

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2010

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Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, from the Committee on Appropriations,  
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. \_\_\_\_\_]

The Committee on Appropriations submits the following report in explanation of the accompanying bill making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

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and Indonesian online in a digital format. To further the availability and use of this invaluable collection the Committee directs the Library of Congress to continue its ongoing program to obtain copyright permission and bring this collection online in a digital format.

*Teaching with Primary Sources.*—The Committee remains supportive of the Teaching with Primary Sources program which has been very successful in creating curriculum materials and lesson plans using the resources in the library's many collections and expects this program to continue in fiscal year 2010.

#### COPYRIGHT OFFICE

2009 appropriation .....	\$18,277,000
2010 budget request .....	20,864,000
Committee recommendation .....	20,864,000
(Plus: Authority to spend receipts) .....	(34,612,000)
Total available .....	\$55,476,000

The Committee recommends \$20,864,000, plus authority to spend \$34,612,000 in receipts, for the Copyright Office. This amount is \$2,587,000 above the fiscal year 2009 enacted level and is the same as the budget request.

The Committee remains concerned about the continuing backlog of copyright applications pending approval by the Copyright Office but appreciates that the Office has put in place a variety of initiatives to address this problem as an urgent priority. The Committee requests that the Office submit a report to the Committee not later than December 31, 2009 indicating progress in this area.

#### CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

2009 appropriation .....	\$107,323,000
2010 budget estimate .....	115,136,000
Committee recommendation .....	112,490,000

The Committee recommends \$112,490,000 for salaries and expenses of the Congressional Research Service. This amount is \$5,167,000 above the fiscal year 2009 enacted level and is \$2,646,000 below the budget request. CRS works for Members and committees of Congress to support their legislative, oversight, and representational functions by providing nonpartisan and confidential research and policy analysis.

*CRS Services Evaluation.*—The Congressional Research Service (CRS) is an invaluable and highly productive asset for the U.S. Congress and for the public. Its staff provides high quality research to Members and Committees and functions in many cases essentially as extensions of the Congressional legislative staff of the House and the Senate. Notwithstanding this record of accomplishment, the Committee is concerned that the CRS, partially because of the increased use of electronic communications and the adoption of new staff structures, may have become less connected to the Committees and Member Offices it serves. The Committee requests that the Director take steps to evaluate the validity of these concerns including the conduct of a formal evaluation of how well its current staffing models and procedures meet user needs. The Committee also directs that the Congressional Research Service consider creation of a new mechanism such as a Member Advisory

Committee which would allow routine discussions between CRS leadership and users.

*Telework and Flexwork schedules for CRS employees.*—The Committee believes that modern workplaces should have in place staff management policies and systems which help the organization and its employees manage the complex balance between work and family. Telework systems can be a valuable tool in this effort and the Committee understands that the Library of Congress has in place a formal telework system. This LOC system is very flexible and recognizes that management and work needs must be met while also helping employees. The Committee understands, however, that CRS has resisted adoption of such a system despite its high level of flexibility. The Committee believes this view is antiquated and directs that CRS adopt and implement as soon as practicable a telework system modeled on the Library's existing system. The Committee expects this new telework policy to be in effect not later than January 1, 2010.

#### BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

2009 appropriation .....	\$68,816,000
2010 budget estimate .....	70,182,000
Committee recommendation .....	70,182,000

The Committee recommends \$70,182,000 for salaries and expenses of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. This amount is \$1,366,000 above the fiscal year 2009 enacted level and is the same as the budget request. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped administers the free program that loans recorded and braille books and magazines, music scores in braille and large print, and specially designed playback equipment to residents of the United States who are unable to read or use standard print materials because of visual or physical impairment.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The Committee has updated for fiscal year 2010 three recurring administrative provisions related to Library of Congress incentive award programs, reimbursable and revolving funds and transfer authorities (sec. 1301, 1302 and 1303). In addition the bill includes two new administrative provisions for the Library. Section 1304 provides a technical clarification regarding the classification of senior positions above the GS 15 level throughout the Library. Section 1305 provides carryover leave authority for all Library positions at the senior level, eliminating a technical inconsistency.

#### GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

##### CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING

2009 appropriation .....	\$96,828,000
2010 budget estimate .....	93,296,000
Committee recommendation .....	93,296,000

The Committee recommends \$93,296,000 for printing and binding of congressional documents at the Government Printing Office for use by Congress. This amount is \$3,532,000 below the fiscal year 2009 enacted level and is the same as the budget request. The