

# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations Bill At-a-Glance



**Provides \$4.2 billion, with key investments in the Legislative Branch to better reflect and meet the needs of America's diverse communities**

**Chairman Tim Ryan on the Legislative Branch government funding bill:**

*"This bill provides increased funding so Congress can do its job. By mandating the removal of offensive statues, this bill also makes the People's House welcome to all."*

## Building Legislative Branch Capacity

- \$1.477 billion in discretionary appropriations for the House of Representatives, an increase of \$111 million above FY20, including:
  - \$640 million for the Members Representational Allowance (MRA), the basic office budgets of House Members, an increase of \$25 million above FY20
- \$752.8 million for the Library of Congress, an increase of \$27.4 million above FY20, to support urgent information technology needs, the modernization of systems for copyright registration and recordation, and ongoing Library initiatives such as the Veterans' History Project
- \$664.3 million for Government Accountability Office, an increase of \$34.3 million above FY20, to handle its large workload, and begin to address its information technology and building renovation needs
- \$631.3 million for the Architect of the Capitol, \$31.8 million above FY20, for restoration of campus buildings and for additional staff for project management to ensure on-time, on-budget construction projects
- \$57.3 million for the Congressional Budget Office, an increase of \$2.4 million above FY20, to improve modeling and analytical capability in key areas and to make its work as transparent and accessible as possible

## Modernizing the House of Representatives

- \$2 million for the newly created House Modernization Initiatives Account to make Congress more effective, efficient, and transparent on behalf of the American people

## Promoting Diversity and Inclusion

- \$11.4 million for paid interns for House Member and Leadership offices, extending internship opportunities to people who may not be financially able to take an unpaid position
- \$1.5 million for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, an increase of \$500,000 above the FY20 level
- Includes language permitting the Legislative Branch agencies to employ Dreamers

## Preventing Discrimination and Harassment

- \$7.5 million for the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, an increase of \$1.2 million above FY20, to enforce laws against discrimination and sexual harassment

## Removing Confederate Symbols

- Includes language directing the Architect of the Capitol to remove statues or busts in the U.S. Capitol that represent figures who participated in the Confederate Army or government, as well as the statues of individuals with unambiguous records of racial intolerance: Charles Aycock, John C. Calhoun, and James Paul Clarke, and the bust of Roger B. Taney

## Increasing Transparency for U.S. Capitol Police

- Bill report includes several measures to help bring more transparency to the Capitol Police