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This section of the markup book provides details on the President's budget, as reestimated by CBO, for each of the 20 functional areas of the budget that will be considered during the Budget Committee's deliberations on the 1999 Budget Resolution. Each function discussion begins with an overview of the major programs and activities funded in the function, baseline trends, and the assumptions in last year's Bipartisan Budget Agreement (BBA). Each section also contains a table comparing the President's request reestimated with last year's BBA assumptions and the CBO Freeze Baseline. The BBA assumptions were constructed by taking the BBA discretionary spending levels, including levels for protected functions, and CBO's most recent estimates for mandatory spending and revenues. This is basically last year's 1998 Budget Resolution (which incorporated the BBA) updated for legislation, economics, and technical revisions. Highlights from the President's budget request follow the comparison table.

For all data in the functional sections, please note the following:

- ▶ All years are fiscal years unless otherwise noted.
- ▶ Details may not add to totals due to rounding.
- ▶ An asterisk (*) indicates less than \$50 million.

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