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FY 2000 CJS House appropriations bill report...’**

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Committee has included under this section of Title II the Department of Commerce agencies responsible for scientific and technological research and programs.

TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY/OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY POLICY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The Committee recommends \$7,972,000 for the Technology Administration's Office of the Under Secretary/Office of Technology Policy. This amount is a reduction of \$1,000,000 from the budget request, and \$1,523,000 below the amount appropriated for the current fiscal year.

The Committee recommendation accepts the budget request to delay another round of grants for the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Technology (EPSCoT) program and instead to undertake a program evaluation. The recommendation does not include \$1,000,000 for program increases out of savings resulting from the delay in EPSCoT grants. The recommended amount funds the remaining base program of the Office.

The Committee continues the direction included in the fiscal years 1998 and 1999 Acts regarding the use of Technology Administration and Department of Commerce resources to support foreign policy initiatives and programs.

The bill does not include proposed language making a portion of the funding under this account available until expended.