

David J. Goldston
Chief of Staff
House Committee on Science

David Goldston was appointed to run the House Committee on Science in January 2001. As staff director, he oversees a committee with jurisdiction over most of the federal civilian research and development budget, including programs run by NASA, the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy, the Department of Commerce and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Prior to becoming staff director, Mr. Goldston was legislative director for Congressman Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY), who became chairman of the Science Committee in January 2001. Rep. Boehlert is a leading moderate Republican and has led Republican efforts to protect the environment. As legislative director, Mr. Goldston was Rep. Boehlert's top environmental aide and also oversaw the legislative and press operations of the office.

Mr. Goldston came to Capitol Hill in 1983 as Boehlert's press secretary. From 1985 to 1994, he served on the Science Committee as the special assistant on the Subcommittee on Science, Research and Technology. In that role, he oversaw the programs of the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and also directed Boehlert's efforts to shut down the Superconducting Super Collider (SSC).

In 1994 and 1995, Mr. Goldston was project director at the Council on Competitiveness, a private sector group with members from industry, labor and academia. Goldston directed work on the report, "Endless Frontier, Limited Resources: U.S. R&D Policy for Competitiveness."

Mr. Goldston graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in American History from Cornell University in 1978. He has completed the course work for a Ph.D. in American History at the University of Pennsylvania.