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

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| **Item** | **Issue (quoted from text)** | **Annual Net Spending Increase/Decrease (in millions)** |
|  | **Total:** | **$287,778**  |
| **1** | "Commit 60% of the budget surplus … to Social Security." | **$180,000**  |
| **2** | Medicare - "one out of every sex dollars" of surplus | **$47,000**  |
| **3** | "Affordable prescription drugs" | **$39**  |
| **4** | "A six-fold increase in scholarships for college students who commit to teach …" | **$558**  |
| **5** | "(Congress) passed our proposal to start hiring 100,000 new teachers … finish the job", "Build modern schools." | **$1,048**  |
| **6** | "Working parents also need quality child care." | **$6,330**  |
| **7** | "Enact the Patient's Bill of Rights." | **$81**  |
| **8** | "Give people (between 55 and 65) … the chance to buy into Medicare." | **$1,560**  |
| **9** | "Provide basic, affordable care for working families without insurance." | **$2,000**  |
| **10** | "Reaffirm the FDA's authority (over tobacco), hold the tobacco companies accountable, and protect tobacco farmers." | **$13,000**  |
| **11** | "Training for all Americans who lose their jobs." | **$1,191**  |
| **12** | "Dramatic increase … for adult literacy." | **$394**  |
| **13** | "Pass the African Growth & Opportunity Act." | **$23**  |
| **14** | "Ban abusive child labor around the world." | **$18**  |
| **15** | "We must also meet dangers to out nation's security …" | **$18,333**  |
| **16** | "We must expand our work with Russia (70% increase)." | **$840**  |
| **17** | "We will work to keep terrorists …" (120 new offices, biotechnology, etc.) | **$2,800**  |
| **18** | "Work with Congress to pay our dues and debts (foreign obligations)." | **$7,838**  |
| **19** | "50,000 more police on the beat, better equipment." | **$120**  |
| **20** | "My budget expands support for drug testing and treatment." | **$335**  |
| **21** | "Strengthen the Safe and Drug-Free School Act." | **$620**  |
| **22** | "Require child trigger locks. Let's keep our children safe." | **$41**  |
| **23** | "Propose a new clean air fund." | **$1,000**  |
| **24** | "Tax incentives and investments to spur clean energy technologies." | **$31.50**  |
| **25** | "Livability Agenda." | **$1,000**  |
| **26** | "Lands Legacy Initiative." | **$1,000**  |
| **27** | "I ask Congress to give more young Americans the chance …" (AmeriCorps) | **$133**  |
| **28** | "We have more to do …" (civil rights) | **$84**  |
| **29** | "My budget expands significantly our efforts to help (immigrants) meet their responsibility … (by learning English)." | **$360**  |
| **Sources: National Taxpayers Union Foundation's BillTally, the White House.** |