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- I am pleased to report that the Democrats have had full control over our 1/3 share of the Committee's budget.
- As projected, the largest part of our funding has been dedicated to salaries with the rest going toward equipment, supplies and materials.
- In anticipation of another cut next year, we have replaced the server dedicated to the Minority, upgraded PCs, and have kept employee salaries low.
- I am hopeful that House Administration will see that since the Select Committee on Deficit Reduction failed to come up with a plan, that it will be left to standing Committees to finish the work.
- Members will be relying on the expertise of Committee staff to carry out this unfinished business. The Committee on Ways and Means has a broad range of legislative responsibility, which it administers very efficiently.
- While our staff is committed to public service and carrying out the work of the Committee, they will again be the ones who bear the brunt of these shortsighted cuts to the Legislative branch.

