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**Order of Business:** The bill will be considered as a privileged matter.

**Summary:** The Resolution authorizes \$203.5 million in funding for the Standing Committees of the House (excluding Appropriations) for the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress. The Resolution authorizes a 10.98% increase over the previous Congress (\$183.4 million). On a per-year basis, the resolution provides roughly a 5.5% annual increase. The Resolution does not authorize funding for capital improvements to committee hearing rooms as have past Committee Funding Resolutions. Hearing Room improvements will now be funded in the regular Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill. See summary chart on the next page for additional information.

**Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules:** No.

**Cost to the Taxpayer:** The bill provides authority to spend \$203.5 million over two years, however, the actual funds are appropriated in the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act. Additional funding of \$20.1 million above what was appropriated for the last Congress will be necessary to meet the authorization levels provided in the Resolution.

**Concerns:** Some Members have expressed concerns about approving an increase in funding for House Committees that exceeds what the President has proposed for overall discretionary spending (4%). Other Members, have expressed support for the resolution and point out that funding is still below the levels of the last Democrat-controlled Congress.

Some Members may also be concerned that since funding for hearing room improvements has been removed from the Resolution this year but will be provided through the Appropriations process, that the actual level of funding for other recurring Committee activities is higher than it appears. Other Members, however, may support moving capital improvements to hearing rooms out of the biennial Committee Funding Resolution so as to ensure that Committees do not use capital improvements as a way of artificially increasing their baseline for future budget increases.

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	103rd	104th	105th	106th	Proposed 107th	Change Since 106	Change Since 103	Change Since 104
Agriculture	9,373,350	7,406,899	7,656,162	8,414,033	9,607,006	14.18%	2.49%	29.70%
Banking	12,398,972	8,645,054	8,901,617	9,307,521	11,846,231	27.28%	-4.46%	37.03%
Budget	13,944,308	9,912,000	9,940,000	9,940,000	11,107,043	11.74%	-20.35%	12.06%
Commerce	20,473,270	13,686,823	14,535,406	15,285,113	17,226,770	12.70%	-15.86%	25.86%
District of Columbia	5,122,224	*	*	*	*			
Ed. & Workforce	13,645,650	9,621,539	10,125,113	11,200,497	13,573,886	21.19%	-0.53%	41.08%
Gov't Reform	11,772,861	13,520,037	20,020,572	19,770,233	19,420,233	-1.77%	64.96%	43.64%
House Admin	9,047,903	6,177,608	6,050,349	6,251,871	7,418,046	18.65%	-18.01%	20.08%
Intelligence	4,357,946	4,519,890	4,815,526	5,164,444	6,955,074	34.67%	59.60%	53.88%
Int'l Relations	14,311,349	10,028,093	10,368,358	11,313,531	12,672,626	12.01%	-11.45%	26.37%
Judiciary	10,638,722	9,553,190	10,604,041	12,152,275	13,166,463	8.35%	23.76%	37.82%
Merchant Marine	9,400,104	*	*	*	*			
National Security	11,099,105	9,085,743	9,721,745	10,342,681	10,872,677	5.12%	-2.04%	19.67%
Post Office	9,591,522	*	*	*	*			
Resources	9,697,709	9,588,953	9,876,550	10,567,908	11,601,260	9.78%	19.63%	20.99%
Rules	5,594,763	4,433,817	4,649,102	5,069,424	5,370,773	5.94%	-4.00%	21.13%
Science	11,422,403	8,411,326	8,677,830	8,931,726	10,628,041	18.99%	-6.95%	26.35%
Small Business	5,775,674	3,791,580	3,906,941	4,148,880	4,798,783	15.66%	-16.91%	26.56%
Ethics	2,117,012	1,981,150	2,456,300	2,632,915	2,871,091	9.05%	35.62%	44.92%
Transportation	11,893,752	10,878,981	12,184,459	13,220,138	14,479,551	9.53%	21.74%	33.10%
Veterans Affairs	5,258,373	4,220,605	4,344,160	4,735,135	5,142,263	8.60%	-2.21%	21.84%
Ways & Means	16,328,446	10,219,358	11,036,907	11,930,338	14,748,888	23.63%	-9.67%	44.32%
Reserve Fund	0	0	7,900,000	3,000,000	0			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>223,265,418</b>	<b>155,682,646</b>	<b>177,771,138</b>	<b>183,378,663</b>	<b>203,506,705</b>	<b>10.98%</b>	<b>-8.85%</b>	<b>30.72%</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>		<b>-30.27%</b>	<b>14.19%</b>	<b>3.15%</b>	<b>10.98%</b>			

Note: Republicans eliminated the Post Office, Merchant Marine and D.C. Committees folding jurisdiction into National Security and Government Reform

**COMPARISONS:**

<b>Leadership</b>	22,114,000	23,385,000	27,177,000	22.89%
<i>Percent Change</i>		5.75%	16.22%	
<b>MRA</b>	711,720,000	743,102,000	791,558,000	11.22%
<i>Percent Change</i>		4.41%	6.52%	
<b>Approps</b>	45,575,000	35,586,000	40,681,000	-10.74%
<i>Percent Change</i>		-21.92%	14.32%	