National Taxpayers Union Foundation’s Cost Analysis of the President’s 2007 State of the Union Address

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| Speech Item | **Issue (quoted from text)** | **Annual Spending Increase/Decrease (in millions)** |
| 1 | “… [F]ix Medicare and Medicaid … .” |  Unknown. |
| 2 | “… [S]ave Social Security.” |  Unknown. |
| 3 | “We need to … help small businesses through Association Health Plans … .” | $6  |
| 4 | “… [W]e need to … reduce costs and medical errors with better information technology … .” | $169\*  |
| 5 | “… [W]e need to … encourage price transparency [in health care] … .” |  Unknown. |
| 6 | “… [W]e need to … [pass] medical liability reform.” | ($890) |
| 7 | “We should establish a legal and orderly path for foreign workers to enter our country to work on a temporary basis.” | $490  |
| 8 | “We must continue changing the way America generates electric power – by even greater use of clean coal technology ... solar and wind energy ... and clean, safe nuclear power. We need to press on with battery research for plug-in and hybrid vehicles, and expand the use of clean diesel vehicles and biodiesel fuel. We must continue investing in new methods of producing ethanol – using everything from wood chips, to grasses, to agricultural wastes.” | $360  |
| 9 | “I ask Congress to double the current capacity of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.” | $3,250  |
| 10 | “Tonight I ask the Congress to authorize an increase in the size of our active Army and Marine Corps by 92,000 in the next five years.” | $8,928 |
| 11 | “[D]esign and establish a volunteer Civilian Reserve Corps.” | $95\*  |
|  | **Total** | **$12,408** |
| Sources: National Taxpayers Union Foundation’s BillTally, the White House, and various news reports.  \* The estimates for these initiatives are based on the level of funding proposed by the Administration in Fiscal Year 2007. |

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|  | **Non-Defense Discretionary Spending****(in billions)** | **Defense/Homeland Security Spending** **(in billions)** |
| President Clinton’s 1999 SotU | $305 | $22  |
| President Clinton’s 2000 SotU | $119 | $21  |
| President Bush’s 2002 SotU\* | $55 | $51  |
| President Bush’s 2003 SotU | $46 | $6  |
| President Bush’s 2004 SotU | $13.6 | N/A |
| President Bush’s 2005 SotU | $12.8 | N/A |
| President Bush’s 2006 SotU | $.091 | N/A |
| President Bush’s 2007 SotU | $3.48 | $8.9 |
| \*Historically Presidents do not give State of the Union addresses their first year in office (2001 for President Bush). |