



COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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SUMMARY: 2009 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Bill Total

2008 Enacted:	\$ 3.97 billion
Request:	\$ 4.66 billion
2009 Bill:	\$ 4.40 billion

KEY INVESTMENTS

Government Accountability Office: \$531 million, to help rebuild GAO's personnel levels to strengthen Congressional oversight efforts.

Capitol Police: \$306 million, including funds to secure the newly-opened Capitol Visitor Center.

Office of Compliance: \$4 million to continue oversight of the efforts to abate safety hazards in the Capitol complex tunnels.

Congressional Budget Office: \$44 million, to improve CBO's ability to analyze health care issues and carry out new responsibilities imposed by the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008.

Architect of the Capitol: \$530 million with a special emphasis on funding health, life safety, and security improvements.

- **Capitol Visitor Center:** \$31 million to finish construction of the visitor center.
- **Utility Tunnels:** \$56 million to continue to fix life safety hazards in the Capitol complex tunnels.

Library of Congress: \$607 million, for America's library.

- **National Digital Information and Infrastructure Preservation Program:** \$7.5 million to preserve digital maps, movies, sound recordings, and data for future generations.
- **Digital Talking Books:** \$29 million to provide the blind community with access to titles in our nation's library.

Government Printing Office: \$141 million including funds for a new digital system to preserve and provide access to U.S. government information.

Open World: \$14 million for the program to educate new leaders of the former Soviet Republics on democracy, with direction for the Center to study alternative funding sources.

House of Representatives: \$1.3 billion, including:

- **Wounded Warrior:** \$2.5 million to provide injured service members with opportunities to work in the House of Representatives.
- **Greening the Capitol:** \$1 million to continue efforts to make the Capitol more energy efficient, environmentally responsible and a healthier working environment for our employees.
- **Staff Benefit Parity:** \$4 million so that House Employees receive the same student loan repayment and transit benefits as Executive Branch employees.