

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2551

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## AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any  
2 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the  
3 Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September  
4 30, 2012, and for other purposes, namely:

5 TITLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

7 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

8 For salaries and expenses of the House of Represent-  
9 atives, \$1,226,680,000 (reduced by \$1,000,000), as fol-  
10 lows:

11 HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES

12 For salaries and expenses, as authorized by law,  
13 \$23,275,773, including: Office of the Speaker,  
14 \$6,942,770, including \$25,000 for official expenses of the  
15 Speaker; Office of the Majority Floor Leader, \$2,277,595,  
16 including \$10,000 for official expenses of the Majority  
17 Leader; Office of the Minority Floor Leader, \$7,432,812,  
18 including \$10,000 for official expenses of the Minority  
19 Leader; Office of the Majority Whip, including the Chief  
20 Deputy Majority Whip, \$1,971,050, including \$5,000 for  
21 official expenses of the Majority Whip; Office of the Mi-  
22 nority Whip, including the Chief Deputy Minority Whip,  
23 \$1,524,951, including \$5,000 for official expenses of the  
24 Minority Whip; Republican Conference, \$1,572,788;  
25 Democratic Caucus, \$1,553,807. In addition to the

1 amounts made available above, for salaries and expenses  
2 under this heading, to be available during the period be-  
3 ginning September 30, 2012, and ending December 31,  
4 2013; \$5,818,948, including: Office of the Speaker,  
5 \$1,735,694, including \$6,250 for official expenses of the  
6 Speaker; Office of the Majority Floor Leader, \$569,399,  
7 including \$2,500 for official expenses of the Majority  
8 Leader; Office of the Minority Floor Leader, \$1,858,205,  
9 including \$2,500 for official expenses of the Minority  
10 Leader; Office of the Majority Whip, including the Chief  
11 Deputy Majority Whip, \$492,763, including \$1,250 for of-  
12 ficial expenses of the Majority Whip; Office of the Minor-  
13 ity Whip, including the Chief Deputy Minority Whip,  
14 \$381,238, including \$1,250 for official expenses of the Mi-  
15 nority Whip; Republican Conference, \$393,197; Demo-  
16 cratic Caucus, \$388,452.

17 MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES  
18 INCLUDING MEMBERS' CLERK HIRE, OFFICIAL  
19 EXPENSES OF MEMBERS, AND OFFICIAL MAIL

20 For Members' representational allowances, including  
21 Members' clerk hire, official expenses, and official mail,  
22 \$573,939,282.

## 1 COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES

## 2 STANDING COMMITTEES, SPECIAL AND SELECT

3 For salaries and expenses of standing committees,  
4 special and select, authorized by House resolutions,  
5 \$125,964,870: *Provided*, That such amount shall remain  
6 available for such salaries and expenses until December  
7 31, 2012.

## 8 COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

9 For salaries and expenses of the Committee on Ap-  
10 propriations, \$26,665,785, including studies and examina-  
11 tions of executive agencies and temporary personal serv-  
12 ices for such committee, to be expended in accordance with  
13 section 202(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of  
14 1946 and to be available for reimbursement to agencies  
15 for services performed: *Provided*, That such amount shall  
16 remain available for such salaries and expenses until De-  
17 cember 31, 2012.

## 18 SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

19 For salaries and expenses of officers and employees,  
20 as authorized by law, \$177,628,400, including: for salaries  
21 and expenses of the Office of the Clerk, including not more  
22 than \$23,000, of which not more than \$20,000 is for the  
23 Family Room, for official representation and reception ex-  
24 penses, \$26,114,400, of which \$2,000,000 shall remain  
25 available until expended; for salaries and expenses of the

1 Office of the Sergeant at Arms, including the position of  
2 Superintendent of Garages and the Office of Emergency  
3 Management, and including not more than \$3,000 for offi-  
4 cial representation and reception expenses, \$12,585,000  
5 of which \$4,445,000 shall remain available until expended;  
6 for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Chief Admin-  
7 istrative Officer including not more than \$3,000 for offi-  
8 cial representation and reception expenses, \$116,782,000,  
9 of which \$3,937,000 shall remain available until expended;  
10 for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Inspector  
11 General, \$5,045,000; for salaries and expenses of the Of-  
12 fice of General Counsel, \$1,415,000; for the Office of the  
13 Chaplain, \$179,000; for salaries and expenses of the Of-  
14 fice of the Parliamentarian, including the Parliamen-  
15 tarian, \$2,000 for preparing the Digest of Rules, and not  
16 more than \$1,000 for official representation and reception  
17 expenses, \$2,060,000; for salaries and expenses of the Of-  
18 fice of the Law Revision Counsel of the House,  
19 \$3,258,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office of the  
20 Legislative Counsel of the House, \$8,814,000; for salaries  
21 and expenses of the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs,  
22 \$859,000; for other authorized employees, \$347,000; and  
23 for salaries and expenses of the Historian, \$170,000.

## 1 ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

2 For allowances and expenses as authorized by House  
3 resolution or law, \$293,386,942 (reduced by \$1,000,000),  
4 including: supplies, materials, administrative costs and  
5 Federal tort claims, \$3,696,118; official mail for commit-  
6 tees, leadership offices, and administrative offices of the  
7 House, \$201,000; Government contributions for health,  
8 retirement, Social Security, and other applicable employee  
9 benefits, \$264,848,219; Business Continuity and Disaster  
10 Recovery, \$17,112,072, of which \$5,000,000 shall remain  
11 available until expended; transition activities for new  
12 members and staff, \$2,721,533 (reduced by \$1,000,000);  
13 Wounded Warrior Program \$2,500,000, to remain avail-  
14 able until expended; Office of Congressional Ethics,  
15 \$1,548,000; and miscellaneous items including purchase,  
16 exchange, maintenance, repair and operation of House  
17 motor vehicles, interparliamentary receptions, and gratu-  
18 ities to heirs of deceased employees of the House,  
19 \$760,000.

## 20 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

21 SEC. 101. (a) REQUIRING AMOUNTS REMAINING IN  
22 MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES TO BE  
23 USED FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION OR TO REDUCE THE  
24 FEDERAL DEBT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of  
25 law, any amounts appropriated under this Act for

1 “HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—SALARIES AND  
2 EXPENSES—MEMBERS’ REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOW-  
3 ANCES” shall be available only for fiscal year 2012. Any  
4 amount remaining after all payments are made under such  
5 allowances for fiscal year 2012 shall be deposited in the  
6 Treasury and used for deficit reduction (or, if there is no  
7 Federal budget deficit after all such payments have been  
8 made, for reducing the Federal debt, in such manner as  
9 the Secretary of the Treasury considers appropriate).

10 (b) REGULATIONS.—The Committee on House Ad-  
11 ministration of the House of Representatives shall have  
12 authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

13 (c) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term  
14 “Member of the House of Representatives” means a Rep-  
15 resentative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner  
16 to, the Congress.

17 REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE

18 SEC. 102. (a) Section 109(a) of the Legislative  
19 Branch Appropriations Act, 2005 (2 U.S.C. 74a–13(a))  
20 is amended by striking “the chair of the Republican Con-  
21 ference” and inserting the following: “the Speaker of the  
22 House of Representatives (or, if the Speaker is not a mem-  
23 ber of the Republican Party, the Minority Leader of the  
24 House of Representatives)”.

1 (b) Section 109(b) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 74a–13(b))  
2 is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting  
3 the following: “, and which shall be obligated and ex-  
4 pended as directed by the Speaker (or, if the Speaker is  
5 not a member of the Republican party, the Minority Lead-  
6 er).”.

7 (c) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall  
8 apply with respect to fiscal year 2012 and each succeeding  
9 fiscal year.

10 AUTHORITY OF SPEAKER AND MINORITY LEADER TO  
11 ALLOCATE FUNDS AMONG CERTAIN HOUSE LEAD-  
12 ERSHIP OFFICES

13 SEC. 103. (a) AUTHORITY OF SPEAKER.—

14 (1) AUTHORITY DESCRIBED.—Notwithstanding  
15 any other provision of law (including any provision  
16 of law that sets forth an allowance for official ex-  
17 penses), the amount appropriated or otherwise made  
18 available during a Congress for the salaries and ex-  
19 penses of any office or authority described in para-  
20 graph (2) shall be the amount allocated for such of-  
21 fice or authority by the Speaker of the House of  
22 Representatives from the aggregate amount appro-  
23 priated or otherwise made available for all such of-  
24 fices and authorities.



1 (2) OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES DESCRIBED.—

2 The offices and authorities described in this para-  
3 graph are as follows:

4 (A) The Office of the Speaker.

5 (B) The Speaker's Office for Legislative  
6 Floor Activities.

7 (C) The Republican Steering Committee (if  
8 the Speaker is a member of the Republican  
9 party) or the Democratic Steering and Policy  
10 Committee (if the Speaker is a member of the  
11 Democratic party).

12 (D) The Republican Policy Committee (if  
13 the Speaker is a member of the Republican  
14 party).

15 (E) Training and program development—  
16 majority (as described under the heading  
17 “House leadership offices” in the most recent  
18 bill making appropriations for the legislative  
19 branch that was enacted prior to the date of the  
20 enactment of this Act).

21 (F) Cloakroom personnel—majority (as so  
22 described).

23 (b) AUTHORITY OF MINORITY LEADER.—

24 (1) AUTHORITY DESCRIBED.—Notwithstanding  
25 any other provision of law (including any provision

1 of law that sets forth an allowance for official ex-  
2 penses), the amount appropriated or otherwise made  
3 available during a Congress for the salaries and ex-  
4 penses of any office or authority described in para-  
5 graph (2) shall be the amount allocated for such of-  
6 fice or authority by the Minority Leader of the  
7 House of Representatives from the aggregate  
8 amount appropriated or otherwise made available for  
9 all such offices and authorities.

10 (2) OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES DESCRIBED.—

11 The offices and authorities described in this para-  
12 graph are as follows:

13 (A) The Office of the Minority Leader.

14 (B) The Democratic Steering and Policy  
15 Committee (if the Minority Leader is a member  
16 of the Democratic party) or the Republican  
17 Steering Committee (if the Minority Leader is  
18 a member of the Republican party).

19 (C) The Republican Policy Committee (if  
20 the Minority Leader is a member of the Repub-  
21 lican party).

22 (D) Training and program development—  
23 minority (as described under the heading  
24 “House leadership offices” in the most recent  
25 bill making appropriations for the legislative

1 branch that was enacted prior to the date of the  
2 enactment of this Act).

3 (E) Cloakroom personnel—minority (as so  
4 described).

5 (F) Nine minority employees (as so de-  
6 scribed).

7 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with  
8 respect to any months occurring during the One Hundred  
9 Twelfth Congress that begin after the date of the enact-  
10 ment of this Act, and to any succeeding Congress.

11 REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE AND THE DEMOCRATIC  
12 STEERING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

13 SEC. 104. (a) Section 103(b) of the Legislative  
14 Branch Appropriations Act, 1999 (2 U.S.C. 74a–8(b)) is  
15 amended—

16 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by  
17 striking “Subject to the allocation described in sub-  
18 section (c), funds” and inserting “Funds”;

19 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “direct;” and  
20 inserting the following: “direct (or, if the Speaker is  
21 not a member of the Republican Party, under such  
22 terms and conditions as the Minority Leader of the  
23 House of Representatives may direct);”; and

24 (3) in paragraph (2), by striking “direct.” and  
25 inserting the following: “direct (or, if the Speaker is

1 a member of the Democratic Party, under such  
2 terms and conditions as the Speaker may direct).”.

3 (b) Section 103 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 74a–8(c)) is  
4 amended—

5 (1) by striking subsection (c); and

6 (2) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-  
7 section (c).

8 (c) The amendments made by this section shall take  
9 effect as if included in the enactment of the Legislative  
10 Branch Appropriations Act, 1999.

11 TRANSFER OF HOUSE EMERGENCY PLANNING, PRE-  
12 PAREDNESS, AND OPERATIONS FUNCTIONS TO SER-  
13 GEANT AT ARMS

14 SEC. 105. Effective February 1, 2010—

15 (1) section 905 of the Emergency Supplemental  
16 Act, 2002 (2 U.S.C. 130i) is repealed; and

17 (2) the functions and responsibilities of the Of-  
18 fice of Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Op-  
19 erations under section 905 of such Act are trans-  
20 ferred and assigned to the Sergeant at Arms of the  
21 House of Representatives.

22 JOINT ITEMS

23 For Joint Committees, as follows:

## 1 JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

2 For salaries and expenses of the Joint Economic  
3 Committee, \$4,203,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary  
4 of the Senate.

## 5 JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

6 For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on  
7 Taxation, \$10,424,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Ad-  
8 ministrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

9 For other joint items, as follows:

## 10 OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

11 For medical supplies, equipment, and contingent ex-  
12 penses of the emergency rooms, and for the Attending  
13 Physician and his assistants, including: (1) an allowance  
14 of \$2,175 per month to the Attending Physician; (2) an  
15 allowance of \$1,300 per month to the Senior Medical Offi-  
16 cer; (3) an allowance of \$725 per month each to three  
17 medical officers while on duty in the Office of the Attend-  
18 ing Physician; (4) an allowance of \$725 per month to 2  
19 assistants and \$580 per month each not to exceed 11 as-  
20 sistants on the basis heretofore provided for such assist-  
21 ants; and (5) \$2,427,000 for reimbursement to the De-  
22 partment of the Navy for expenses incurred for staff and  
23 equipment assigned to the Office of the Attending Physi-  
24 cian, which shall be advanced and credited to the applica-  
25 ble appropriation or appropriations from which such sala-

1 ries, allowances, and other expenses are payable and shall  
2 be available for all the purposes thereof, \$3,400,000, to  
3 be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the  
4 House of Representatives.

5 OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES  
6 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

7 For salaries and expenses of the Office of Congres-  
8 sional Accessibility Services, \$1,363,000, to be disbursed  
9 by the Secretary of the Senate.

10 CAPITOL POLICE

11 SALARIES

12 For salaries of employees of the Capitol Police, in-  
13 cluding overtime, hazardous duty pay, and Government  
14 contributions for health, retirement, social security, pro-  
15 fessional liability insurance, and other applicable employee  
16 benefits, \$277,132,624 (increased by \$1,000,000), to be  
17 disbursed by the Chief of the Capitol Police or his des-  
18 ignee.

19 GENERAL EXPENSES

20 For necessary expenses of the Capitol Police, includ-  
21 ing motor vehicles, communications and other equipment,  
22 security equipment and installation, uniforms, weapons,  
23 supplies, materials, training, medical services, forensic  
24 services, stenographic services, personal and professional  
25 services, the employee assistance program, the awards pro-

1 gram, postage, communication services, travel advances,  
2 relocation of instructor and liaison personnel for the Fed-  
3 eral Law Enforcement Training Center, and not more  
4 than \$5,000 to be expended on the certification of the  
5 Chief of the Capitol Police in connection with official rep-  
6 resentation and reception expenses, \$63,003,740, of which  
7 \$2,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,  
8 2014, to be disbursed by the Chief of the Capitol Police  
9 or his designee: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding any other  
10 provision of law, the cost of basic training for the Capitol  
11 Police at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center  
12 for fiscal year 2012 shall be paid by the Secretary of  
13 Homeland Security from funds available to the Depart-  
14 ment of Homeland Security.

#### 15 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 SEC. 1001. Amounts appropriated for fiscal year  
18 2012 for the Capitol Police may be transferred between  
19 the headings “Salaries” and “General Expenses” upon the  
20 approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the  
21 House of Representatives and the Senate.

1 WAIVER BY CHIEF OF CAPITOL POLICE OF CLAIMS  
2 ARISING OUT OF ERRONEOUS PAYMENTS TO OFFI-  
3 CERS AND EMPLOYEES

4 SEC. 1002. (a) WAIVER OF CLAIM.—Subject to the  
5 approval of the Capitol Police Board, the Chief of the  
6 United States Capitol Police may waive in whole or in part  
7 a claim of the United States against a person arising out  
8 of an erroneous payment of any pay or allowances, other  
9 than travel and transportation expenses and allowances,  
10 to an officer, member, or employee of the United States  
11 Capitol Police, if the collection of the claim would be  
12 against equity and good conscience and not in the best  
13 interests of the United States.

14 (b) INVESTIGATION OF APPLICATION; REPORT.—The  
15 Chief shall investigate each application for the waiver of  
16 a claim under subsection (a) and shall submit a written  
17 report of the investigation to the Capitol Police Board, ex-  
18 cept that if the aggregate amount of the claim involved  
19 exceeds \$1,500, the Comptroller General may also inves-  
20 tigate the application and submit a written report of the  
21 investigation to the Capitol Police Board.

22 (c) PROHIBITION OF WAIVER UNDER CERTAIN CIR-  
23 CUMSTANCES.—The Chief may not exercise the authority  
24 to waive a claim under subsection (a) if—



1           (1) in the Chief’s opinion, there exists in con-  
2           nection with the claim an indication of fraud, mis-  
3           representation, fault, or lack of good faith on the  
4           part of the officer, member, or employee involved or  
5           of any other person having an interest in obtaining  
6           a waiver of the claim; or

7           (2) the Chief receives the application for the  
8           waiver after the expiration of the 3-year period that  
9           begins on the date on which the erroneous payment  
10          of pay or allowances was discovered.

11          (d) CREDIT FOR WAIVER.—In the audit and settle-  
12          ment of accounts of any accountable officer or official, full  
13          credit shall be given for any amounts with respect to which  
14          collection by the United States is waived under subsection  
15          (a).

16          (e) EFFECT OF WAIVER.—An erroneous payment,  
17          the collection of which is waived under subsection (a), is  
18          deemed a valid payment for all purposes.

19          (f) CONSTRUCTION WITH OTHER LAWS.—This sec-  
20          tion does not affect any authority under any other law  
21          to litigate, settle, compromise, or waive any claim of the  
22          United States.

23          (g) RULES AND REGULATIONS.—The Chief shall pro-  
24          mulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section.

1 (h) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with  
2 respect to payments of pay and allowances made at any  
3 time after the Chief became the disbursing officer for the  
4 United States Capitol Police pursuant to section 1018(a)  
5 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2003 (2  
6 U.S.C. 1907(a)).

7 OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

8 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

9 For salaries and expenses of the Office of Compli-  
10 ance, as authorized by section 305 of the Congressional  
11 Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1385), \$3,817,000,  
12 of which \$884,000 shall remain available until September  
13 30, 2013: *Provided*, That not more than \$500 may be ex-  
14 pended on the certification of the Executive Director of  
15 the Office of Compliance in connection with official rep-  
16 resentation and reception expenses.

17 CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

18 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

19 For salaries and expenses necessary for operation of  
20 the Congressional Budget Office, including not more than  
21 \$6,000 to be expended on the certification of the Director  
22 of the Congressional Budget Office in connection with offi-  
23 cial representation and reception expenses, \$43,787,000.

## 1 ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

## 2 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

3 For salaries for the Architect of the Capitol, and  
4 other personal services, at rates of pay provided by law;  
5 for surveys and studies in connection with activities under  
6 the care of the Architect of the Capitol; for all necessary  
7 expenses for the general and administrative support of the  
8 operations under the Architect of the Capitol including the  
9 Botanic Garden; electrical substations of the Capitol, Sen-  
10 ate and House office buildings, and other facilities under  
11 the jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol; including  
12 furnishings and office equipment; including not more than  
13 \$5,000 for official reception and representation expenses,  
14 to be expended as the Architect of the Capitol may ap-  
15 prove; for purchase or exchange, maintenance, and oper-  
16 ation of a passenger motor vehicle, \$104,790,000, of  
17 which \$3,199,000 shall remain available until September  
18 30, 2016.

## 19 CAPITOL BUILDING

20 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care  
21 and operation of the Capitol, \$35,354,000, of which  
22 \$10,263,000 shall remain available until September 30,  
23 2016.



1 Folger Shakespeare Library, expenses for which shall be  
2 advanced or reimbursed upon request of the Architect of  
3 the Capitol and amounts so received shall be deposited  
4 into the Treasury to the credit of this appropriation,  
5 \$127,159,000, of which \$33,377,000 shall remain avail-  
6 able until September 30, 2016: *Provided*, That not more  
7 than \$9,000,000 of the funds credited or to be reimbursed  
8 to this appropriation as herein provided shall be available  
9 for obligation during fiscal year 2012.

10 LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

11 For all necessary expenses for the mechanical and  
12 structural maintenance, care and operation of the Library  
13 buildings and grounds, \$38,486,000, of which  
14 \$12,726,000 shall remain available until September 30,  
15 2016.

16 CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND SECURITY

17 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care  
18 and operation of buildings, grounds and security enhance-  
19 ments of the United States Capitol Police, wherever lo-  
20 cated, the Alternate Computer Facility, and AOC security  
21 operations, \$21,500,000, of which \$3,473,000 shall re-  
22 main available until September 30, 2016.

23 BOTANIC GARDEN

24 For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care  
25 and operation of the Botanic Garden and the nurseries,

1 buildings, grounds, and collections; and purchase and ex-  
2 change, maintenance, repair, and operation of a passenger  
3 motor vehicle; all under the direction of the Joint Com-  
4 mittee on the Library, \$12,000,000 (reduced by  
5 \$632,780): *Provided*, That of the amount made available  
6 under this heading, the Architect may obligate and expend  
7 such sums as may be necessary for the maintenance, care  
8 and operation of the National Garden established under  
9 section 307E of the Legislative Branch Appropriations  
10 Act, 1989 (2 U.S.C. 2146), upon vouchers approved by  
11 the Architect or a duly authorized designee.

12                                   CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

13           For all necessary expenses for the operation of the  
14 Capitol Visitor Center, \$21,276,000.

15                                   LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

16                                   SALARIES AND EXPENSES

17           For all necessary expenses of the Library of Congress  
18 not otherwise provided for, including development and  
19 maintenance of the Library's catalogs; custody and custo-  
20 dial care of the Library buildings; special clothing; clean-  
21 ing, laundering and repair of uniforms; preservation of  
22 motion pictures in the custody of the Library; operation  
23 and maintenance of the American Folklife Center in the  
24 Library; activities under the Civil Rights History Project  
25 Act of 2009; preparation and distribution of catalog

1 records and other publications of the Library; hire or pur-  
2 chase of one passenger motor vehicle; and expenses of the  
3 Library of Congress Trust Fund Board not properly  
4 chargeable to the income of any trust fund held by the  
5 Board, \$412,446,000 (increased by \$1,000,000) (reduced  
6 by \$1,000,000), of which not more than \$6,000,000 shall  
7 be derived from collections credited to this appropriation  
8 during fiscal year 2012, and shall remain available until  
9 expended, under the Act of June 28, 1902 (chapter 1301;  
10 32 Stat. 480; 2 U.S.C. 150) and not more than \$350,000  
11 shall be derived from collections during fiscal year 2012  
12 and shall remain available until expended for the develop-  
13 ment and maintenance of an international legal informa-  
14 tion database and activities related thereto: *Provided*,  
15 That the Library of Congress may not obligate or expend  
16 any funds derived from collections under the Act of June  
17 28, 1902, in excess of the amount authorized for obliga-  
18 tion or expenditure in appropriations Acts: *Provided fur-*  
19 *ther*, That the total amount available for obligation shall  
20 be reduced by the amount by which collections are less  
21 than \$6,350,000: *Provided further*, That of the total  
22 amount appropriated, not more than \$12,000 may be ex-  
23 pended, on the certification of the Librarian of Congress,  
24 in connection with official representation and reception ex-  
25 penses for the Overseas Field Offices: *Provided further*,

1 That of the total amount appropriated, \$4,800,000 shall  
2 remain available until expended for the digital collections  
3 and educational curricula program.

4 COPYRIGHT OFFICE

5 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

6 For all necessary expenses of the Copyright Office,  
7 \$50,974,000, of which not more than \$28,029,000, to re-  
8 main available until expended, shall be derived from collec-  
9 tions credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 2012  
10 under section 708(d) of title 17, United States Code: *Pro-*  
11 *vided*, That not more than \$3,000,000 shall be derived  
12 from prior year available unobligated balances: *Provided*  
13 *further*, That the Copyright Office may not obligate or ex-  
14 pend any funds derived from collections under such sec-  
15 tion, in excess of the amount authorized for obligation or  
16 expenditure in appropriations Acts: *Provided further*, That  
17 not more than \$5,484,000 shall be derived from collections  
18 during fiscal year 2012 under sections 111(d)(2),  
19 119(b)(2), 803(e), 1005, and 1316 of such title: *Provided*  
20 *further*, That the total amount available for obligation  
21 shall be reduced by the amount by which collections and  
22 prior year available unobligated balances are less than  
23 \$36,513,000: *Provided further*, That not more than  
24 \$100,000 of the amount appropriated is available for the  
25 maintenance of an “International Copyright Institute” in



1 the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress for the  
2 purpose of training nationals of developing countries in  
3 intellectual property laws and policies: *Provided further*,  
4 That not more than \$4,250 may be expended, on the cer-  
5 tification of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with  
6 official representation and reception expenses for activities  
7 of the International Copyright Institute and for copyright  
8 delegations, visitors, and seminars: *Provided further*, That  
9 notwithstanding any provision of chapter 8 of title 17,  
10 United States Code, any amounts made available under  
11 this heading which are attributable to royalty fees and  
12 payments received by the Copyright Office pursuant to  
13 sections 111, 119, and chapter 10 of such title may be  
14 used for the costs incurred in the administration of the  
15 Copyright Royalty Judges program, with the exception of  
16 the costs of salaries and benefits for the Copyright Royalty  
17 Judges and staff under section 802(e).

18 CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

20 For all necessary expenses to carry out the provisions  
21 of section 203 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of  
22 1946 (2 U.S.C. 166) and to revise and extend the Anno-  
23 tated Constitution of the United States of America,  
24 \$104,091,000: *Provided*, That no part of such amount  
25 may be used to pay any salary or expense in connection

1 with any publication, or preparation of material therefor  
2 (except the Digest of Public General Bills), to be issued  
3 by the Library of Congress unless such publication has  
4 obtained prior approval of either the Committee on House  
5 Administration of the House of Representatives or the  
6 Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

7 BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED  
8 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

9 For salaries and expenses to carry out the Act of  
10 March 3, 1931 (chapter 400; 46 Stat. 1487; 2 U.S.C.  
11 135a), \$50,674,000: *Provided*, That of the total amount  
12 appropriated, \$650,000 shall be available to contract to  
13 provide newspapers to blind and physically handicapped  
14 residents at no cost to the individual.

15 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

16 REIMBURSABLE AND REVOLVING FUND ACTIVITIES

17 SEC. 1101. (a) IN GENERAL.—For fiscal year 2012,  
18 the obligational authority of the Library of Congress for  
19 the activities described in subsection (b) may not exceed  
20 \$169,725,000.

21 (b) ACTIVITIES.—The activities referred to in sub-  
22 section (a) are reimbursable and revolving fund activities  
23 that are funded from sources other than appropriations  
24 to the Library in appropriations Acts for the legislative  
25 branch.



1 FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION  
2 PAYMENTS

3 SEC. 1103. (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any  
4 other provision of law, available balances of expired Li-  
5 brary of Congress appropriations shall be available for the  
6 purposes of making payments for employees of the Library  
7 of Congress under section 8147 of title 5, United States  
8 Code, without regard to the fiscal year for which the obli-  
9 gation to make such payments is incurred.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with  
11 respect to appropriations for fiscal year 2012 and each  
12 fiscal year thereafter.

13 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE  
14 CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING AND BINDING  
15 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

16 For authorized printing and binding for the Congress  
17 and the distribution of Congressional information in any  
18 format; printing and binding of Government publications  
19 authorized by law to be distributed to Members of Con-  
20 gress; and printing, binding, and distribution of Govern-  
21 ment publications authorized by law to be distributed  
22 without charge to the recipient, \$78,000,000 (reduced by  
23 \$3,414,150.29): *Provided*, That this appropriation shall  
24 not be available for paper copies of the permanent edition  
25 of the Congressional Record for individual Representa-

1 tives, Resident Commissioners or Delegates authorized  
2 under section 906 of title 44, United States Code: *Pro-*  
3 *vided further*, That this appropriation shall be available  
4 for the payment of obligations incurred under the appro-  
5 priations for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years:  
6 *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the 2-year limita-  
7 tion under section 718 of title 44, United States Code,  
8 none of the funds appropriated or made available under  
9 this Act or any other Act for printing and binding and  
10 related services provided to Congress under chapter 7 of  
11 title 44, United States Code, may be expended to print  
12 a document, report, or publication after the 27-month pe-  
13 riod beginning on the date that such document, report,  
14 or publication is authorized by Congress to be printed, un-  
15 less Congress reauthorizes such printing in accordance  
16 with section 718 of title 44, United States Code: *Provided*  
17 *further*, That any unobligated or unexpended balances in  
18 this account or accounts for similar purposes for preceding  
19 fiscal years may be transferred to the Government Print-  
20 ing Office revolving fund for carrying out the purposes of  
21 this heading, subject to the approval of the Committees  
22 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and  
23 Senate: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding sections  
24 901, 902, and 906 of title 44, United States Code, this

1 appropriation may be used to prepare indexes to the Con-  
2 gressional Record on only a monthly and session basis.

3 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

4 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 For expenses of the Office of Superintendent of Doc-  
7 uments necessary to provide for the cataloging and index-  
8 ing of Government publications and their distribution to  
9 the public, Members of Congress, other Government agen-  
10 cies, and designated depository and international exchange  
11 libraries as authorized by law, \$35,000,000 (reduced by  
12 \$1,531,990.51): *Provided*, That amounts of not more than  
13 \$2,000,000 from current year appropriations are author-  
14 ized for producing and disseminating Congressional serial  
15 sets and other related publications for fiscal years 2010  
16 and 2011 to depository and other designated libraries:  
17 *Provided further*, That any unobligated or unexpended bal-  
18 ances in this account or accounts for similar purposes for  
19 preceding fiscal years may be transferred to the Govern-  
20 ment Printing Office revolving fund for carrying out the  
21 purposes of this heading, subject to the approval of the  
22 Committees on Appropriations of the House of Represent-  
23 atives and Senate.

## 1 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND

2 The Government Printing Office is hereby authorized  
3 to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds  
4 available and in accordance with law, and to make such  
5 contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year  
6 limitations as provided by section 9104 of title 31, United  
7 States Code, as may be necessary in carrying out the pro-  
8 grams and purposes set forth in the budget for the current  
9 fiscal year for the Government Printing Office revolving  
10 fund: *Provided*, That not more than \$7,500 may be ex-  
11 pended on the certification of the Public Printer in connec-  
12 tion with official representation and reception expenses:  
13 *Provided further*, That the revolving fund shall be available  
14 for the hire or purchase of not more than 12 passenger  
15 motor vehicles: *Provided further*, That expenditures in con-  
16 nection with travel expenses of the advisory councils to  
17 the Public Printer shall be deemed necessary to carry out  
18 the provisions of title 44, United States Code: *Provided*  
19 *further*, That the revolving fund shall be available for tem-  
20 porary or intermittent services under section 3109(b) of  
21 title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals  
22 not more than the daily equivalent of the annual rate of  
23 basic pay for level V of the Executive Schedule under sec-  
24 tion 5316 of such title: *Provided further*, That activities

1 financed through the revolving fund may provide informa-  
2 tion in any format.

3 GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

4 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

5 For necessary expenses of the Government Account-  
6 ability Office, including not more than \$12,500 to be ex-  
7 pended on the certification of the Comptroller General of  
8 the United States in connection with official representa-  
9 tion and reception expenses; temporary or intermittent  
10 services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States  
11 Code, but at rates for individuals not more than the daily  
12 equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay for level IV of  
13 the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of such title;  
14 hire of one passenger motor vehicle; advance payments in  
15 foreign countries in accordance with section 3324 of title  
16 31, United States Code; benefits comparable to those pay-  
17 able under sections 901(5), (6), and (8) of the Foreign  
18 Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4081(5), (6), and (8));  
19 and under regulations prescribed by the Comptroller Gen-  
20 eral of the United States, rental of living quarters in for-  
21 eign countries, \$511,296,000: *Provided*, That, in addition,  
22 \$18,304,000 of payments received under sections 782,  
23 3521, and 9105 of title 31, United States Code, shall be  
24 available without fiscal year limitation: *Provided further*,  
25 That this appropriation and appropriations for adminis-



1 trative expenses of any other department or agency which  
2 is a member of the National Intergovernmental Audit  
3 Forum or a Regional Intergovernmental Audit Forum  
4 shall be available to finance an appropriate share of either  
5 Forum’s costs as determined by the respective Forum, in-  
6 cluding necessary travel expenses of non-Federal partici-  
7 pants: *Provided further*, That payments hereunder to the  
8 Forum may be credited as reimbursements to any appro-  
9 priation from which costs involved are initially financed.

10 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

11 SEC. 1201. (a) Section 210 of the Legislative Branch  
12 Appropriations Act, 2005 (2 U.S.C. 60q) is amended—

13 (1) by striking subsection (d); and

14 (2) in subsection (f)(2)(A), by striking “United  
15 States Code” and inserting “United States Code,  
16 but excluding the Government Accountability Of-  
17 fice”.

18 (b) Section 3521(1) of title 5, United States Code,  
19 is amended by striking “section 105” and inserting “sec-  
20 tion 105 (other than the Government Accountability Of-  
21 fice)”.

22 (c) The amendments made by this section shall apply  
23 with respect to voluntary separation incentive payments  
24 made during fiscal year 2012 or any succeeding fiscal  
25 year.



1 appropriated for is different from that specifically estab-  
2 lished by such Act, the rate of compensation and the des-  
3 ignation in this Act shall be the permanent law with re-  
4 spect thereto: *Provided*, That the provisions in this Act  
5 for the various items of official expenses of Members, offi-  
6 cers, and committees of the House of Representatives and  
7 Senate, and clerk hire for Senators and Members of the  
8 House of Representatives shall be the permanent law with  
9 respect thereto.

10 CONSULTING SERVICES

11 SEC. 204. The expenditure of any appropriation  
12 under this Act for any consulting service through procure-  
13 ment contract, under section 3109 of title 5, United States  
14 Code, shall be limited to those contracts where such ex-  
15 penditures are a matter of public record and available for  
16 public inspection, except where otherwise provided under  
17 existing law, or under existing Executive order issued  
18 under existing law.

19 AWARDS AND SETTLEMENTS

20 SEC. 205. Such sums as may be necessary are appro-  
21 priated to the account described in subsection (a) of sec-  
22 tion 415 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995  
23 (2 U.S.C. 1415(a)) to pay awards and settlements as au-  
24 thorized under such subsection.

## 1 COSTS OF LBFMC

2 SEC. 206. Amounts available for administrative ex-  
3 penses of any legislative branch entity which participates  
4 in the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council  
5 (LBFMC) established by charter on March 26, 1996, shall  
6 be available to finance an appropriate share of LBFMC  
7 costs as determined by the LBFMC, except that the total  
8 LBFMC costs to be shared among all participating legisla-  
9 tive branch entities (in such allocations among the entities  
10 as the entities may determine) may not exceed \$2,000.

## 11 LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

12 SEC. 207. The Architect of the Capitol, in consulta-  
13 tion with the District of Columbia, is authorized to main-  
14 tain and improve the landscape features, excluding streets,  
15 in the irregular shaped grassy areas bounded by Wash-  
16 ington Avenue, SW on the northeast, Second Street SW  
17 on the west, Square 582 on the south, and the beginning  
18 of the I-395 tunnel on the southeast.

## 19 LIMITATION ON TRANSFERS

20 SEC. 208. None of the funds made available in this  
21 Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-  
22 strumentality of the United States Government, except  
23 pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority pro-  
24 vided in, this Act or any other appropriation Act.

## 1 GUIDED TOURS OF THE CAPITOL

2 SEC. 209. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b),  
3 none of the funds made available to the Architect of the  
4 Capitol in this Act may be used to eliminate or restrict  
5 guided tours of the United States Capitol which are led  
6 by employees and interns of offices of Members of Con-  
7 gress and other offices of the House of Representatives  
8 and Senate.

9 (b) At the direction of the Capitol Police Board, or  
10 at the direction of the Architect of the Capitol with the  
11 approval of the Capitol Police Board, guided tours of the  
12 United States Capitol which are led by employees and in-  
13 terns described in subsection (a) may be suspended tempo-  
14 rarily or otherwise subject to restriction for security or re-  
15 lated reasons to the same extent as guided tours of the  
16 United States Capitol which are led by the Architect of  
17 the Capitol.

## 18 SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

19 SEC. 210. The amount by which the applicable alloca-  
20 tion of new budget authority made by the Committee on  
21 Appropriations of the House of Representatives under sec-  
22 tion 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, ex-  
23 cluding Senate items, exceeds the amount of proposed new  
24 budget authority is \$0 (increased by \$632,780) (increased  
25 by \$4,946,140.80).

1        SEC. 211. None of the funds made available in this  
2 Act may be used to deliver a printed copy of a bill, joint  
3 resolution, or resolution to the office of a Member of the  
4 House of Representatives (including a Delegate or Resi-  
5 dent Commissioner to the Congress) unless the Member  
6 requests a copy.

7        SEC. 212. None of the funds made available by this  
8 Act may be used to deliver a printed copy of any version  
9 of the Congressional Record to the office of a Member of  
10 the House of Representatives (including a Delegate or  
11 Resident Commissioner to the Congress).

12        SEC. 213. None of the funds made available in this  
13 Act may be used by the Chief Administrative Officer of  
14 the House of Representatives to make any payments from  
15 any Members' Representational Allowance for the leasing  
16 of a vehicle in an aggregate amount that exceeds \$1,000  
17 for the vehicle in any month.

18        This Act may be cited as the "Legislative Branch Ap-  
19 propriations Act, 2012".

Passed the House of Representatives July 22, 2011.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



112<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

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**H. R. 2551**

**AN ACT**

Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch  
for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012,  
and for other purposes.