



Legislative Bulletin.....July 21, 2011

**H.R. 2551 — FY 2012 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act**

**BY THE NUMBERS:**

*In Millions of Dollars*

	<b>FY11</b>	<b>FY12 Request</b>	<b>FY12 Committee</b>	<b>Cmte v. Request</b>	<b>Cmte v. FY11</b>
<b>Appropriations</b>	3,553	3,798	3,326	-472	-227
<i>Emergency Approps</i>	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3,553	3,798	3,326	-472	-227

**Excluding Emergency Appropriations, the Committee Bill is:**

- \$472 million or 12.4% less than the request
- \$227 million or 6.4% less than last year

**Spending Discussion:** The bill provides a spending level of \$3.3 billion, \$227 million (6.4%) *less* than last year. The House Appropriations Committee approved 302(b) allocations for the twelve spending bills that total \$1.019 trillion—a **reduction of \$30.4 billion or 2.9% compared to last year**. The RSC budget resolution (see [Here](#) for more information), would lead to a discretionary spending total of \$978 billion.

**Order of Business:** H.R. 2551 is scheduled to be considered later this week under a presumably structured rule. Traditionally, even when the GOP last controlled the House, Legislative Branch spending was considered under structured rules.

**Funding Summaries:**

*In Thousands*

	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2012	Cmte. V.	Cmte. v.	Cmte. v.	Cmte. v.
	Enacted	Request	Cmte	FY2011	Request	FY 2011	Request
<b>House of Representatives</b>							
Office of the Speaker.....	7,416	7,420	6,943	-473	-477	-6.4%	-6.4%
Majority Leader.....	2,433	2,430	2,278	-155	-152	-6.4%	-6.3%
Minority Leader.....	7,938	7,944	7,433	-505	-511	-6.4%	-6.4%
Majority Whip.....	2,105	2,108	1,971	-134	-137	-6.4%	-6.5%
Minority Whip.....	1,629	1,624	1,525	-104	-99	-6.4%	-6.1%
Republican Conference.....	1,680	1,679	1,573	-107	-106	-6.4%	-6.3%
Democratic Caucus.....	1,660	1,657	1,554	-106	-103	-6.4%	-6.2%
Members' Representational Allowance (MRA).....	613,052	633,848	573,939	-39,113	-59,909	-6.4%	-9.5%
Standing Cmtes (except Appropriations).....	163,032	163,032	152,631	-10,401	-10,401	-6.4%	-6.4%
Appropriations Cmte.....	28,483	28,483	26,666	-1,817	-1,817	-6.4%	-6.4%
Office of the Clerk.....	28,589	30,156	26,114	-2,475	-4,402	-8.7%	-14.6%
Office of the Sergeant at Arms.....	9,034	15,009	8,140	-894	-6,869	-9.9%	-45.8%
Office of Chief Administrative Officer.....	127,782	130,782	116,782	-11,000	-14,000	-8.6%	-10.7%
Office of the Inspector General.....	5,045	5,045	5,045	----	----	----	----
Office of Emergency Management.....	----	4,445	4,445	4,445	----	NA	----
Office of the General Counsel.....	1,415	1,415	1,415	----	----	----	----
Office of the Chaplain.....	179	179	179	----	----	----	----
Office of the Parliamentarian.....	2,060	2,060	2,060	----	----	----	----
Office of the Law Revision Counsel.....	3,258	3,258	3,258	----	----	----	----
Office of the Legislative Counsel.....	8,814	8,814	8,814	----	----	----	----
Office of Interparliamentary Affairs.....	859	859	859	----	----	----	----
Other Authorized Employees.....	1,249	1,249	347	-902	-902	-72.2%	-72.2%
Office of the Historian.....	597	170	170	-427	----	-71.5%	----
Official Mail.....	201	201	201	----	----	----	----
Gov't Contributions.....	280,349	276,703	264,848	-15,501	-11,855	-5.5%	-4.3%
Misc Items.....	760	760	760	----	----	----	----
<b>Joint Items</b>							
Joint Economic Cmte.....	4,490	4,814	4,203	-287	-611	-6.4%	-12.7%
Joint Cmte on Taxation.....	10,530	11,327	10,424	-106	-903	-1.0%	-8.0%
Office of the Attending Physician.....	3,400	3,403	3,400	----	----	----	----
Capitol Police .....	340,137	387,616	340,137	----	-47,479	----	-12.2%
Office of Compliance.....	4,077	4,782	3,817	-260	-965	-6.4%	-20.2%
Congressional Budget Office.....	46,771	46,865	43,787	-2,984	-3,078	-6.4%	-6.6%
Architect of the Capitol--Gen'l Admin.....	106,569	119,150	104,790	-1,779	-14,360	-1.7%	-12.1%
Capitol Building.....	33,116	41,545	35,354	2,238	-6,191	6.8%	-14.9%
Capitol Grounds.....	10,952	10,799	9,852	-1,100	-947	-10.0%	-8.8%
House Office Buildings.....	100,265	119,647	89,154	-11,111	-30,493	-11.1%	-25.5%
House Historic Buildings Revitalization.....	49,900	50,000	30,000	-19,900	-20,000	-39.9%	-40.0%
Capitol Power Plant, Net.....	118,895	142,101	127,159	8,264	-14,942	7.0%	-10.5%
Library Buildings and Grounds.....	45,703	67,888	38,486	-7,217	-29,402	-15.8%	-43.3%
Capitol Police Buildings.....	26,958	32,312	21,500	-5,458	-10,812	-15.8%	-33.5%

Botanic Garden.....	11,367	12,344	12,000	633	-344	5.6%	-2.8%
Capitol Visitor Center.....	22,414	23,016	21,276	-1,138	-1,740	-5.1%	-7.6%
Library of Congress.....	628,677	666,731	575,322	-53,355	-91,409	-8.5%	-13.7%
Government Printing Office -- Cong. Printing.....	135,067	148,474	113,000	-22,067	-35,474	-16.3%	-23.9%
General Accountability Office, Net.....	546,254	556,849	511,296	-34,958	-45,553	-6.4%	-8.2%
Payment to Open World Leadership Ctr Trust Fund	11,377	12,600	1,000	-10,377	-11,600	-91.2%	-92.1%

**Items of Note:**

**Senate Funding:** The bill includes no funding for the Senate, which will be added by the Senate.

**Members’ Representational Allowance (MRA):** \$574 million—\$39 million or 6.4% below last year.

**MRAs/Deficit Reduction:** Section 101 of the bill requires leftover MRA funds to be used for deficit reduction.

**Leadership Offices:** The bill provides a funding level of \$23.2 million—\$1.6 million or 6.4% below last year. Of note, the bill eliminates funding for the House Republican Policy Committee. This funding would instead fall directly under the Office of the Speaker.

**House Appropriations Committee:** \$26.7 million—\$1.8 million or 6.4% below last year.

**Other Committees:** \$163 million—\$10.4 million or 6.4% less than last year.

**John C. Stennis Center:** The bill eliminates this program. The Stennis Center was created as a living tribute to the public service career of John C. Stennis who served in the United States Senate over 41 years. Among other things, Senator John Stennis (D-MS) also has an aircraft carrier (one of two non-presidents to be so-honored) and a space center named after him. The Center’s mandate is to attract young people to a career in public service, which is inappropriate at a time when reducing the size of government is a priority. The RSC’s Spending Reduction Act (H.R. 408) would also have eliminated this program.

**Capitol Police:** \$340.1 million—the same as last year.

**Open World Leadership Trust Fund Payment:** \$1 million—\$10.4 million or 91.2% below last year. According to the [website](#), this is an exchange program intended to bring young leaders from Eurasia to the U.S. with the hopes that this leads to increased devotion to democracy in these countries.

**Earmarks:** According to the [Committee Report](#):

“Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, this bill, as reported, contains no Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(e), 9(f), or 9(g) of rule XXI.”

**Committee Action:** H.R. 2551 was reported out of the House Appropriations Committee as an original measure on July 15, 2011.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The bill appropriates a total of \$3.3 billion in FY 2012.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No. The bill reduces spending by \$227 million compared to last year. The bill also terminates the Stennis Center and the Open World Leadership program.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No CBO score is available listing any possible mandates.

**Constitutional Authority:** The [Committee Report](#) states:

“Clause 6(e) of the Rules of the Appropriations Committee requires each committee report on a public bill or joint resolution to contain a statement citing the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the law proposed by the bill or joint resolution. The Committee on Appropriations bases its authority to report this legislation on clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United States which states: ‘No money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law . . .’ Appropriations contained in this Act are made pursuant to this specific power granted by the Constitution.”

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