



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

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**S. 248**

**An act to amend the Admiral James W. Nance and Meg Donovan Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001, to adjust a condition on the payment of arrearages to the United Nations that sets the maximum share of any United Nations peacekeeping operation's budget that may be assessed of any country**

*As cleared by the Congress on September 24, 2001*

S. 248 would amend the Admiral James W. Nance and Meg Donovan Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001 (Public Law 106-113) and the 1999 omnibus appropriations act (Public Law 105-277), to permit the release of arrearage payments to the United Nations. CBO estimates that enacting S. 248 would increase direct spending by \$582 million in fiscal year 2002.

In 1999, \$475 million was appropriated for arrearage payments in Public Law 105-277 and an additional \$107 million was provided in 2000 in Public Law 106-113. Under current law, however, those funds cannot be disbursed until certain conditions have been met. One of those conditions—which has not been met and cannot be waived—is that the United Nations lower the United States' assessment rate for peacekeeping activities from 31 percent to 25 percent. S. 248 would raise that assessment rate to 28.15 percent; a rate to which the United Nations has agreed. With that change, CBO estimates that the State Department would release the \$582 million in 2002.

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