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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 14012 -- the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1975 -- which appropriates \$708,275,650 for the activities of the Congress and Legislative Branch agencies for fiscal year 1975.

In total, the 1975 bill provides \$46.9 million more than did the 1974 bill. The major increases and decreases follow:

(in millions of dollars)

- Senate.....+ 9.5
- House of Representatives.....+ 11.0
  - reflects increased costs for Federal contributions to employee health insurance premiums, full year funding of increased pay costs, and expansion of House and Senate staff and services.
- Joint items.....+ 8.7
  - reflects increased costs for reimbursement to the U.S. Postal Service for official mail services and certain staff expansions.
- Office of Technology Assessment.....+ 2.0
  - reflects increased funding necessary for the first full year operation of this new office.
- Architect of the Capitol.....-21.4
  - decrease due to the completion in fiscal year 1974 of funding for construction of the New Senate Office Building extension.

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- Library of Congress..... + 9.9
  - increase due primarily to expansion of staff, particularly in the Congressional Research Service and associated pay costs.
- Government Printing Office.....+15.1
  - increases related to greater labor and material costs as well as higher volume of production.
- General Accounting Office .....+11.9
  - reflects funding of 150 new positions, increased pay costs, and rental of Federal office space.
- Other minor increases.....+ 0.2

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