



National Taxpayers Union Foundation's Cost Analysis of the President's State of the Union Address

Item	Issue (quoted in text)	Annual Net Spending Increase/Decrease (in millions)
	Total:	\$125,751
1	Pass a real Patients Bill of Rights	\$85
2	Quality preschool and after-school	\$1,000
3	Best trained teachers in every classroom	\$1,750
4	College opportunities for our children	\$791
5	Sent Congress a reform plan for school accountability	\$184
6	Double our investment to help states and school districts	\$100
7	Ask for \$1 billion for Head Start	\$1,000
8	Lower class sizes in the early grades	\$120
9	New teacher quality initiative	\$1,000
10	Help meet our goal of 3,000 charter schools next year	\$30
11	Help 5,000 schools a year make immediate, urgent repairs	\$740
12	double our bipartisan GEAR UP program	\$125
13	Make low-income parents eligible for insurance	\$200
14	Let people between 55 and 65 buy into Medicare	\$1,560
15	Must strengthen and modernize Medicare now (\$300 billion over 10 years)	\$30,000
16	Extending to all seniors the lifeline of affordable prescription drugs	\$39
17	Expand access to mental health care	\$3,267
18	Expand the Earned Income Tax Credit (\$21 billion over 10 years)	\$2,100
19	Reduce the marriage penalty for the EITC (\$45 billion over 10 years)	\$3,855
20	Providing the resources to enforce present equal pay laws	\$10
21	Training more women for high-paying, high-tech jobs	\$17



22	Passing the Paycheck Fairness Act	\$48
23	More than double the number of housing vouchers	\$690
24	Child care initiative	\$817
25	Retirement Savings Accounts (\$54 billion over 10 years)	\$5,400
26	Help 40,000 fathers ... be more responsible	\$225
27	Continued support for hiring more police	\$120
28	Strengthen gun laws and better enforce laws on the books	\$280
29	Fund research in Smart Gun technology	\$10
30	Promote economic development in the Mississippi Delta (\$110 million)	\$110
31	Native American communities (\$1 billion)	\$1,000
32	Strengthen the farm safety net	\$11,000
33	Expanding our program for bio-based fuels and products	\$2,821
34	Connecting classrooms and libraries to the internet (\$8 billion over 10 years)	\$800
35	All new teachers are trained ... in computer skills	\$1,000
36	Protecting our vital computer systems	\$715
37	Developing a system to defend against new missile threats	\$440
38	Expanded aid to foreign countries	\$19,000
39	Proposed a strong two-year package to help Columbia	\$988
40	Reduce the debts of the poorest countries	\$5,700
41	Invest \$150 million more to fight diseases in foreign countries	\$150
42	Raise salaries for our servicemen and women	\$489
43	Protect our veterans	\$1,500
44	Pay our United Nations dues and arrears	\$1,300
45	Pass a national security budget	\$18,666
46	Create a permanent conservation fund (Lands Legacy endowment)	\$652
47	Help major cities around the Great Lakes protect their waterways	\$50
48	\$3 billion increase in the 21st Century Research Fund	\$3,000



49	Do more to help Americans help each other - Job Corps, AmeriCorps, etc.	\$336
50	Invest more to teach immigrants civics and English	\$50
51	Largest ever investment to enforce America's civil right's laws	\$421
Source: National Taxpayers Union Foundation's BillTally, the White House		

	Non-Defense Discretionary Spending (in billions)	Defense/Homeland Security Spending (in billions)
President Clinton's 1999 SotU	\$305	\$22
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*Historically Presidents do not give State of the Union addresses their first year in office.		