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:** | **$51,860**  |
| **1** | "My budget will commit an additional $400 billion over the next decade to reform and strengthen Medicare. Leaders of both political parties have talked for years about strengthening Medicare. I urge the members of this new Congress to act this year." | **$40,000**  |
| **2** | "I have sent you a comprehensive energy plan to promote energy efficiency and conservation, to develop cleaner technology, and to produce more energy at home." | **($206)** |
| **3** | "I have sent you a healthy forest initiative to help prevent the catastrophic fires that devastate communities, kill wildlife and burn away millions of acres of treasured forests." | **$254**  |
| **4** | "Tonight I'm proposing $1.2 billion in research funding so that America can lead the world in developing clean, hydrogen-powered automobiles." | **$1,200**  |
| **5** | "I urge you to pass both my faith-based initiative …" | **$2**  |
| **6** | "… and the Citizens Service Act." | **$960**  |
| **7** | "I propose a $450 million initiative to bring mentors to more than a million disadvantaged junior high students and children of prisoners." | **$450**  |
| **8** | "Too many Americans in search of treatment cannot get it. So tonight I propose a new $600 million program to help an additional 300,000 Americans receive (drug) treatment over the next three years." | **$200**  |
| **9** | "I ask the Congress to commit $15 billion over the next five years, including nearly $10 billion in new money, to turn the tide against AIDS in the most afflicted nations of Africa and the Caribbean." | **$3,000**  |
| **10** | "Project Bioshield. The budget I send you will propose almost $6 billion to quickly make available effective vaccines and treatments against agents like anthrax, botulinum toxin, ebola and plague. We must assume that our enemies would use these diseases as weapons, and we must act before the dangers are upon us." | **$6,000**  |
| **Source: National Taxpayers Union Foundation's BillTally/Text** |

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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 |
| \*Historically Presidents do not give State of the Union addresses their first year in office. |