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## **The FY 2010 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act**

**Legislation in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress:** [H.R.2918](#) and [S.1294](#) to provide appropriations for the Law Library of Congress and the Government Printing Office (GPO).

**Committees:** [House](#) and [Senate](#) Committees on Appropriations

**Current Status:** H.R. 2918 and S. 1294 passed the House and Senate, respectively, and will now go to conference. The House bill provides for the Library of Congress' full funding request of \$2.7 million for the Law Library's Global Legal Information Network (GLIN); the Senate bill makes no appropriation for GLIN.

### **House Conferees have not been formally named, but are likely to include:**

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL-20)	Rep. David Obey (D-WI-7)
Rep. Robert B. Aderholt (R-AL-4)	Rep. Jerry Lewis (R-CA-41)

### **FY 2010 Funding for the Law Library of Congress**

**Message for members of the House Committee on Appropriations, especially those serving on the Subcommittee on Legislative Branch:** Thank you for supporting the full FY 2010 appropriations request for the Law Library of Congress, including the \$2.7 million for GLIN.

### **Members of the House Subcommittee on Legislative Branch:**

Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL-20)	C.A. "Dutch" Ruppertsberger (D-MD-2)
Michael Honda (D-CA-15)	Ciro Rodriguez (D-TX-23)
Betty McCollum (D-MN-4)	Robert B. Aderholt (R-AL-4)
Tim Ryan (D-OH-17)	Steven C. LaTourette (R-OH-14)
	Tom Cole (R-OK-4)

### ***Message for conferees:***

- The Library of Congress has identified funding GLIN among its top funding priorities for FY 2010.
- Given its mission to promote transparency and democracy at a global level, and its importance to our national security and commercial interests abroad, we urge you to approve the full \$2.7 million appropriation for GLIN in H.R. 2918.
- The \$2.7 million request represents the necessary level of funding to maintain GLIN's core operations and make improvements to its technology infrastructure.

**Background:**

AALL strongly supports GLIN, a multinational legal database of current, official foreign laws, regulations and other legal resources important to our government, to the legal and business communities and the public. GLIN members contribute the full texts of their published documents to the database in their original languages.

**FY 2010 Funding for the Government Printing Office (GPO)**

**Message for all members of the Senate Committee on Appropriations:** Thank you for supporting full funding for the Government Printing Office, especially the \$7.782 million for the Federal Digital System (FDsys). AALL strongly supports full funding for FDsys and the Federal Depository Library Program.

***Message for conferees:***

Ask him or her to support the \$7.782 million for FDsys provided for in the Senate bill. This will ensure that GPO can continue to build, maintain and enhance FDsys.

**Background:**

AALL has always supported full funding the Government Printing Office, and as explained in our "[Statement to the Obama-Biden Transition Team](#)," support for FDsys is among our top priorities. FDsys will, when fully functional, ensure that electronic information from all three branches of the Federal government will be permanently available in electronic format, authenticated and versioned, and accessible through the Internet for easy searching, viewing, downloading and printing.

AALL also strongly supports full funding for the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), which is a successful partnership program through which Congress, the GPO, agencies, the courts and the network of geographically-dispersed depository libraries provide the public with no-fee access to federal government information. GPO works in partnership with the more than 1200 participating depository libraries, including law libraries, to provide access to Federal government information.