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FY 2004 Appropriations bill...Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004

REPORT LANGUAGE

**DIVISION B--COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND
RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS, 2004**

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Technology Administration

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$6,411,000 under this heading, instead of \$7,822,000 as proposed by the House, and no funding as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes \$450,000 for the National Medal of Technology Program under the heading ``National Institute of Standards and Technology, Scientific and Technical Research and Services".

The conference agreement includes \$600,000 for the Office of Space Commercialization and \$500,000 for the Interagency Global Positioning System Executive Board Secretariat under the heading of ``National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Operations, Research, and Facilities".

The conference agreement provides \$335,000 for the Technology Administration to conduct an assessment of the extent and implications of workforce globalization in knowledge-based industries such as life sciences, information technology, semi-conductors and financial services. The conferees expect the assessment to focus on U.S. firms' business strategies and practices, as well as the education and training programs in countries such as Japan, China, and India. The conferees expect monthly updates on the progress of this effort, and direct that a summary of findings be reported back to the Committees on Appropriations no later than six months from enactment of this Act.