

Accepted by voice vote with Gregg substitute

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AMENDMENT TO THE CHAIRMAN'S MARK

For the Fiscal Year 2001 Senate Budget Resolution

Offered by Senator Murray.

Classrooms for the 21st Century: Providing for smaller class size, renovating unsafe schools, and providing high quality teachers.

Amendment by Senator Murray to provide classrooms for the 21st Century. This amendment would improve student achievement by hiring 100,000 additional teachers over the seven years to reduce the average class size in grades 1-3, would provide resources to address the deplorable physical conditions in many of the nation's public elementary and secondary schools, and would assure funding is available to improve teacher quality.

A) Sense of the Senate that within the net tax cut, reserve the following amounts to reflect the tax cut associated with the President's proposed tax credits to eliminate the interest costs of bonds used to pay for new school construction or for renovation of existing facilities amounts should be provided for tax credits for school renovation : \$19.0 million for 2001, \$101.0 million for 2002, \$269.0 million for 2003, \$533.0 million for 2004, and \$821.0 million for 2005.

B) Increase budget authority and outlays for Function 500 by the following amounts to reflect the President's requested level for the following: continuing the President's initiative to improve student achievement and teaching by hiring 100,000 teachers over seven years to reduce the average size of classes in the early grades; providing for the

assistance for school renovation and construction, and providing assistance for improving teacher quality.

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
B.A.	2377.0	2649.1	2933.6	3231	3577.7
OT	132.0	1287.7	2222.5	2735.1	3145.8

Adjust the aggregate level of revenue by amounts equal to the foregoing change to Function 500 reflecting a reduction of the tax cuts assumed in the budget resolution.

1) Class Size (\$1.75 billion)

This amendment assumes the following additional funding for the continuation of the President's initiative to improve student achievement by hiring 100,000 additional teachers over seven years to reduce the average class size in grades one through three.

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
B.A.	450.0	700.0	950.0	1200.0	1500.0
OT	22.5	327.5	615.0	875.0	1127.5

2) School Construction/Renovation (\$1.3 billion)

This amendment provides funds to address the deplorable physical condition of many of the nation's public elementary and secondary schools. These funds make grants to local education agencies, and provide school renovation loan subsidies.

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
B.A.	1300.0	1322.1	1344.6	1367.4	1390.7
OT	78.0	521.3	1011.2	1223.4	1361.2

3) Teacher Quality (\$1.0 billion)

This amendment assumes the following additional funding to help assure funding is available to help our local school districts provide high quality teachers in every classroom.

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
B.A.	627.0	627.0	639.0	664.0	687.0
OT	31.5	438.9	596.3	636.7	657.1