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# H. R. 2153

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 3, 2007

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science and Technology

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## A BILL

To recognize and enhance the contributions of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to the Nation's competitiveness in the 21st Century, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the "21st Century Competi-  
5       tiveness Act of 2007".

6       **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7       It is the sense of Congress that a robust National  
8       Aeronautics and Space Administration, funded at the lev-

1 els authorized for fiscal years 2007 and 2008 under sec-  
2 tions 202 and 203 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 16631 and  
3 16632) and at appropriate levels in subsequent fiscal  
4 years, would enable a robust and balanced set of programs  
5 in science, aeronautics, education, and human space flight  
6 and exploration, and allow full participation in any inter-  
7 agency efforts to promote innovation and economic com-  
8 petitiveness.

9 **SEC. 3. NASA'S CONTRIBUTION TO INNOVATION.**

10 (a) PARTICIPATION IN INTERAGENCY ACTIVITIES.—

11 The National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall  
12 be a full participant in any interagency effort to promote  
13 innovation and economic competitiveness through near-  
14 term and long-term basic scientific research and develop-  
15 ment and the promotion of science, technology, engineer-  
16 ing, and mathematics education, consistent with the agen-  
17 cy mission, including authorized activities.

18 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In order to carry out the par-

19 ticipation described in subsection (a), the Administrator  
20 of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
21 shall build on the historic role of the National Aeronautics  
22 and Space Administration in stimulating excellence in the  
23 advancement of physical science and engineering dis-  
24 ciplines and in providing opportunities and incentives for

1 the pursuit of academic studies in science, technology, en-  
2 gineering, and mathematics.

3 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—

4 (1) REQUIREMENT.—The Administrator shall  
5 submit to Congress and the President an annual re-  
6 port describing the activities conducted pursuant to  
7 this Act, including a description of the goals and the  
8 objective metrics upon which funding decisions were  
9 made.

10 (2) CONTENT.—Each report submitted pursu-  
11 ant to paragraph (1) shall include, with regard to  
12 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics  
13 education programs, at a minimum, the following:

14 (A) A description of each program.

15 (B) The amount spent on each program.

16 (C) The number of students or teachers  
17 served by each program.

18 (D) Measurement of how each program  
19 improved student achievement, including with  
20 regard to challenging State achievement stand-  
21 ards.

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