



Policy Brief..... Conference Report FY 2002 Legislative Branch Appropriations

BY THE NUMBERS:

Budget Authority in Millions of Dollars

	FY '01 Enacted	FY '02 Request*	FY '02 House**	FY '02 Senate***	FY '02 Conference
Appropriations	2,716	2,962	2,890	2,874	2,971
Emergency Spending	12	0	0		0
GRAND TOTAL	2,728	2,962	2,890	2,874	2,971

*The request is based on the request outlined in the House Committee Report plus Senate items.

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Excluding Emergency Spending, the Committee bill is:

- \$255 million or 9.4% above last year; and
- \$9 million or 0.3% above the request.

The bill also exceeds the levels proposed by both the House and Senate, assuming that each body simply adopted the funding proposed for the other house by that house.

LANGUAGE AND FUNDING OF NOTE:

Capitol Visitors Center: The Conference Report provides \$70 million for the development of unassigned space within the Capitol Visitor Center project.

Student Loan Repayments: The Conference Report authorizes Senate offices and the Congressional Budget Office to repay an employee's student loans as part of a compensation package. Total payments are capped at \$40,000 per employee.

Emergency Staff: The Conference Report creates six new positions within the House (under the Clerk, Chief Administrative Officer, and Sergeant at Arms) whose duty it will be to ensure the continuity of the operations of the House during periods of emergency.

Cloakroom Employees: The Conference Report transfers four majority cloakroom employees from the Clerk’s Office to the Speaker’s Office and four minority cloakroom employees from the Clerk’s Office to the Minority Leader’s Office.

Excess MRA Funds: The Conference Report continues language carried in previous years providing that excess funds in the Members Representation Allowance Account shall be used for debt reduction.

Employee Pay Day: The Conference Report repeals the provision in current law requiring that House employees be paid on the 20th of December rather than the last day of the month.

Capitol Police Vehicle Maintenance Center: The Conference Report authorizes the Architect of the Capitol to acquire, subject to the availability of existing funds, the property located at 67 K St., Southwest for the use of the Capitol Police for the care and maintenance of vehicles.

New Park on Capitol Grounds: The Conference Report designates and calls for the construction of the Congressional Award Youth Park on approximately 5 acres of the Capitol Grounds.

Education Earmark: The Conference Report earmarks \$7.1 million of Library of Congress funding to teach educators how to incorporate the Library’s digital collections into school curricula under the Joining Hands Across America: Local Community Initiative.

Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Earmark: The Conference Report earmarks \$500,000 of Library of Congress funding for the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

FUNDING SUMMARIES:

Dollars in Thousands

	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2002	FY 2002	Conf Vs.	Conf Vs
	Enacted	Request	House	Conf. Report	FY 2001	House
House of Representatives						
Office of the Speaker.....	1,759	1,866	1,866	1,866	6.08%	0.00%
Majority Leader.....	1,726	1,830	1,830	1,830	6.03%	0.00%
Minority Leader.....	2,096	2,224	2,224	2,224	6.11%	0.00%
Majority Whip.....	1,466	1,562	1,562	1,562	6.55%	0.00%
Minority Whip.....	1,096	1,168	1,168	1,168	6.57%	0.00%
Speaker Floor Activities.....	410	431	431	431	5.12%	0.00%
Republican Steering Cmte.....	765	806	806	806	5.36%	0.00%
Republican Conference.....	1,255	1,342	1,342	1,342	6.93%	0.00%
Democratic Steering & Policy Cmte.....	1,352	1,435	1,435	1,435	6.14%	0.00%
Democratic Caucus.....	668	713	713	713	6.74%	0.00%

Minority Employees.....	1,229	1,293	1,293	1,293	5.21%	0.00%
Training & Development Programs.....	556	580	580	580	4.32%	0.00%
Cloakroom Personnel.....	NA	NA	660	660	NA	0.00%
Subtotal House Leadership.....	14,378	15,250	15,910	15,910	10.66%	0.00%
Members Representation Allowance (MRA).....	430,877	479,339	479,472	479,472	11.28%	0.00%
Standing Cmtes (except Appropriations).....	100,272	104,492	104,514	104,514	4.23%	0.00%
Appropriations Cmte.....	22,328	23,000	23,002	23,002	3.02%	0.00%
Office of the Clerk.....	17,740	16,025	15,408	15,408	-13.15%	0.00%
Office of the Sergeant at Arms.....	3,692	4,083	4,139	4,139	12.11%	0.00%
Office of Chief Administrative Officer.....	72,848	67,480	67,495	67,495	-7.35%	0.00%
Office of the Inspector General.....	3,249	3,754	3,756	3,756	15.60%	0.00%
Office of the General Counsel.....	806	892	894	894	10.92%	0.00%
Office of the Chaplain.....	140	144	144	144	2.86%	0.00%
Office of the Parliamentarian.....	1,201	1,344	1,344	1,344	11.91%	0.00%
Office of the Law Revision Counsel.....	2,045	2,104	2,107	2,107	3.03%	0.00%
Office of the Legislative Counsel.....	5,085	5,454	5,456	5,456	7.30%	0.00%
Corrections Calendar Office.....	832	883	883	883	6.13%	0.00%
Other Authorized Employees.....	213	230	140	140	-34.27%	0.00%
Supplies, materials, admin costs, tort claims.....	2,235	3,359	3,379	3,379	51.19%	0.00%
Official Mail.....	410	410	410	410	0.00%	0.00%
Gov't Contributions.....	150,776	153,167	152,957	152,957	1.45%	0.00%
Misc Items.....	393	690	690	690	75.57%	0.00%
Total House of Representatives.....	830,449	882,100	882,100	882,100	6.22%	0.00%
Architect of the Capitol						
House Office Buildings.....	41,678	51,187	49,006	54,006	29.58%	10.20%

	FY 2001 Enacted	FY 2002 Request	FY 2002 House	FY 2002 Senate	FY 2002 Conf. Report	Conf. Vs. FY 2001	Conf. Vs. Request
Joint Items							
Joint Economic Cmte.....	3,315	3,424	3,424	3,424	3,424	3.29%	0.00%
Joint Cmte on Taxation.....	6,416	6,733	6,733	6,733	6,733	4.94%	0.00%
Office of the Attending Physician.....	1,831	1,765	1,865	1,765	1,865	1.86%	5.67%
Capitol Police- Salaries.....	97,552	111,922	112,592	112,992	113,044	15.88%	1.00%
Capitol Police- General Expenses.....	7,243	10,394	11,081	12,394	13,146	81.50%	26.48%
Security Enhancements (Emergency Spending).....	2,102	0	0	0	0	-100.00%	
Capitol Guide Service.....	2,371	2,512	2,512	2,512	2,512	5.95%	0.00%
Office of Compliance.....	1,851	2,059	2,059	2,059	2,059	11.24%	0.00%
Congressional Budget Office.....	28,430	30,680	30,780	30,680	30,780	8.27%	0.33%
AOC Capitol Bldgs, Salaries, & Expenses.....	44,624	111,835	73,861	61,000	66,565	49.17%	-40.48%
AOC Capitol Grounds.....	5,350	7,754	6,904	6,000	6,009	12.32%	-22.50%
AOC Capitol Power Plant.....	39,328	47,099	45,324	47,403	52,583	33.70%	11.64%
Congressional Research Service.....	73,430	81,139	81,454	81,139	81,454	10.93%	0.39%
Government Printing Office -- Congressional Printing....	81,205	90,900	81,000	81,000	81,000	-0.25%	-10.89%
Botanic Gardens.....	3,321	6,129	5,946	5,829	5,646	70.01%	-7.88%
Library of Congress Salaries & Expenses.....	375,746	290,425	297,842	290,925	299,842	-20.20%	3.24%

Copyright Office.....	9,168	14,358	13,032	12,837	13,032	42.15%	-9.24%
Books for the Blind & Handicapped.....	48,502	49,765	49,788	49,765	49,788	2.65%	0.05%
Library of Congress Furniture & Furnishings.....	4,881	8,599	7,932	8,532	7,932	62.51%	-7.76%
Library Buildings & Grounds.....	15,935	21,402	22,252	18,753	21,753	36.51%	1.64%
Capitol Visitors Center.....	0	0	0	1,000	70,000		
Congressional Cemetery.....	0	0	0	2,500	1,250		
Gov't Printing Office -- Salaries & Expenses.....	27,893	29,639	29,639	28,728	29,639	6.26%	0.00%
General Accounting Office.....	384,020	427,794	421,844	419,843	421,844	9.85%	-1.39%
Payment to Russian Leadership Development Trust.....	0	10,000	0	10,000	8,000		-20.00%
