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H.J. Res. 2 – Omnibus Appropriations Bill, FY 2003: Legislative Branch Appropriations

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H.J. Res. 2 was passed by the House on January 8, 2003, and is now before the Senate. This bill is serving as the vehicle for all 11 of the yet-unsigned FY03 appropriations bills.

NOTEWORTHY

- The Legislative Branch funding bill language was offered as a substitute (along with the other 10 yet-to-be-signed FY03 funding bills) to H.J. Res. 2. No unanimous consent agreement governs amendments.
- The bill recommends \$2.34 billion in budget authority for fiscal year 2003 (exclusive of the provisions funding the House of Representatives, pursuant to the normal protocol). That amount is about \$66 million below the budget estimate and about \$66 million above the appropriated level for FY02.
- The 11 remaining FY03 appropriations bills (only Defense and Military Construction were signed) are before the Senate with smaller funding levels than were in the bills as reported by the Appropriations Committee last year. This is to comport the total FY03 federal discretionary spending level to \$750.5 billion, the level agreed to by President Bush and Congressional appropriators last year. The amount remaining after subtracting the Defense and Mil Con amounts is \$385.9 billion.
- On July 18, 2002, the House passed its FY03 Legislative Branch funding bill, H.R. 5121, by a vote of 365-49. With the House-approved amount of \$960.4 million provided for that chamber's operations, the Legislative Branch spending totalled about \$3.38 billion. The Senate passed its version of the bill on July 18, 2002, but the bill did not go to a House-Senate conference.
- The bill provides \$667.6 million in budget authority for the Senate, an increase of \$26.2 million above the FY02 appropriated amount.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The bill includes a 9.1-percent pay increase for Capitol Police to keep officers from leaving for higher-paying jobs. The bill also recommends an increase of 269 Capitol Police employees for a total of 1,839.
- Largely due to funding additional security-related projects, the Architect of the Capitol is appropriated \$334 million, an amount which is \$17 million above the request.

BILL PROVISIONS

Title I, Senate Operations

Title I, Senate Operations. Among the costs of the Senate's congressional operations for fiscal year 2003 are the following:

- \$667.6 million for the Senate, an increase of \$26.2 million over the FY02 appropriation.
- \$114.4 million for the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, \$18.5 million more than the amount for FY02.
- \$17 million for Joint Items, including the Joint Economic Committee (\$3.7 million) and the Joint Committee on Taxation (\$7.3 million), an increase of \$2.1 million over the FY02 appropriation.
- \$294.5 million for Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account, \$24 million more than the amount appropriated for FY02.

Title I, Capitol Police. The bill provides \$203.8 million for the salaries and expenses of the Capitol Police Officers which is \$8.8 million below the budget request and \$46.6 million above the FY02 appropriation. The additional amount is needed to increase the size of the force by 269 positions for a total of 1,839 increase pay, improve training, and fund new programs aimed at recruitment and retention. The pay raise of 9.1 percent includes the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (4.1 percent) and comparability pay adjustment (5 percent). Section 1013 of Division H of the bill is an administrative provision that proposes a

merger, within three years, of the U.S. Capitol Police with the Library of Congress police force. During those three years, the Chief of Police would develop and implement a plan to address merger issues.

Title I, Other Congressional Operations. The Congressional Budget Office is provided \$32.1 million, \$1.3 million more than the FY02 appropriation; the Architect of the Capitol receives \$334 million, an increase of \$60.4 million over the FY02 appropriation. The amount includes \$59.3 million for general administration; \$102.3 million for the Capitol Power Plant; \$64.9 million for the Senate office buildings; and \$8.4 million for the grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House office buildings and the Capitol Power Plant. The Congressional Research Service gets \$86.95 million; and for congressional printing and binding, the Government Printing Office (GPO) gets \$119.8 million which includes \$90 million for Congressional printing and binding and \$29.7 million for the Superintendent of Documents program.

Title I, Other Agencies. The Library of Congress is provided \$497 million of which \$358.5 million is for salaries and expenses. The bill provides the General Accounting Office \$451.1 million. The Committee recommends \$13 million for the Center for Foreign Leadership Development.

Title II, Miscellaneous Provisions

The bill **provides funds for the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission** in the amount of \$1.8 million. This Commission was established in October, 2000 to monitor, investigate and report to Congress on the national security implications of the bilateral economic relationship with the People's Republic of China.

The bill **provides funds for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Development** in the amount of \$300,000.

POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS

Byrd. Related to the
President Pro Tempore Emeritus and the China Commission.

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