

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED TO THE
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL
FOR FY 2019

Full Committee Markup
House Appropriations Committee
May 8, 2018

leg

#1 offered yoder #1 adopted v.v.

**MANAGER'S AMENDMENT TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS
BILL**

Amend section 118 to read as follows:

REPEAL OF AUTHORIZATIONS FOR FORMER SPEAKERS

SEC. 118. (a) REPEAL OF AUTHORIZATIONS FOR OFFICE SPACE, OFFICE EXPENSES, FRANKING AND PRINTING PRIVILEGES, AND STAFF.—The first section and sections 2, 4, 5, and 8 of House Resolution 1238, Ninety-first Congress, agreed to December 22, 1970 (as enacted into permanent law by chapter VIII of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1971) (2 U.S.C. 5125(a), 5126, 5127, 5128, and 5129) are repealed.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (b) of the first section of Public Law 93–532 (2 U.S.C. 5125(b)) is repealed.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to any individual who serves as a Representative in Congress during the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress or any succeeding Congress.

Page 10, insert after line 18 the following new section:

TRANSFER AUTHORITY

SEC. 120. (a) AUTHORITY TO MAKE TRANSFERS AMONG HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES.—Section 101 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1993 (2 U.S.C. 5507) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(f) Amounts appropriated for any fiscal year for the House of Representatives under the heading ‘House Leadership Offices’ may be transferred among and merged with the various offices and activities under such heading, effective upon the expiration of the 21-day period (or such alternative period that may be imposed by the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives) which begins on the date such Committee has been notified of the transfer.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2019 and each succeeding fiscal year.

On page 5 of the Committee Report (after the paragraph relating to Food Waste Reduction), insert the following:

Healthy Food Options: The Committee requests the CAO ensure the House's food offerings include food and nutrition options that support healthier choices such as: a variety of fruit and vegetable options; whole grain-rich options; plant-based proteins; lean protein entrees; more visible access to freely available drinking water; and meals, entrees, and sides with less sodium.

Study on House Salaries: Not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Chief Administrative Officer shall contract with an independent external entity to produce and submit to the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives a report that: reviews the salaries and benefits of personal office and committee staff in the House of Representatives against their Executive branch and private sector counterparts to evaluate 1) whether staff receive similar pay for similar work, and 2) if there is a disjunction, the extent and nature of that disjunction, broken out by job responsibilities; and reviews the salaries of personal office and committee staff in the House of Representatives to evaluate in the aggregate whether 1) men and women with similar job responsibilities, experience, and qualifications receive similar pay for similar work, and 2) whether people from different ethnic or racial groups receive similar pay for similar work. This review should focus on personal and committee offices.

On page 11 of the Committee Report, at the end of the paragraph on Energy and Sustainability Programs, add the following: "The Committee directs the AOC to study what further measures can be taken to conserve resources and promote a more sustainable campus. This study should focus on further decreasing water and electricity use; reducing waste; and improving or expanding recycling and composting practices in the Capitol complex. Any feasible, cost-neutral practices should be implemented. The study should also analyze whether the Congress could save taxpayer money through more widespread installation of solar panels to generate electricity."

On page 17 of the Committee Report (before "Salaries and Expenses"), insert the following:

Civic Education: The Committee recognizes the importance of civic education and the role the Library of Congress has played to increase access to civic education resources on U.S. civics and history. The Committee is encouraged by work the Library of Congress has already done to increase civic participation. The Committee believes that the Library of Congress should expand their civic education resources through the Teaching with Primary Sources program to also include materials targeted to post-secondary classrooms. The Committee directs the Library of Congress to provide a plan on how the Library of Congress's

resources and web presence can be used to expand civic education and civic participation.