

## HR 2771

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2008

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Reported Original Measure	Jun 19, 2007
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### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 1686	Related bill	<b>Jun 25, 2007:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 219.
110 HRES 502	Procedurally related	<b>Jun 22, 2007:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on June 22, 2007. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2008 - Makes appropriations to the House of Representatives for FY2008 for: (1) salaries and/or expenses of the House leadership offices, committees (including the Committee on Appropriations), officers and employees, and the Child Care Center; (2) Members' representational allowances; and (3) the preparation of statements of appropriations.

(Sec. 101) Requires deposit in the Treasury of any amounts of a Member's representational allowance for FY2008 remaining after all payments are made, to be used for federal deficit reduction, or, if there is no deficit, for federal debt reduction.

(Sec. 102) Amends the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2005 to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer of the House (CAO) to contract on a competitive basis with a public or private entity (currently, private entity only) for the management, operation, and maintenance of the House exercise facility.

(Sec. 103) Amends the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1996 to require the fees collected by the CAO for internal delivery in House nonpostage mail from outside sources to be deposited in the Treasury for credit to the CAO account (currently, deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts).

(Sec. 104) Amends the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2005 to modify use of the House Services Revolving Fund to include purposes relating to energy and water conservation and environmental activities carried out in buildings, facilities, and grounds under the CAO's jurisdiction and approved by the House Committee on Appropriations.

(Sec. 105) Amends House Resolution 1238, 91st Congress, agreed to December 22, 1970 (as enacted into permanent law by chapter VIII of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1971) to adjust the additional Secretary's salary of a former Speaker of the House from a maximum of step one of level six of the House Employee Schedule to a maximum of step seven of level 11.

Makes appropriations for salaries and/or expenses of: (1) the Joint Economic and Taxation Committees; (2) the Office of the Attending Physician; (3) the Office of Compliance; (4) the Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office; (5) the Capitol Police; (6) the Congressional Budget Office; and (7) the Architect of the Capitol (AOC), including for the care and operation of Capitol buildings and grounds, House office buildings, the Capitol power plant, the Library of Congress buildings and grounds, the Capitol Police buildings and grounds, the Botanic Garden, and the Capitol Visitor Center.

(Sec. 1002) Amends the Emergency Supplemental Act, 2002 to increase from \$40,000 to \$60,000 the maximum payment for a Capitol Police employee under the Educational Assistance Program.

(Sec. 1003) Authorizes the U.S. Capitol Police to make advanced payments for obligations when it has been determined that making such payments is in the best interest of the government.

(Sec. 1101) Grants authority to the Executive Director of the Office of Compliance (OC) to make lump-sum payments to reward exceptional performance by an employee or a group of employees.

(Sec. 1102) Authorizes the OC Executive Director, by regulation, to provide for training of the Office of Compliance employees.

Requires the Director of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to provide the Executive Director with such advice and assistance as the Director may request in order to carry out such purposes.

(Sec. 1103) Amends the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to require: (1) the OC Executive Director to notify the head of an office to which the payment of a complaint-related award or settlement is attributable that the payment has been made, including its amount; and (2) such office head, within 180 days of receiving such notice, to make reimbursement for the payment out of the office operating expense account.

(Sec. 1201) Permits the Joint Committee to authorize the AOC to enter into an agreement on its behalf to place a statue of Rosa Parks in National Statuary Hall in the Capitol.

(Sec. 1202) Establishes in the Office of the AOC the Office of the Inspector General.

(Sec. 1203) Treats the Office of the AOC as a federal agency for purposes of: (1) flexible and compressed work schedules; and (2) pay and allowances for travel and transportation.

(Sec. 1204) Amends the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to redefine "federal agency" to include the AOC with respect to the demonstration of solar heating and cooling in federal buildings.

(Sec. 1205) Authorizes the AOC to grant easements to persons for rights-of-way for specified purposes over, in, and upon the U.S. Capitol grounds or the grounds of any other facility under AOC jurisdiction and control.

Establishes in the Treasury a special account in which the AOC shall deposit all funds paid as consideration for the granting of easements, and all other related proceeds, for use for property and facilities maintenance and operations.

(Sec. 1206) Authorizes the AOC to use the two-phase selection procedures authorized in the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 for entering into a contract for the design and construction of a public building, facility, or work (a design-build contract) in the same manner and under the same terms and conditions as the head of an executive agency under such Act.

(Sec. 1207) Authorizes the AOC, during FY2008 and each succeeding fiscal year, to make payments in advance for obligations of AOC's Office for subscription services if the AOC determines it to be more prompt, efficient, or economical to do so.

(Sec. 1208) Authorizes the AOC to use funds made available to the Office during a fiscal year to acquire insurance against the loss of or damage to any exhibit or work of art which is loaned or leased to the AOC, the Capitol Visitor Center, or the Botanic Garden.

(Sec. 1209) Treats expenses for Capitol Visitor Center maintenance as U.S. Capitol maintenance expenses, subject to the same financial management and reporting requirements applicable to the AOC for the Capitol.

(Sec. 1210) Amends the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2004 to modify conditions under which the AOC may lease space within areas of the District of Columbia and its environs. Requires the approval of: (1) the Senate Committee on Appropriations for the Senate; (2) the House Committee on Appropriations for the House; and (3) both Committees for space to be leased for the U.S. Capitol Police and the AOC.

(Sec. 1211) Designates the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center as the Emancipation Hall.

Appropriates funds to: (1) the Library of Congress for salaries and expenses, the Copyright Office, Congressional

Research Service (CRS), and Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; (2) the Government Printing Office (GPO) for congressional printing and binding (including transfer of funds); (3) GPO for the Office of Superintendent of Documents (including transfer of funds); (4) the Government Accountability Office (GAO) for salaries and expenses; (5) a payment to the Government Printing Office Revolving Fund; (6) a payment to the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund; and (7) a payment to the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Development Trust Fund.

(Sec. 1301) Authorizes the expenditure of up to \$5,000 for the incentive awards program of the Library of Congress.

(Sec. 1302) Establishes an upper limit of \$122.529 million for the FY2008 obligational authority of the Library of Congress with regard to certain reimbursable and revolving fund activities.

Authorizes the Librarian of Congress, under specified conditions, to transfer temporarily up to \$1.9 million of funds appropriated in this Act for Library of Congress salaries and expenses to the revolving fund for the FEDLINK Program and the Federal Research Program established under the Library of Congress Fiscal Operations Improvement Act of 2000.

(Sec. 1303) Amends the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1998 to subject the Cooperative Acquisitions Program Revolving Fund to audit by the Comptroller General at his or her discretion. (Currently, the Librarian of Congress prepares and submits to Congress an audited financial statement conducted in accordance with Government Auditing Standards for financial audits issued by the Comptroller General.)

(Sec. 1304) Authorizes the transfer of FY2008 Library of Congress appropriations between any of the headings for which the amounts are appropriated, upon the approval of the congressional appropriations committees.

(Sec. 1401) Eliminates annuities for Comptrollers General, effective for any individual appointed Comptroller General after the enactment of this Act.

(Sec. 1501) Transfers on October 1, 2008, to the Department of State the Open World Leadership Center established by the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001, and all of its functions, personnel, assets, and obligations.

Requires the Center to be maintained as a distinct entity within the Department of State, remaining subject, however, to the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001.

**Title II: General Provisions** - (Sec. 201) Specifies authorized and prohibited uses of funds appropriated by this Act identical or similar to corresponding provisions of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2007.

(Sec. 209) Prohibits use of funds made available in this Act to purchase light bulbs unless they have the "ENERGY STAR" or "Federal Energy Management Program" designation.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 28, 2007:** Committee on Appropriations. Reported by Senator Landrieu without recommendation without amendment. Without written report.
- **Jun 28, 2007:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 258.
- **Jun 22, 2007:** Rule H. Res. 502 passed House.
- **Jun 22, 2007:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 502. (consideration: CR H6969-6999; text of measure as reported in House: CR H6985-6991)
- **Jun 22, 2007:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2771 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Specified amendments are in order. All point of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. No amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution.
- **Jun 22, 2007:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 502 and Rule XVIII.
- **Jun 22, 2007:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Tammy Baldwin to act as Chairwoman of the Committee.
- **Jun 22, 2007:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 2771.
- **Jun 22, 2007:** The Committee of the Whole rose informally to receive a message from the President.
- **Jun 22, 2007:** Subsequently, the Committee resumed its sitting.
- **Jun 22, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 502, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Inglis amendment.
- **Jun 22, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 502, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Flake amendment.
- **Jun 22, 2007:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Flake amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Flake demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Jun 22, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 502, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Jordan amendment.
- **Jun 22, 2007:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Jordan amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Jordan demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Jun 22, 2007:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 2771.
- **Jun 22, 2007:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H6997)
- **Jun 22, 2007:** The House adopted the amendments en gross as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **Jun 22, 2007:** Mr. Kingston moved to recommit with instructions to Appropriations. (consideration: CR H6997; text: CR H6997)
- **Jun 22, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Kingston motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment to decrease the over all amount appropriation for the House Office Building account by 16 million and decrease the appropriation in the same account which shall remain available until September 30, 2012 by the same amount.
- **Jun 22, 2007:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H6998)
- **Jun 22, 2007:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 181 - 217 (Roll no. 547).
- **Jun 22, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 216 - 176 (Roll no. 548).
- **Jun 22, 2007:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 216 - 176 (Roll no. 548).
- **Jun 22, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 22, 2007:** The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 2771.
- **Jun 22, 2007:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**Jun 20, 2007:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 502 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2771 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Specified amendments are in order. All point of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. No amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution.

- **Jun 19, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 19, 2007:** The House Committee on Appropriations reported an original measure, H. Rept. 110-198, by Ms. Wasserman Schultz.
- **Jun 19, 2007:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 119.