

# FUNCTION 250: GENERAL SCIENCE, SPACE AND TECHNOLOGY

## SENATE BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR 2001

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Under current law, spending for Function 250, General Science, Space & Technology, will total \$19.3 billion in BA and \$18.4 billion in outlays for 2000. This function includes the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) civilian space program and basic research programs of the National Science Foundation (NSF) and Department of Energy (DOE).

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### CHAIRMAN'S MARK

(\$ Billions)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Budget Authority	19.3	19.7	19.9	19.8	20.1	20.3
Outlays	18.4	19.3	19.6	19.5	19.7	19.9

### Discretionary

The Chairman's mark assumes discretionary spending in this function totaling \$19.6 billion in BA and \$19.2 billion in outlays for 2001. Over the next five years the Chairman's mark would provide \$99.6 billion in BA and \$97.7 billion in outlays for programs in this function. The 2001 assumption represents an increase of \$445 million in BA and \$818 million in outlays above the 2000 level.

The Chairman's mark rejects the President's unsustainable proposals for 2001. The President's budget includes one-time increases in 2001, with little or no growth thereafter. In addition to these increases, the President's proposal also assumes \$2.1 billion in advance appropriations in 2002. This approach does not represent a responsible method of sustaining federal funding for basic research in the long term.

The Chairman's mark assumes that increases in basic science are needed, but that they should be done in a responsible manner with continuing support beyond 2001. Within Function 250, the Chairman's mark assumes annual increases in research and development funding, including the areas of NSF research, DOE science, and NASA science and technology.

In 2001, the Chairman's mark assumes an increase in budget authority of \$385 million for basic research. This accounts for 87 percent of the \$445 million increase assumed in 2001. For the fiscal years 2001-2005, basic research increases \$4.7 billion in funding compared to the baseline. It is also assumed that none of these funds will be provided as advance appropriations.

**Mandatory PAYGO**

The Chairman's mark assumes no mandatory increases or decreases in this function.

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COMPARISON OF CHAIRMAN'S MARK WITH PRESIDENT'S BUDGET  
AND SBC BASELINE  
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	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<u>Chairman's Mark</u>						
Budget Authority	19.3	19.7	19.9	19.8	20.1	20.3
Outlays	18.4	19.2	19.6	19.5	19.7	19.9
<u>President's Budget</u>						
Budget Authority	19.3	20.8	21.2	21.5	22.1	22.5
Outlays	18.4	19.7	20.7	21.0	21.5	22.0
<u>SBC Baseline</u>						
Budget Authority	19.3	19.3	19.2	19.2	19.2	19.2
Outlays	18.4	19.1	19.1	19.1	19.1	19.1
<u>Mark compared to: President's Budget</u>						
Budget Authority	--	-1.1	-1.3	-1.7	-2.1	-2.2
Outlays	--	-0.4	-1.1	-1.5	-1.8	-2.1
<u>SBC Baseline</u>						
Budget Authority	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.1
Outlays	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8

