF CHILD CARE CENTER REVOLVING FUND

6 SEC. 114. (a) USE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS EX-
7 PENSES.—Section 312(d)(3) of the Legislative Branch
8 Appropriations Act, 1992 (2 U.S.C. 2062(d)(3)) is amend-
9 ed—

10 (1) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-
11 paragraph (D); and

12 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
13 lowing new subparagraph:

14 “(C) The payment of telecommunications ex-
15 penses for the Center, to include voicemail boxes,
16 land lines, and cell phones for Center employees, in
17 connection with the provision of child care services
18 and as needed for critical and emergent communica-
19 tions.”.

20 (b) USE FOR SALARIES OF ASSISTANT DIRECTORS.—
21 Section 312(d)(3)(A) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
22 2062(d)(3)(A)) is amended by inserting “and assistant di-
23 rectors” after “director”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2026
3 and each succeeding fiscal year.

4 PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TECHNOLOGY

5 SEC. 115. (a) None of the funds appropriated by this
6 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
7 a Member, committee, officer, or employee of the House
8 of Representatives may be obligated, awarded, or ex-
9 pended to procure or purchase covered information tech-
10 nology equipment in cases where the manufacturer, bid-
11 der, or offeror, or any subsidiary or parent entity of the
12 manufacturer, bidder, or offeror, of the equipment is an
13 entity or parent company of an entity listed on any of the
14 following:

15 (1) The Chinese Military Company List of the De-
16 partment of Defense.

17 (2) The Non-SDN Chinese Military Industrial Com-
18 plex Companies List of the Department of the Treasury.

19 (3) The Denied Persons List, Entity List, or Military
20 End User List of the Department of Commerce, if the en-
21 tity is—

22 (A) an agency or instrumentality of the Peo-
23 ple's Republic of China;

24 (B) an entity headquartered in the People's Re-
25 public of China; or

1 (C) directly or indirectly owned or controlled by
2 an agency, instrumentality, or entity described in
3 subparagraph (A) or (B).

4 (4) The Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act Entity
5 List of the Department of Homeland Security.

6 (b) The prohibition under subsection (a) shall apply
7 to a case in which a Member, committee, officer, or em-
8 ployee of the House of Representatives has entered into
9 a contract with another entity for the procurement or pur-
10 chase of, or the expenditure of funds on, covered informa-
11 tion technology equipment.

12 (c) In this section, the term “covered information
13 technology equipment”—

14 (1) means a computer, printer, or interoperable
15 videoconferencing equipment for direct use by a Member,
16 committee, officer, or employee of the House of Represent-
17 atives in an office environment; and

18 (2) does not include services that use such equipment,
19 including cloud services.

20 JOINT ITEMS

21 For Joint Committees, as follows:

22 JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

23 For salaries and expenses of the Joint Economic
24 Committee, \$4,283,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary
25 of the Senate.

1 JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

2 For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on
3 Taxation, \$14,900,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Ad-
4 ministrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

5 For other joint items, as follows:

6 OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

7 For medical supplies, equipment, and contingent ex-
8 penses of the emergency rooms, and for the Attending
9 Physician and their assistants, including:

10 (1) an allowance of \$3,500 per month to the
11 Attending Physician;

12 (2) an allowance of \$2,500 per month to the
13 Senior Medical Officer;

14 (3) an allowance of \$900 per month each to
15 three medical officers while on duty in the Office of
16 the Attending Physician;

17 (4) an allowance of \$900 per month to 2 assist-
18 ants and \$900 per month each not to exceed 11 as-
19 sistants on the basis heretofore provided for such as-
20 sistants; and

21 (5) \$3,388,000 for reimbursement to the De-
22 partment of the Navy for expenses incurred for staff
23 and equipment assigned to the Office of the Attend-
24 ing Physician, which shall be advanced and credited
25 to the applicable appropriation or appropriations

1 from which such salaries, allowances, and other ex-
2 penses are payable and shall be available for all the
3 purposes thereof, \$4,856,000, to be disbursed by the
4 Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Rep-
5 resentatives.

6 OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

7 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

8 For salaries and expenses of the Office of Congres-
9 sional Accessibility Services, \$1,901,000, to be disbursed
10 by the Secretary of the Senate.

11 CAPITOL POLICE

12 SALARIES

13 For salaries of employees of the Capitol Police, in-
14 cluding overtime, hazardous duty pay, and Government
15 contributions for health, retirement, social security, pro-
16 fessional liability insurance, and other applicable employee
17 benefits, \$687,355,000, of which overtime shall not exceed
18 \$74,976,000 unless approved by the Committees on Ap-
19 propriations of the House and Senate, to be disbursed by
20 the Chief of the Capitol Police or a duly authorized des-
21 ignee: *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated,
22 \$15,000,000 shall be available solely for tuition reimburse-
23 ment, recruitment and retention bonuses and other reten-
24 tion focused salary related items *Provided further*, That
25 none of the amount appropriated under this heading may

1 be merged with and made available under the heading
2 “General Expenses” without the prior approval of the
3 Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate.

4 GENERAL EXPENSES

5 For necessary expenses of the Capitol Police, includ-
6 ing motor vehicles, communications and other equipment,
7 security equipment and installation, uniforms, weapons,
8 supplies, materials, training, medical services, forensic
9 services, Member protection-related activities and equip-
10 ment, stenographic services, personal and professional
11 services, the employee assistance program, the awards pro-
12 gram, postage, communication services, travel advances,
13 relocation of instructor and liaison personnel for the Fed-
14 eral Law Enforcement Training Centers, and not more
15 than \$5,000 to be expended on the certification of the
16 Chief of the Capitol Police in connection with official rep-
17 resentation and reception expenses, \$203,546,000, of
18 which \$10,000,000 shall remain available until September
19 30, 2030 for reimbursements for mutual aid and related
20 training: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding any other provi-
21 sion of law, the cost of basic training for the Capitol Police
22 at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers for fis-
23 cal year 2026 shall be paid by the Secretary of Homeland
24 Security from funds available to the Department of Home-
25 land Security: *Provided further*, That none of the amounts

1 made available under this heading may be used to pur-
2 chase a drone manufactured in the People’s Republic of
3 China or by a business affiliated with the People’s Repub-
4 lic of China except for national security purposes: *Pro-*
5 *vided further*, That none of the amounts appropriated
6 under this heading may be merged with and made avail-
7 able under the heading “Salaries” without the prior ap-
8 proval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House
9 and Senate.

10 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

11 AUTHORIZATIONS REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRAINING

12 SEC. 116. (a) Section 4120 of title 5, United States
13 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
14 subsection:

15 “(c) An employee of the Capitol Police may receive
16 training under this section outside of the United States
17 only with the prior approval of the Capitol Police Board.
18 In this subsection, the term ‘United States’ means each
19 of the several States of the United States, the District
20 of Columbia, and the territories and possessions of the
21 United States.”.

22 (b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall
23 apply with respect to fiscal year 2026 and each succeeding
24 fiscal year.

1 APPOINTMENT AND TERMINATION AUTHORITY

2 SEC. 117. (a) ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE.—Sec-
3 tion 907(b) of the Emergency Supplemental Act, 2002 (2
4 U.S.C. 1901 note) is amended by striking “the Assistant”
5 and inserting “an Assistant”.

6 (b) CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.—Section
7 108(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,
8 2001 (2 U.S.C. 1903(a)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “who shall re-
10 port to” and all that follows and inserting the fol-
11 lowing: “who shall report to the Chief of the Capitol
12 Police and who shall serve at the pleasure of the
13 Chief of the Capitol Police and the Capitol Police
14 Board.”; and

15 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “after con-
16 sultation with” and inserting “with the approval of”.

17 (c) GENERAL COUNSEL.—Section 3(a) of the United
18 States Capitol Police Administrative Technical Correc-
19 tions Act of 2009 (2 U.S.C. 1911) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “who shall re-
21 port to” and all that follows and inserting the fol-
22 lowing: “who shall report to the Chief of the Capitol
23 Police and who shall serve at the pleasure of the
24 Chief of the Capitol Police and the Capitol Police
25 Board.”; and

1 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “after con-
2 sultation with” and inserting “with the approval of”.

3 (d) DEPUTY CHIEFS AND ASSISTANT CHIEFS.—Sec-
4 tion 1018(e)(1) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations
5 Act, 2003 (2 U.S.C. 1907(e)(1)), is amended by adding
6 at the end the following:

7 “(D) SPECIAL RULES FOR DEPUTY CHIEFS
8 AND ASSISTANT CHIEFS OF THE CAPITOL PO-
9 LICE.—

10 “(i) DESIGNATION.—The Chief may
11 not designate an officer, member, or em-
12 ployee as a Deputy Chief or Assistant
13 Chief of the Capitol Police without the ap-
14 proval of the Capitol Police Board.

15 “(ii) TERMINATION.—An officer,
16 member, or employee designated as a Dep-
17 uty Chief or Assistant Chief of the Capitol
18 Police shall serve at the pleasure of the
19 Chief of the Capitol Police and the Capitol
20 Police Board.”.

21 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-
22 ments made by this section shall apply with respect to any
23 individual serving as a Deputy Chief appointed by the
24 Chief of the Capitol Police, an Assistant Chief of the Cap-
25 itol Police, the Chief Administrative Officer of the United

1 States Capitol Police, or the General Counsel to the Chief
2 of Police and the United States Capitol Police on or after
3 the date of the enactment of this Act.

4 OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE

5 RIGHTS

6 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

7 For salaries and expenses necessary for the operation
8 of the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights,
9 \$8,350,000, of which not more than \$1,000 may be ex-
10 pended on the certification of the Executive Director in
11 connection with official representation and reception ex-
12 penses.

13 CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

14 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

15 For salaries and expenses necessary for operation of
16 the Congressional Budget Office, including not more than
17 \$6,000 to be expended on the certification of the Director
18 of the Congressional Budget Office in connection with offi-
19 cial representation and reception expenses, \$72,000,000:
20 *Provided*, That the Director shall use not less than
21 \$500,000 of the amount made available under this head-
22 ing for (1) improving technical systems, processes, and
23 models for the purpose of improving the transparency of
24 estimates of budgetary effects to Members of Congress,
25 employees of Members of Congress, and the public, and

1 (2) to increase the availability of models, economic as-
2 sumptions, and data for Members of Congress, employees
3 of Members of Congress, and the public.

4 ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

5 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS

6 For salaries for the Architect of the Capitol, and
7 other personal services, at rates of pay provided by law;
8 for all necessary expenses for surveys and studies, con-
9 struction, operation, and general and administrative sup-
10 port in connection with facilities and activities under the
11 care of the Architect of the Capitol, including the Botanic
12 Garden, Senate and House office buildings, and other fa-
13 cilities under the jurisdiction of the Architect of the Cap-
14 itol; for furnishings and office equipment; for official re-
15 ception and representation expenses of not more than
16 \$5,000, to be expended as the Architect of the Capitol may
17 approve; for purchase or exchange, maintenance, and op-
18 eration of a passenger motor vehicle, \$166,303,000.

19 CAPITOL BUILDING

20 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
21 and operation of the Capitol, \$68,560,000, of which
22 \$32,899,000 shall remain available until September 30,
23 2030.

1 CAPITOL GROUNDS

2 For all necessary expenses for care and improvement
3 of grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House
4 office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant,
5 \$19,939,000, of which \$3,000,000 shall remain available
6 until September 30, 2030.

7 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

8 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care,
9 and operation of the House office buildings,
10 \$123,672,000, of which \$32,140,000 shall remain avail-
11 able until September 30, 2030, and of which \$10,500,000
12 shall remain available until expended for a payment to the
13 House Historic Buildings Revitalization Fund.

14 CAPITOL POWER PLANT

15 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
16 and operation of the Capitol Power Plant; and all elec-
17 trical substations of the Capitol; lighting, heating, power
18 (including the purchase of electrical energy) and water
19 and sewer services for the Capitol, Senate and House of-
20 fice buildings, Library of Congress buildings, and the
21 grounds about the same, Botanic Garden, Senate garage,
22 and air conditioning refrigeration not supplied from plants
23 in any of such buildings; heating the Government Pub-
24 lishing Office and Washington City Post Office, and heat-
25 ing and chilled water for air conditioning for the Supreme

1 Court Building, the Union Station complex, the Thurgood
 2 Marshall Federal Judiciary Building and the Folger
 3 Shakespeare Library, expenses for which shall be ad-
 4 vanced or reimbursed upon request of the Architect of the
 5 Capitol and amounts so received shall be deposited into
 6 the Treasury to the credit of this appropriation,
 7 \$119,926,000, of which \$8,200,000 shall remain available
 8 until September 30, 2030: *Provided*, That not more than
 9 \$10,000,000 of the funds credited or to be reimbursed to
 10 this appropriation as herein provided shall be available for
 11 obligation during fiscal year 2026.

12 LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

13 For all necessary expenses for the mechanical and
 14 structural maintenance, care and operation of the Library
 15 buildings and grounds, \$76,829,000, of which
 16 \$37,200,000 shall remain available until September 30,
 17 2030.

18 CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND SECURITY

19 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
 20 and operation of buildings, grounds and security enhance-
 21 ments of the United States Capitol Police, wherever lo-
 22 cated, the Alternate Computing Facility, and Architect of
 23 the Capitol security operations, \$74,910,000, of which
 24 \$10,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,
 25 2030: *Provided*, That none of the amounts made available

1 under this heading may be used to purchase a drone man-
2 ufactured in the People's Republic of China or by a busi-
3 ness affiliated with the People's Republic of China except
4 for national security purposes.

5 BOTANIC GARDEN

6 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care
7 and operation of the Botanic Garden and the nurseries,
8 buildings, grounds, and collections; and purchase and ex-
9 change, maintenance, repair, and operation of a passenger
10 motor vehicle; all under the direction of the Joint Com-
11 mittee on the Library, \$21,392,000, of which \$5,000,000
12 shall remain available until September 30, 2030: *Provided*,
13 That, of the amount made available under this heading,
14 the Architect of the Capitol may obligate and expend such
15 sums as may be necessary for the maintenance, care and
16 operation of the National Garden established under sec-
17 tion 307E of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,
18 1989 (2 U.S.C. 2146), upon vouchers approved by the Ar-
19 chitect of the Capitol or a duly authorized designee.

20 CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

21 For all necessary expenses for the operation of the
22 Capitol Visitor Center, \$29,827,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

NO BONUSES FOR CONTRACTORS BEHIND SCHEDULE OR
OVER BUDGET

SEC. 118. None of the funds made available in this Act for the Architect of the Capitol may be used to make incentive or award payments to contractors for work on contracts or programs for which the contractor is behind schedule or over budget, unless the Architect of the Capitol, or agency-employed designee, determines that any such deviations are due to unforeseeable events, government-driven scope changes, or are not significant within the overall scope of the project and/or program.

ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC OUTREACH AND SERVICES
FOR CAPITOL GROUNDS AND ARBORETUM

SEC. 119. (a) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Architect of the Capitol, subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives, may enter into cooperative agreements with entities under such terms as the Architect determines advisable, in order to support the Capitol Grounds and Arboretum in carrying out its duties, authorities and mission.

(b) PLANT MATERIAL EXCHANGES.—The Architect of the Capitol may engage in plant material exchanges between the Capitol Grounds and Arboretum and other enti-

1 ties including Federal, State, or local government agen-
2 cies, botanic gardens, arboretums, educational institu-
3 tions, non-profit organizations, municipal parks, and gar-
4 dens.

5 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with
6 respect to fiscal year 2026 and each succeeding fiscal year.

7 LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

8 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

9 For all necessary expenses of the Library of Congress
10 not otherwise provided for, including development and
11 maintenance of the Library's catalogs; custody and custo-
12 dial care of the Library buildings; information technology
13 services provided centrally; special clothing; cleaning,
14 laundering and repair of uniforms; preservation of motion
15 pictures in the custody of the Library; operation and
16 maintenance of the American Folklife Center in the Li-
17 brary; preparation and distribution of catalog records and
18 other publications of the Library; hire or purchase of one
19 passenger motor vehicle; and expenses of the Library of
20 Congress Trust Fund Board not properly chargeable to
21 the income of any trust fund held by the Board,
22 \$501,902,900, and, in addition, amounts credited to this
23 appropriation during fiscal year 2026 under the Act of
24 June 28, 1902 (chapter 1301; 32 Stat. 480; 2 U.S.C.
25 150), shall remain available until expended: *Provided*,

1 That the Library of Congress may not obligate or expend
2 any funds derived from collections under the Act of June
3 28, 1902, in excess of the amount authorized for obliga-
4 tion or expenditure in appropriations Acts: *Provided fur-*
5 *ther*, That of the total amount appropriated, not more
6 than \$18,000 may be expended, on the certification of the
7 Librarian of Congress, in connection with official rep-
8 resentation and reception expenses, including for the Over-
9 seas Field Offices: *Provided further*, That of the total
10 amount appropriated, no less than \$10,360,000 shall re-
11 main available until expended for the Teaching with Pri-
12 mary Sources program: *Provided further*, That of the total
13 amount appropriated, \$1,546,000 shall remain available
14 until expended for upgrade of the Legislative Branch Fi-
15 nancial Management System: *Provided further*, That of
16 the total amount appropriated, \$150,000 shall remain
17 available until expended for the Surplus Books Program
18 to promote the program and facilitate a greater number
19 of donations to eligible entities across the United States:
20 *Provided further*, That of the total amount appropriated,
21 \$4,379,000 shall remain available until expended for the
22 Veterans History Project to continue digitization efforts
23 of already collected materials, reach a greater number of
24 veterans to record their stories, and promote public access
25 to the Project.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For all necessary expenses of the Copyright Office, \$101,476,000, of which not more than \$37,025,000, to remain available until expended, shall be derived from collections credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 2026 under sections 708(d) and 1316 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 \$7,824,000 shall be derived from collections during fiscal year 2026 under sections 111(d)(2), 119(b)(3), 803(e), and 1005 of such title: *Provided further*, That the total amount available for obligation shall be reduced by the amount by which collections are less than \$44,849,000: *Provided further*, That of the funds provided under this heading, not less than \$10,300,000 is for modernization initiatives, of which \$8,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2027: *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 prop-

erty laws and policies: *Provided further*, That not more than \$6,500 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 attributable 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, with the exception of the costs of salaries and benefits for the Copyright Royalty Judges and staff under section 802(e).

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For all 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, \$141,093,000: *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

1 by the Library of Congress unless such publication has
2 obtained prior approval of either the Committee on House
3 Administration of the House of Representatives or the
4 Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate:
5 *Provided further*, That this prohibition does not apply to
6 publication of non-confidential Congressional Research
7 Service (CRS) products: *Provided further*, That a non-con-
8 fidential CRS product includes any written product con-
9 taining research or analysis that is currently available for
10 general congressional access on the CRS Congressional
11 Intranet, or that would be made available on the CRS
12 Congressional Intranet in the normal course of business
13 and does not include material prepared in response to
14 Congressional requests for confidential analysis or re-
15 search.

16 NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND
17 PRINT DISABLED
18 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

19 For all necessary expenses to carry out the Act of
20 March 3, 1931 (chapter 400; 46 Stat. 1487; 2 U.S.C.
21 135a), \$68,001,000: *Provided*, That of the total amount
22 appropriated, \$650,000 shall be available to contract to
23 provide newspapers to blind and print disabled residents
24 at no cost to the individual.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

REIMBURSABLE AND REVOLVING FUND ACTIVITIES

SEC. 120. (a) IN GENERAL.—For fiscal year 2026, the obligational authority of the Library of Congress for the activities described in subsection (b) may not exceed \$332,285,000.

(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.

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL PUBLISHING

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For authorized publishing of congressional information and the distribution of congressional information in any format; publishing of Government publications authorized by law to be distributed to Members of Congress; and publishing, and distribution of Government publications authorized by law to be distributed without charge to the recipient, \$83,000,000: *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:

1 *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be available
2 for the payment of obligations incurred under the appro-
3 priations for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years:
4 *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the 2-year limita-
5 tion under section 718 of title 44, United States Code,
6 none of the funds appropriated or made available under
7 this Act or any other Act for printing and binding and
8 related services provided to Congress under chapter 7 of
9 title 44, United States Code, may be expended to print
10 a document, report, or publication after the 27-month pe-
11 riod beginning on the date that such document, report,
12 or publication is authorized by Congress to be printed, un-
13 less Congress reauthorizes such printing in accordance
14 with section 718 of title 44, United States Code: *Provided*
15 *further*, That unobligated or unexpended balances of ex-
16 pired discretionary funds made available under this head-
17 ing in this Act for this fiscal year may be transferred to,
18 and merged with, funds under the heading “GOVERNMENT
19 PUBLISHING OFFICE BUSINESS OPERATIONS REVOLVING
20 FUND” no later than the end of the fifth fiscal year after
21 the last fiscal year for which such funds are available for
22 the purposes for which appropriated, to be available for
23 carrying out the purposes of this heading, subject to the
24 approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the
25 House of Representatives and the Senate: *Provided fur-*

1 *ther*, That this appropriation shall be available for pub-
 2 lishing congressionally mandated reports under the Access
 3 to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act, Pub. L. 117–
 4 263, div. G, title LXXII, subtitle D: *Provided further*,
 5 That notwithstanding sections 901, 902, and 906 of title
 6 44, United States Code, this appropriation may be used
 7 to prepare indexes to the Congressional Record on only
 8 a monthly and session basis.

9 PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS OF THE
 10 SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS
 11 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
 12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 For expenses of the public information programs of
 14 the Office of Superintendent of Documents necessary to
 15 provide for the cataloging and indexing of Government
 16 publications in any format, and their distribution to the
 17 public, Members of Congress, other Government agencies,
 18 and designated depository and international exchange li-
 19 braries as authorized by law, \$42,852,000: *Provided*, That
 20 amounts of not more than \$2,000,000 from current year
 21 appropriations are authorized for producing and dissemi-
 22 nating Congressional serial sets and other related publica-
 23 tions for the preceding two fiscal years to depository and
 24 other designated libraries: *Provided further*, That unobli-
 25 gated or unexpended balances of expired discretionary

1 funds made available under this heading in this Act for
2 this fiscal year may be transferred to, and merged with,
3 funds under the heading “GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OF-
4 FICE BUSINESS OPERATIONS REVOLVING FUND” no later
5 than the end of the fifth fiscal year after the last fiscal
6 year for which such funds are available for the purposes
7 for which appropriated, to be available for carrying out
8 the purposes of this heading, subject to the approval of
9 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives and the Senate.

11 GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE BUSINESS

12 OPERATIONS REVOLVING FUND

13 For payment to the Government Publishing Office
14 Business Operations Revolving Fund, \$9,525,000, to re-
15 main available until expended, for information technology
16 development and facilities repair: *Provided*, That the Gov-
17 ernment Publishing Office is hereby authorized to make
18 such expenditures, within the limits of funds available and
19 in accordance with law, and to make such contracts and
20 commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as
21 provided by section 9104 of title 31, United States Code,
22 as may be necessary in carrying out the programs and
23 purposes set forth in the budget for the current fiscal year
24 for the Government Publishing Office Business Operations
25 Revolving Fund: *Provided further*, That not more than

1 \$7,500 may be expended on the certification of the Direc-
2 tor of the Government Publishing Office in connection
3 with official representation and reception expenses: *Pro-*
4 *vided further*, That the Business Operations Revolving
5 Fund shall be available for the hire or purchase of not
6 more than 12 passenger motor vehicles: *Provided further*,
7 That expenditures in connection with travel expenses of
8 the advisory councils to the Director of the Government
9 Publishing Office shall be deemed necessary to carry out
10 the provisions of title 44, United States Code: *Provided*
11 *further*, That the Business Operations Revolving Fund
12 shall be available for temporary or intermittent services
13 under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but
14 at rates for individuals not more than the daily equivalent
15 of the annual rate of basic pay for level V of the Executive
16 Schedule under section 5316 of such title: *Provided fur-*
17 *ther*, That activities financed through the Business Oper-
18 ations Revolving Fund may provide information in any
19 format: *Provided further*, That the Business Operations
20 Revolving Fund and the funds provided under the heading
21 “PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS OF THE SUPER-
22 INTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS” may not be used for con-
23 tracted security services at Government Publishing Of-
24 fice’s passport facility in the District of Columbia.

1 GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

3 For necessary expenses of the Government Account-
4 ability Office, including not more than \$12,500 to be ex-
5 pended on the certification of the Comptroller General of
6 the United States in connection with official representa-
7 tion and reception expenses; temporary or intermittent
8 services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States
9 Code, but at rates for individuals not more than the daily
10 equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level IV of
11 the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of such title;
12 hire of one passenger motor vehicle; advance payments in
13 foreign countries in accordance with section 3324 of title
14 31, United States Code; benefits comparable to those pay-
15 able under sections 901(5), (6), and (8) of the Foreign
16 Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4081(5), (6), and (8));
17 and under regulations prescribed by the Comptroller Gen-
18 eral of the United States, rental of living quarters in for-
19 eign countries, \$415,370,000, of which \$5,000,000 shall
20 remain available until expended: *Provided*, That, in addi-
21 tion, \$35,424,000 of payments received under sections
22 782, 791, 3521, and 9105 of title 31, United States Code,
23 shall be available without fiscal year limitation: *Provided*
24 *further*, That none of the amounts made available under
25 this heading may be used with respect to a project or ac-

1 tivity that has not been requested by Congress or is other-
 2 wise not required by law unless the Comptroller General
 3 provides prior notice to the Committees on Appropriations
 4 of the House of Representatives and the Senate about
 5 such project or activity that includes an explanation as
 6 to why such project or activity should be carried out: *Pro-*
 7 *vided further*, That this appropriation and appropriations
 8 for administrative expenses of any other department or
 9 agency which is a member of the National Intergovern-
 10 mental Audit Forum or a Regional Intergovernmental
 11 Audit Forum shall be available to finance an appropriate
 12 share of either Forum's costs as determined by the respec-
 13 tive Forum, including necessary travel expenses of non-
 14 Federal participants: *Provided further*, That payments
 15 hereunder to the Forum may be credited as reimburse-
 16 ments to any appropriation from which costs involved are
 17 initially financed.

18 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

19 FUNDING AVAILABILITY RELATING TO CIVIL ACTIONS

20 SEC. 121. None of the funds appropriated or other-
 21 wise made available by this Act for the Government Ac-
 22 countability Office may be used with respect to a civil ac-
 23 tion brought under section 1016 of the Congressional
 24 Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C.
 25 687) unless Congress has adopted a concurrent resolution

1 authorizing the Comptroller General to bring such civil ac-
2 tion.

3 CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL
4 LEADERSHIP FUND

5 For a payment to the Congressional Office for Inter-
6 national Leadership Fund for financing activities of the
7 Congressional Office for International Leadership under
8 section 313 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,
9 2001 (2 U.S.C. 1151), \$6,300,000.

10 JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC
11 SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

12 For payment to the John C. Stennis Center for Pub-
13 lic Service Development Trust Fund established under
14 section 116 of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Serv-
15 ice Training and Development Act (2 U.S.C. 1105),
16 \$430,000.

17 TITLE II

18 GENERAL PROVISIONS

19 MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES

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

1 Committee on House Administration and for the Senate
2 issued by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

3 FISCAL YEAR LIMITATION

4 SEC. 202. No part of the funds appropriated in this
5 Act shall remain available for obligation beyond fiscal year
6 2026 unless expressly so provided in this Act.

7 RATES OF COMPENSATION AND DESIGNATION

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

21 CONSULTING SERVICES

22 SEC. 204. The expenditure of any appropriation
23 under this Act for any consulting service through procure-
24 ment contract, under section 3109 of title 5, United States
25 Code, shall be limited to those contracts where such ex-

1 penditures are a matter of public record and available for
2 public inspection, except where otherwise provided under
3 existing law, or under existing Executive order issued
4 under existing law.

5 COSTS OF LEGISLATIVE BRANCH FINANCIAL MANAGERS
6 COUNCIL

7 SEC. 205. Amounts available for administrative ex-
8 penses of any legislative branch entity which participates
9 in the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council
10 (LBFMC) established by charter on March 26, 1996, shall
11 be available to finance an appropriate share of LBFMC
12 costs as determined by the LBFMC, except that the total
13 LBFMC costs to be shared among all participating legisla-
14 tive branch entities (in such allocations among the entities
15 as the entities may determine) may not exceed \$2,000.

16 LIMITATION ON TRANSFERS

17 SEC. 206. None of the funds made available in this
18 Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-
19 strumentality of the United States Government, except
20 pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority pro-
21 vided in, this Act or any other appropriation Act.

22 GUIDED TOURS OF THE CAPITOL

23 SEC. 207. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b),
24 none of the funds made available to the Architect of the
25 Capitol in this Act may be used to eliminate or restrict

1 guided tours of the United States Capitol which are led
2 by employees and interns of offices of Members of Con-
3 gress and other offices of the House of Representatives
4 and Senate, unless through regulations as authorized by
5 section 402(b)(8) of the Capitol Visitor Center Act of
6 2008 (2 U.S.C. 2242(b)(8)).

7 (b) At the direction of the Capitol Police Board, or
8 at the direction of the Architect of the Capitol with the
9 approval of the Capitol Police Board, guided tours of the
10 United States Capitol which are led by employees and in-
11 terns described in subsection (a) may be suspended tempo-
12 rarily or otherwise subject to restriction for security or re-
13 lated reasons to the same extent as guided tours of the
14 United States Capitol which are led by the Architect of
15 the Capitol.

16 PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

17 SEC. 208. (a) None of the funds made available in
18 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer
19 network unless such network blocks the viewing,
20 downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

21 (b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of
22 funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law
23 enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out crimi-
24 nal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities
25 or other official government activities.

1 PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS
2 EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT

3 SEC. 209. (a) PROHIBITION ON USE OR PROCURE-
4 MENT.—

5 (1) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise
6 made available under this Act may be used by the
7 head of an agency, office, or other entity to—

8 (A) procure or obtain or extend or renew
9 a contract to procure or obtain any equipment,
10 system, or service that uses covered tele-
11 communications equipment or services as a sub-
12 stantial or essential component of any system,
13 or as critical technology as part of any system;
14 or

15 (B) enter into a contract (or extend or
16 renew a contract) with an entity that uses any
17 equipment, system, or service that uses covered
18 telecommunications equipment or services as a
19 substantial or essential component of any sys-
20 tem, or as critical technology as part of any
21 system.

22 (2) Nothing in paragraph (1) shall be construed
23 to—

24 (A) prohibit the head of an agency, office,
25 or other entity from procuring with an entity to

1 provide a service that connects to the facilities
2 of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or
3 interconnection arrangements; or

4 (B) cover telecommunications equipment
5 that cannot route or redirect user data traffic
6 or permit visibility into any user data or pack-
7 ets that such equipment transmits or otherwise
8 handles.

9 (b) PROHIBITION OF LOAN AND GRANT FUNDS.—

10 (1) The head of an agency, office, or other enti-
11 ty may not obligate or expend loan or grant funds
12 appropriated or otherwise made available under this
13 Act to procure or obtain, extend or renew a contract
14 to procure or obtain, or enter into a contract (or ex-
15 tend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain the
16 equipment, services, or systems described in sub-
17 section (a).

18 (2) In implementing the prohibition in para-
19 graph (1), heads of agencies, offices, and entities ad-
20 ministering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall
21 prioritize available funding and technical support to
22 assist affected businesses, institutions, and organiza-
23 tions as is reasonably necessary for those affected
24 agencies, offices, and entities to transition from cov-
25 ered communications equipment and services, to pro-

1 cure replacement equipment and services, and to en-
2 sure that communications service to users and cus-
3 tomers is sustained.

4 (3) Nothing in this subsection shall be con-
5 strued to—

6 (A) prohibit the head of an agency, office,
7 or entity from procuring with an entity to pro-
8 vide a service that connects to the facilities of
9 a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or
10 interconnection arrangements; or

11 (B) cover telecommunications equipment
12 that cannot route or redirect user data traffic
13 or permit visibility into any user data or pack-
14 ets that such equipment transmits or otherwise
15 handles.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—The prohibition under sub-
17 section (a)(1)(A) shall apply with respect to fiscal year
18 2026 and each succeeding fiscal year, and the prohibitions
19 under subsections (a)(1)(B) and (b)(1) shall apply with
20 respect to fiscal year 2027 and each succeeding fiscal year.

21 (d) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The head of an agency,
22 office, or other entity may, on a one-time basis, waive the
23 requirements under subsection (a) with respect to an
24 agency, office, or entity that requests such a waiver. The
25 waiver may be provided, for a period of not more than

1 two years after the effective dates described in subsection
2 (c), if the agency, office, or entity seeking the waiver—

3 (1) provides a compelling justification for the
4 additional time to implement the requirements under
5 such subsection, as determined by the head of the
6 agency, office, or entity; and

7 (2) submits to the head of the agency, office, or
8 entity, who shall not later than 30 days thereafter
9 submit to the appropriate congressional committees,
10 a full and complete laydown of the presences of cov-
11 ered telecommunications or video surveillance equip-
12 ment or services in the agency’s, office’s, or entity’s
13 supply chain and a phase-out plan to eliminate such
14 covered telecommunications or video surveillance
15 equipment or services from the agency’s, office’s, or
16 entity’s systems.

17 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
18 nitions apply:

19 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-
20 mittees” means the Committees on Appropriations
21 of the House of Representatives and Senate.

22 (2) The term “covered telecommunications
23 equipment or services” means any of the following:

24 (A) Telecommunications equipment pro-
25 duced by Huawei Technologies Company or

1 ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate
2 of such entities).

3 (B) For the purpose of public safety, secu-
4 rity of government facilities, physical security
5 surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other
6 national security purposes, video surveillance
7 and telecommunications equipment produced by
8 Hytera Communications Corporation,
9 Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Com-
10 pany, or Dahua Technology Company (or any
11 subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

12 (C) Telecommunications or video surveil-
13 lance services provided by such entities or using
14 such equipment.

15 (D) Telecommunications or video surveil-
16 lance equipment or services produced or pro-
17 vided by an entity that the Secretary of De-
18 fense, in consultation with the Director of the
19 National Intelligence or the Director of the
20 Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably be-
21 lieves to be an entity owned or controlled by, or
22 otherwise connected to, the government of a
23 foreign adversary country.

1 (3) The term “foreign adversary country”
2 means a country specified in section 4872(d) of title
3 10, United States Code.

4 LIMITATION ON TREATMENT AS FIDUCIARY
5 RELATIONSHIP

6 SEC. 210. (a) Section 13144 of title 5, United States
7 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
8 subsection:

9 “(c) LIMITATION ON TREATMENT AS FIDUCIARY
10 RELATIONSHIP.—For purposes of this section, the rela-
11 tionship between a Member who is providing care directly
12 to a patient in the form of medical services or dental serv-
13 ices and the patient to whom such care is provided shall
14 not be considered a fiduciary relationship.”.

15 (b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall
16 apply with respect to compensation received in fiscal year
17 2026 or any succeeding fiscal year.

18 LIMITATION ON CERTAIN TRAINING

19 SEC. 211. None of the funds made available by this
20 Act may be used for any office, program, or activity for
21 the purposes of diversity, equity, and inclusion training
22 or implementation that promotes or perpetuates divisive
23 concepts related to race or sex, such as the concepts that
24 one race or sex is inherently superior to another, or that

1 an individual's moral character or worth is determined by
2 their race or sex.

3 LIMITATION ON FUNDS

4 SEC. 212. (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sec-
5 tion 7 of title 1, United States Code, section 1738C of
6 title 28, United States Code, or any other provision of law,
7 none of the funds provided by this Act, or previous appro-
8 priations Acts, shall be used in whole or in part to take
9 any discriminatory action against a person, wholly or par-
10 tially, on the basis that such person speaks, or acts, in
11 accordance with a sincerely held religious belief, or moral
12 conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as,
13 a union of one man and one woman.

14 (b) DISCRIMINATORY ACTION DEFINED.—As used in
15 subsection (a), a discriminatory action means any action
16 taken by the Federal Government to—

17 (1) alter in any way the Federal tax treatment
18 of, or cause any tax, penalty, or payment to be as-
19 sessed against, or deny, delay, or revoke an exemp-
20 tion from taxation under section 501(a) of the Inter-
21 nal Revenue Code of 1986 of, any person referred to
22 in subsection (a);

23 (2) disallow a deduction for Federal tax pur-
24 poses of any charitable contribution made to or by
25 such person;

1 (3) withhold, reduce the amount or funding for,
2 exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or
3 deny, any Federal grant, contract, subcontract, co-
4 operative agreement, guarantee, loan, scholarship, li-
5 cense, certification, accreditation, employment, or
6 other similar position or status from or to such per-
7 son;

8 (4) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or oth-
9 erwise make unavailable or deny, any entitlement or
10 benefit under a Federal benefit program, including
11 admission to, equal treatment in, or eligibility for a
12 degree from an educational program, from or to
13 such person; or

14 (5) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or oth-
15 erwise make unavailable or deny access or an entitle-
16 ment to Federal property, facilities, educational in-
17 stitutions, speech fora (including traditional, limited,
18 and nonpublic fora), or charitable fundraising cam-
19 paigns from or to such person.

20 (c) ACCREDITATION; LICENSURE; CERTIFICATION.—

21 The Federal Government shall consider accredited, li-
22 censed, or certified for purposes of Federal law any person
23 that would be accredited, licensed, or certified, respec-
24 tively, for such purposes but for a determination against
25 such person wholly or partially on the basis that the per-

1 son speaks, or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held
2 religious belief or moral conviction described in subsection
3 (a).

4 LIMITATION ON FUNDS

5 SEC. 213. Notwithstanding any other provision of
6 law, no adjustment shall be made under section 601(a)
7 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C.
8 4501) (relating to cost of living adjustments for Members
9 of Congress) during fiscal year 2026.

10 PROHIBITING ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES LINKED TO
11 CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY

12 SEC. 214. None of the funds made available by this
13 Act may be used to lease, procure, or otherwise acquire
14 a vehicle if the manufacturer, bidder, or offeror of such
15 vehicle is directly or indirectly an entity that is—

- 16 (1) owned by, controlled by, or organized under
17 the laws of the People’s Republic of China, including
18 BYD Auto Co., Ltd., Zhejiang Geely Holding Group
19 Co., Ltd., or any subsidiary or affiliate thereof; or
20 (2) included on the list maintained by the Sec-
21 retary of Defense pursuant to section 1260H of the
22 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
23 2021 (10 U.S.C. 113 note), including Contemporary
24 Amperex Technology Co., Limited (CATL), or any
25 subsidiary or affiliate thereof.

1 SEC. 215. Notwithstanding any other provision of
2 law, an entity may use amounts appropriated or otherwise
3 made available under this Act to pay the compensation
4 of an officer or employee without regard to the officer's
5 or employee's immigration status if the officer or employee
6 has been issued an employment authorization document
7 under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Pro-
8 gram of the Secretary of Homeland Security, as set forth
9 in the Department of Homeland Security's August 24,
10 2022 final rule entitled "Deferred Action for Childhood
11 Arrivals".

12 SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

13 SEC. 216. \$0.

14 This Act may be cited as the "Legislative Branch Ap-
15 propriations Act, 2026".

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