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URGENT DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION BILL, 1956

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Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 9063]

The Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9063) making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and for other purposes, report the same to the Senate with various amendments and present herewith information relative to the changes made.

Amount of bill as passed House	-----	\$64, 670, 201
Amount of increase by Senate committee	-----	5, 524, 865
Amount of bill as reported to Senate	-----	<u>70, 195, 066</u>

Chapter	Department or activity	Budget estimate	Recommended in House bill	Amount recommended by Senate committee	Increase (+) or decrease (-) compared with—	
					Budget estimate	House bill
I	Independent offices-----	\$25,750,000	\$25,750,000	\$25,750,000	-----	-----
II	Department of Defense, military functions-----	-----	-----	(¹)	-----	-----
III	Department of Defense, civil functions-----	34,646,000	34,766,000	34,796,000	+\$150,000	+\$30,000
IV	District of Columbia-----	43,500	43,500	40,000	-\$3,500	-\$3,500
V	Legislative branch-----	-----	45,000	1,039,865	+1,039,865	+994,865
VI	Acquisition of site, additional Senate Office Building-----	-----	-----	4,500,000	+4,500,000	+4,500,000
VII	Claims and judgments-----	4,109,201	4,109,201	4,109,201	-----	-----
	Total-----	64,505,201	64,670,201	70,195,066	+5,689,865	+5,524,865

¹ Language.

CHAPTER I

INDEPENDENT OFFICES

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DISASTER RELIEF

The committee approves the House allowance of the full budget estimate of \$25 million for disaster relief, administered by the Federal Civil Defense Administration for emergency relief to States and localities during major disasters. After providing for pending allocations to States, the balance in the fund for use in future emergencies will amount to approximately \$13,400,000, and no additional request is contemplated for fiscal year 1957.

The administrative expense limitation is approved at 3 percent as allowed by the House, instead of 4 percent as requested.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

SERVICE-DISABLED VETERANS INSURANCE FUND

The committee approves the House allowance of the full budget estimate of \$750,000 for additional capital required in fiscal year 1956 to meet obligations for nonparticipating insurance for veterans with service-connected disabilities which make them ineligible for commercial insurance.

CHAPTER II

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY FUNCTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

UTILIZATION OF MURPHY GENERAL HOSPITAL

The committee recommends the following language be inserted in the bill:

Notwithstanding the proviso under the heading "Maintenance and operations" in title III of the Department of Defense Appropriation Act, 1956, the Murphy General Hospital in Boston (Waltham), Massachusetts, may be utilized during the fiscal year 1956 to meet any requirements of the military, naval and air forces and other Government agencies, including the requirements of the New England Division of the Army Corps of Engineers.

Title III of Public Law 157, 84th Congress, provided that during the fiscal year 1956, the maintenance, operation, and availability of the Murphy General Hospital in Boston, Mass., shall be continued to meet the requirements of the military and naval forces. This was done in order to prevent abandonment of this hospital and to provide time for an adequate exploration of possibilities for its continued use by some agency of the Government.

It has now been determined that there is an urgent requirement by the Department of Defense for office space in this area. Under date of December 30, 1955, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Properties and Installations wrote to the committee, in part, as follows:

"With respect to the Murphy Army Hospital, there is a requirement for 135,000 square feet (approximately one-half of that installation) for use as office space by the New England Division of the Army Corps of Engineers. That requirement will come into operation on March 23, 1956, when the property belonging to Boston University at 857 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass., will be vacated by the Corps of Engineers upon the termination of the current lease of that property from Boston University, which has declined to renew the lease. The Department of the Air Force now occupies 50,000 square feet in that hospital as office space for approximately 300 contractor personnel engaged in research activities. The Air Force has a requirement for 2 years beginning June 1, 1956, for an additional 85,000 square feet of space to support an electronic training program. Those uses would cover approximately 1,400 military and civilian persons. There is no other immediate requirement by the military departments for space at that hospital."

The language proposed would permit the utilization of the hospital by the Government agencies needing this space, providing a rental savings of \$138,000 for the Corps of Engineers alone. As for the patients now at the hospital, it is believed that they can be adequately cared for at the Fort Devens Hospital or at the Chelsea Naval Hospital, both located nearby.

CHAPTER III

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL FUNCTIONS

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

RIVERS AND HARBORS AND FLOOD CONTROL

GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

The committee approves the House allowance of the full budget estimate of \$330,000, for the following studies:

New England streams-----	\$130, 000
Streams south of the New England area to and including the Potomac River-----	169, 000
Special studies, Delaware River-----	31, 000
Total-----	<u>330, 000</u>

The committee feels that the funds recommended for these Northeast flood-control studies are needed at this time in order to expeditiously determine what additional measures or projects are needed to protect inland areas from flooding brought about fundamentally by the heavy rainfall that occurs as a result of hurricanes.

CONSTRUCTION, GENERAL

The budget estimate provided \$1,586,000 for preconstruction planning, and \$1,100,000 for starting construction on 5 flood-control projects. The estimate also provided for the use of \$150,000 of available funds for the Woonsocket local protection project in Rhode Island. The House allowance provided for the appropriation of funds to accomplish the program recommended by the President. This resulted in a House allowance of \$150,000 in excess of the budget estimate. The committee concurs in the action of the House, and recommends an appropriation of \$34,436,000.

The allocation of the funds recommended, is as follows:

H. Doc. No.	Department or agency	Budget estimate	House allowance	Senate committee recommendation
	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL FUNCTIONS			
	DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY			
	RIVERS AND HARBORS AND FLOOD CONTROL			
291	Construction, general:			
	Advance planning:			
	Thomaston Reservoir, Conn.....	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000
	East Brimfield Reservoir, Mass.....	140,000	140,000	140,000
	Hodges Village Reservoir, Mass.....	140,000	140,000	140,000
	Worcester diversion, Massachusetts.....	60,000	60,000	60,000
	Endicott, Johnson City, and Vestal.....	80,000	80,000	80,000
	Allentown, Pa.....	60,000	60,000	60,000
	Bethlehem, Pa.....	50,000	50,000	50,000
	Dyberry Reservoir, Pa.....	125,000	125,000	125,000
	Prompton Reservoir, Pa.....	100,000	100,000	100,000
	Stillwater Reservoir, Pa.....	120,000	120,000	120,000
	East Barre Reservoir, Vt.....	39,000	39,000	39,000
	North Hartland Reservoir, Vt.....	140,000	140,000	140,000
	North Springfield Reservoir, Vt.....	140,000	140,000	140,000
	Rutland, Vt.....	28,000	28,000	28,000
	Townshend Reservoir, Vt.....	140,000	140,000	140,000
	Waterbury Reservoir, Vt.....	43,000	43,000	43,000
	Wrightsville Reservoir, Vt.....	41,000	41,000	41,000
	Construction:			
	Barre Falls Reservoir, Mass.....	300,000	300,000	300,000
	Buffumville Reservoir, Mass.....	100,000	100,000	100,000
	Otter Brook Reservoir, N. H.....	100,000	100,000	100,000
	Bear Creek Reservoir, Pa.....	300,000	300,000	300,000
	Woonsocket, R. I.....	¹ (150,000)	150,000	150,000
	Ball Mountain Reservoir, Vt.....	300,000	300,000	300,000
	Reimbursement for operations "Noah".....	31,600,000	31,600,000	31,600,000
	Total.....	34,286,000	34,436,000	34,436,000

¹ To be derived from available funds.

The committee noted that the North Springfield Reservoir in Vermont, though authorized, was not included in the Connecticut River compact. Representatives of the Corps of Engineers testified that there is every indication that the State of Vermont will concur in the North Springfield project in the future, in which case it will be included in the compact. Under these circumstances the committee has recommended the appropriation of planning funds for this project. The committee directs, however, that none of the funds appropriated for this project shall be expended, until and unless the State of Vermont concurs in the North Springfield Reservoir.

The approval of the supplemental estimate recommended by the committee will result in completion of the individual projects from 4 months to 1 year earlier than would be the case if they had to await the fiscal year 1957 appropriation.

GENERAL EXPENSES

The committee recommends an additional appropriation of \$30,000 for general expenses. The committee recognizes the additional work involved in the executive direction and management resulting from the 102 unbudgeted new starts provided for in the 1956 appropriation act and the 23 additional projects contained in the supplemental estimate for which additional construction funds are provided for in this bill.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED
AGENCIES

THEODORE ROOSEVELT CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

The committee considered a request for a supplemental appropriation of \$6,065 for the Theodore Roosevelt Centennial Commission. The committee has not recommended any additional appropriation because to do so would be making a recommendation for an appropriation over and above the authorization contained in Public Law 183 of the 84th Congress. Under Public Law 183 an appropriation of \$10,000 was authorized and this amount was contained in the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act for 1956 fiscal year. It is suggested by the committee that the Commission seek an increase in its authorization and thereafter the committee will entertain a request for additional appropriations.

CHAPTER IV
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OPERATING, EXPENSES, EXECUTIVE OFFICE

The committee recommends \$40,000 as compared to the House allowance of \$43,500, requested in supplemental estimate, House Document No. 291, to carry out the functions authorized by Public Law 376, approved August 12, 1955, for regulating the election of delegates representing the District of Columbia to national political conventions. The reduced sum will cover the current fiscal year's expenses of the Board of Elections, the maintenance of a permanent registration office, and the costs of conducting on May 1, 1956, the first election of delegates. In nonelection years, the annual cost is estimated to not exceed \$7,000, a sum believed sufficient to meet the costs of a secretary and incidental Board expenses.

CHAPTER V
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SENATE

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

The committee recommends an additional appropriation of \$6,270 for clerical assistance to the Vice President. This sum will supplement the appropriation of \$64,745 contained in the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act for fiscal year 1956 and will provide a total appropriation for the year of \$71,015.

CLERICAL ASSISTANTS FOR SENATORS FROM CALIFORNIA

The committee recommends an additional appropriation of \$4,780 for clerical assistants for the Senators from the State of California, since the latest estimate of the population of California exceeds 13 million inhabitants.

OFFICE OF SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER

PRESS, RADIO, AND PERIODICAL GALLERIES

Senate Joint Resolution 104 which passed the Senate August 2, 1955, provided increases in salaries for the employees of the Press, Radio, and Periodical Galleries. The resolution is pending in the House Committee on Administration. Inasmuch as the rates provided for in the resolution do not conform to the new salary schedules in the Senate, a provision has been included in this bill by the committee which will provide the increases intended by the Senate and which will conform to the rates of the salary schedules.

REPORTING SENATE PROCEEDINGS

An additional appropriation of \$5,465 is recommended for "Reporting Senate proceedings" in order to provide salary increases for the Official Reporters of the Senate and other employees in their office.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE

The following supplemental appropriations are recommended by the committee:

CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE

Furniture: For an additional amount for materials for, repairs of, and the purchase of furniture, \$5,000.

Inquiries and Investigations: For an additional amount for expenses of inquiries and investigations, fiscal year 1955, \$40,000.

Inquiries and Investigations: For an additional amount for expenses of inquiries and investigations, \$900,000.

Motor Vehicles: For an additional amount for maintaining, exchanging, and equipping motor vehicles, \$5,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The following language amendment has been adopted by the committee:

For the purpose of determining the amount of insurance for which an individual is eligible under the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Act of 1954, all changes in rates of compensation or salary which result from the appropriations under the heading "Senate" shall be held and considered to be effective as of the first day of the first pay period which begins on or after the date of such enactment.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

CAPITOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

SENATE RESTAURANTS

An appropriation of \$20,000 is recommended by the committee to finance the replacement of or repairs to the refrigerating equipment in the Senate Restaurants in the Capitol.

OFFICE OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

The committee recommends an additional appropriation of \$2,780 for the replacement of or repairs to the refrigerating equipment in the Senate Restaurants in the Capitol.

OFFICE OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

Senate Joint Resolution 151 which passed the Senate August 2, 1955, provided increases in salaries for the employees of the House and the Senate. The resolution is pending in the House and the Senate. The committee on Administration has reported that the resolution do not conform to the new salary schedules in the Senate. A provision has been included in this bill by the committee which will provide the increases intended by the Senate and which will conform to the rates of the salary schedules.

REPORTING SENATE PROCEEDINGS

An additional appropriation of \$5,462 is recommended for "Reporting Senate Proceedings" in order to provide salary increases for the Official Reporters of the Senate and other employees in their office.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE

The following supplemental appropriations are recommended by the committee:

CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE

For an additional amount for materials for repairs of, and the purchase of, furniture: \$4,000.
For an additional amount for repairs of furniture: \$1,462.

CHAPTER VI

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

ACQUISITION OF SITE, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT, ADDITIONAL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING

The committee recommends that the following language be included in the bill:

CHAPTER VI

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

ACQUISITION OF SITE, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT, ADDITIONAL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING

Acquisition of site: In addition to the real property contained in square 725 in the District of Columbia heretofore acquired as a site for an additional office building for the United States Senate under the provisions of the Second Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1948, approved June 25, 1948 (62 Stat. 1028), the Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the Senate Office Building Commission, is hereby authorized to acquire, on behalf of the United States, by purchase, condemnation, transfer, or otherwise, for purposes of extension of such site or for additions to the United States Capitol Grounds, all other publicly or privately owned real property (including alleys or parts of alleys and streets) contained in said square 725 and all publicly or privately owned real property (including alleys or parts of alleys and streets) contained in square 724 in the District of Columbia, and there is hereby appropriated for such purposes \$4,500,000, which, together with the unexpended balance of the appropriation for Acquisition of Site contained in the Second Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1948, shall be available for such purposes until expended, and there are hereby authorized to be appropriated such additional sums as may be required for such purposes: Provided, That for the purposes of this chapter and of the aforesaid Act of June 25, 1948, squares 725 and 724 shall be construed to extend to the outer face of the curbs of sidewalks surrounding such Squares: Provided further, That any proceeding for condemnation brought under this chapter shall be conducted in accordance with the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the acquisition of land in the District of Columbia for the use of the United States", approved March 1, 1929 (16 D. C. Code, secs. 619-644): Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, any real property owned by the United States and contained in squares 725 and 724 shall upon request of the Architect of the Capitol, made with the approval of the Senate Office Building Commission, be transferred to the jurisdiction and control of the Architect of the Capitol, and any alley, or part thereof, contained in such squares, shall be closed and vacated by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia in accordance with any request therefor made by the Architect of the Capitol with the approval of such Commission: Provided further, That upon acquisition of any real property pursuant to this chapter, the Architect of the Capitol, when directed by the Senate Office Building Commission to so act, is authorized, under the funds appropriated hereunder, to provide for the demolition and removal of any buildings or other structures on, or constituting a part of, such property and, pending demolition, to lease any or all of such property for such periods and under such terms and conditions as he may deem most advantageous to the United States and to provide for the maintenance and protection of such property: Provided further, That the jurisdiction of the Capitol Police shall extend over any real property acquired under this chapter: Provided further, That the Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the Senate Office Building Commission, is authorized to enter into contracts and to make such other expenditures, including expenditures for personal and other services, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter and to obligate the additional sums herein authorized prior to the actual appropriation thereof.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL

H. Doc. No.	Department or agency	Budget estimates	Recommended in House bill	Amount recom- mended by Senate committees	Increase (+) or decrease (-) Senate bill compared with—	
					Budget estimates	House bill
	FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT					
291	Disaster relief-----	\$25, 000, 000	\$25, 000, 000	\$25, 000, 000		
	INDEPENDENT OFFICES					
291	Veterans Administration: Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance Fund-----	750, 000	750, 000	750, 000		
	Total, Independent offices-----	25, 750, 000	25, 750, 000	25, 750, 000		
	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL FUNCTIONS					
	DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY					
	RIVERS AND HARBORS AND FLOOD CONTROL					
291	General investigations-----	330, 000	330, 000	330, 000		
291	Construction, general-----	34, 286, 000	34, 436, 000	34, 436, 000	+\$150, 000	
291	General expenses-----	30, 000		30, 000		+\$30, 000
	Total, Department of Defense—Civil Functions-----	34, 646, 000	34, 766, 000	34, 796, 000	+150, 000	+30, 000

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

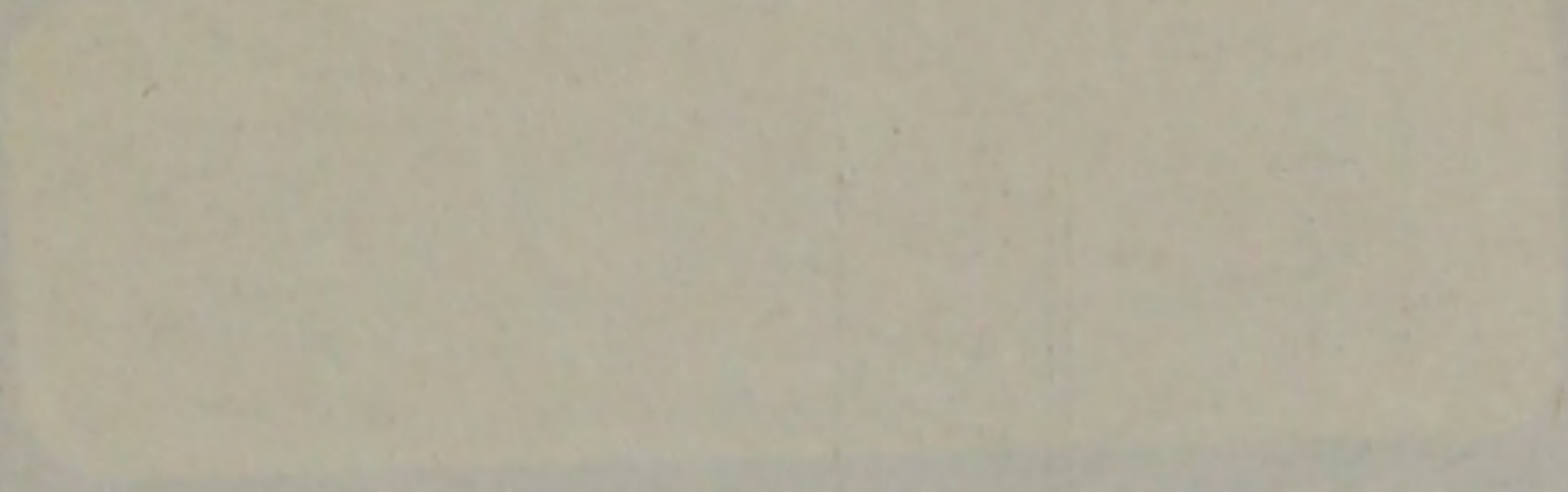
OPERATING EXPENSES

Executive office-----	43,500	40,000	-3,500	-3,500
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH				
SENATE				
Office of the Vice President-----	-----	6,270	+6,270	+6,270
Administrative and clerical assistants to Senators-----	-----	4,780	+4,780	+4,780
Office of Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper-----	-----	8,350	+8,350	+8,350
Reporting Senate proceedings-----	-----	5,465	+5,465	+5,465
Furniture-----	-----	5,000	+5,000	+5,000
Inquiries and investigations:				
1955-----	-----	40,000	+40,000	+40,000
1956-----	-----	900,000	+900,000	+900,000
Motor vehicles-----	-----	5,000	+5,000	+5,000
Total, Senate-----	-----	974,865	+974,865	+974,865
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES				
Gratuity payments to beneficiaries of deceased members-----	45,000	45,000	+45,000	-----

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL—Continued

H. Doc. No.	Department or agency	Budget estimates	Recommended in House bill	Amount recom- mended by Senate committees	Increase (+) or decrease (-) Senate bill compared with—	
					Budget estimates	House bill
	LEGISLATIVE BRANCH—Continued					
	ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL					
	Senate restaurants-----	-----	-----	\$20,000	+\$20,000	+\$20,000
	Extension of the Capitol-----	-----	(1)	(1)	-----	-----
	Acquisition of sites, Senate Office Building-----	-----	-----	4,500,000	+4,500,000	+4,500,000
	Total, legislative branch-----	-----	-----	5,539,865	+5,539,865	+5,494,865
	Claims, audited claims and judgments-----	\$4,109,201	\$4,109,201	4,109,201	-----	-----
	Grand total-----	64,505,201	64,670,201	70,195,066	+5,689,865	+5,524,865

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