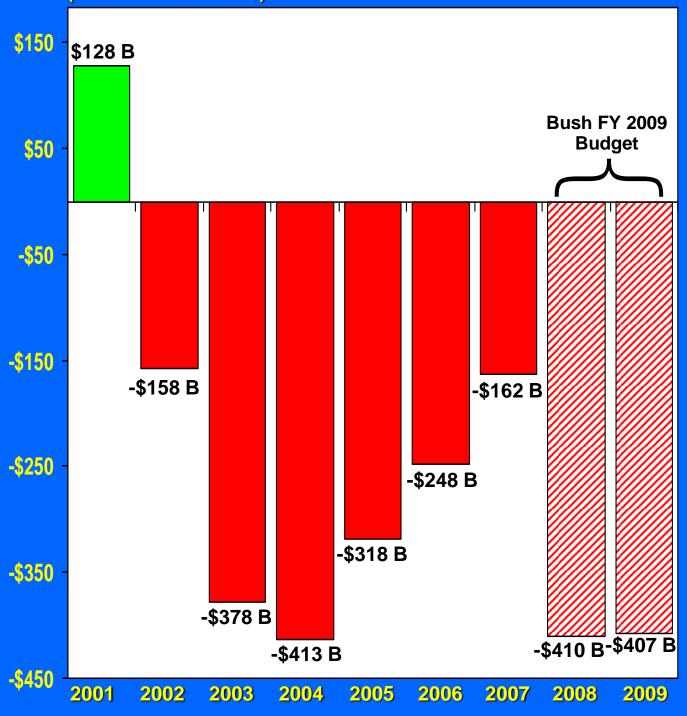
## Dramatic Deterioration in Budget Picture

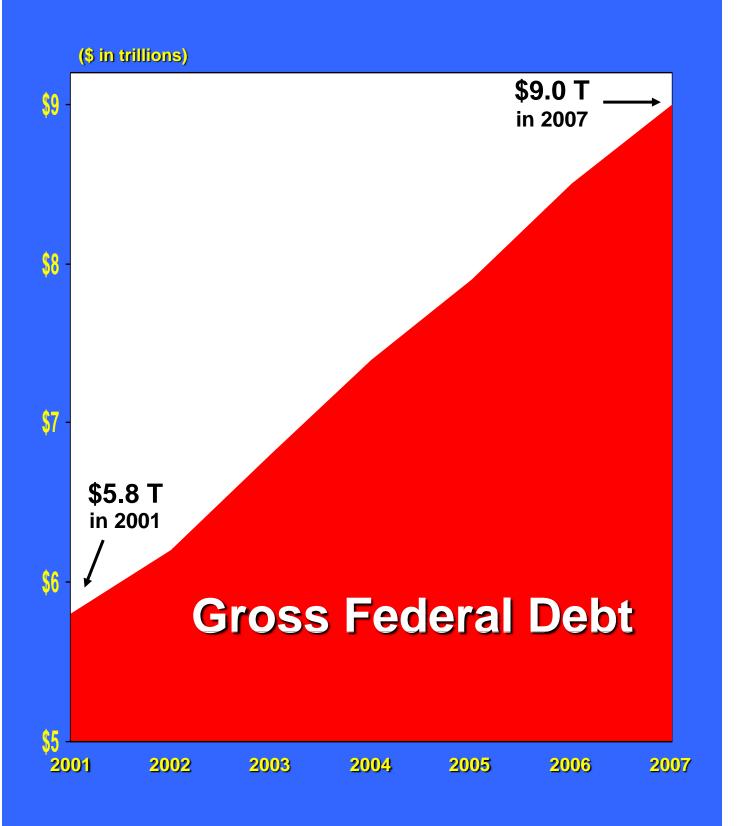
(Deficit in billions of \$)



**Source: OMB** 

Note: 2008 and 2009 estimates from Bush FY 2009 Budget.

#### Federal Debt Soars



Source: OMB, U.S. Treasury

### President Bush More than Doubles Foreign-Held Debt

It Took 42 Presidents 224 Years to Build Up \$1 Trillion of Foreign-Held Debt



224 Years (1776-2000)

\$1.34 T

7 Years (2001-2007)

Source: U.S. Treasury
Monthly data through December 2007.

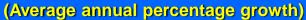
## Top Ten Foreign Holders of Our National Debt

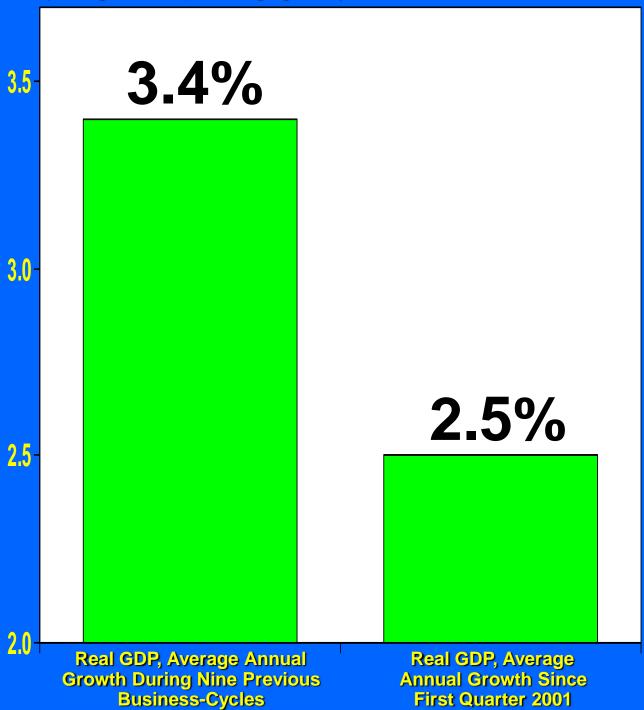
Japan	\$581 B
China	\$478 B
United Kingdom	\$157 B
"Oil Exporters"	\$138 B
Brazil	\$130 B
Caribbean Banking Centers	\$117 B
Luxembourg	\$70 B
Hong Kong	\$51 B
Germany	\$42 B
Singapore	\$40 B

Source: Department of Treasury

Note: As of February 2008

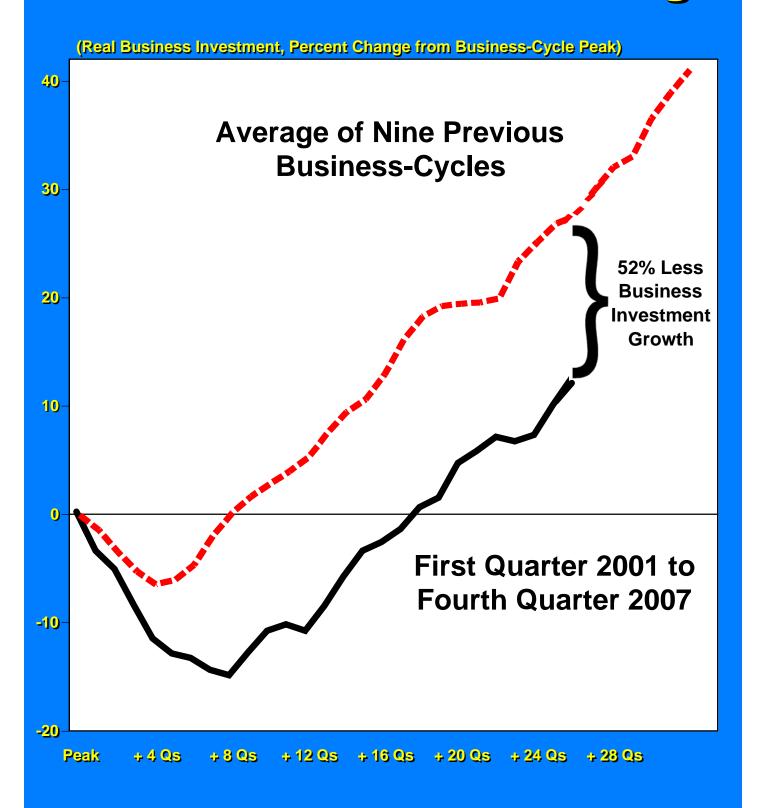
#### Real GDP Growth Lags





Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce; and National Bureau of Economic Research

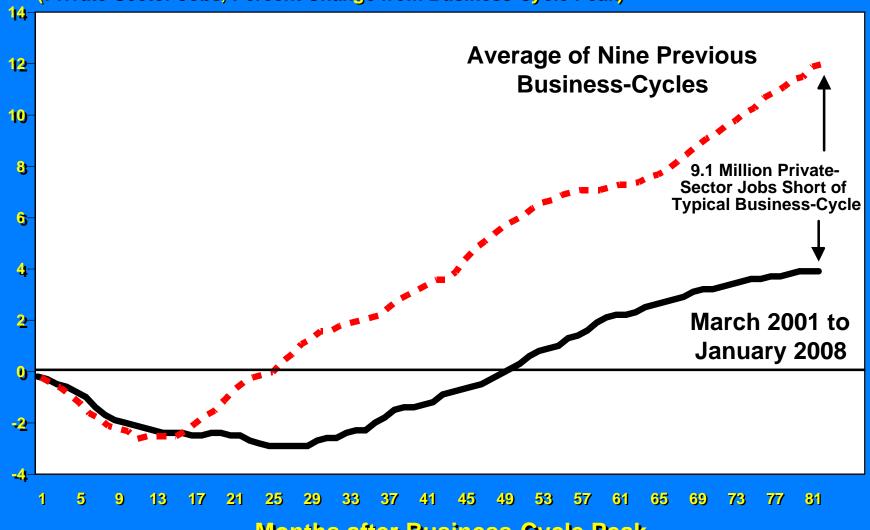
#### Business Investment Lags



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce; and National Bureau of Economic Research

#### Job Creation Lags

(Private-Sector Jobs, Percent Change from Business-Cycle Peak)

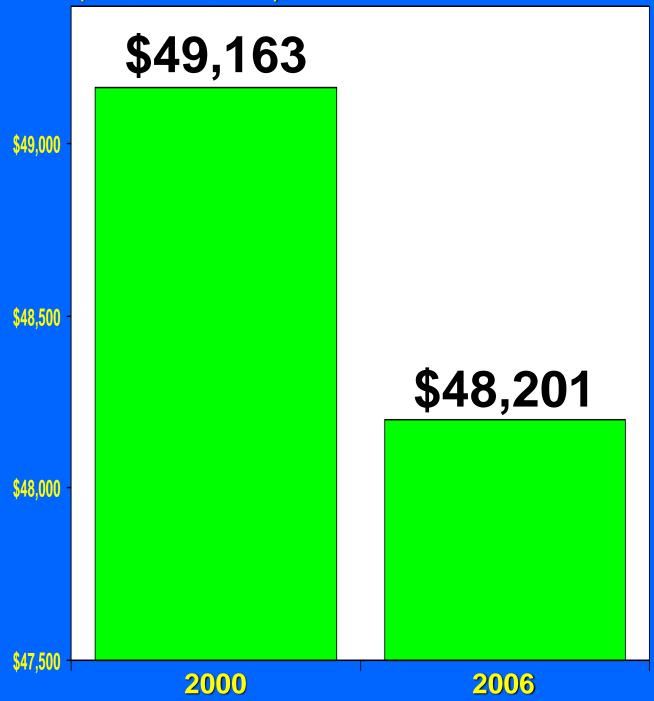


**Months after Business-Cycle Peak** 

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor and National Bureau of Economic Research

#### Real Median Household Income Declines by Almost \$1,000 Under Bush

(2006 constant dollars)



Source: Bureau of the Census, U.S. Dept. of Commerce

#### **Budget Resolution Highlights**

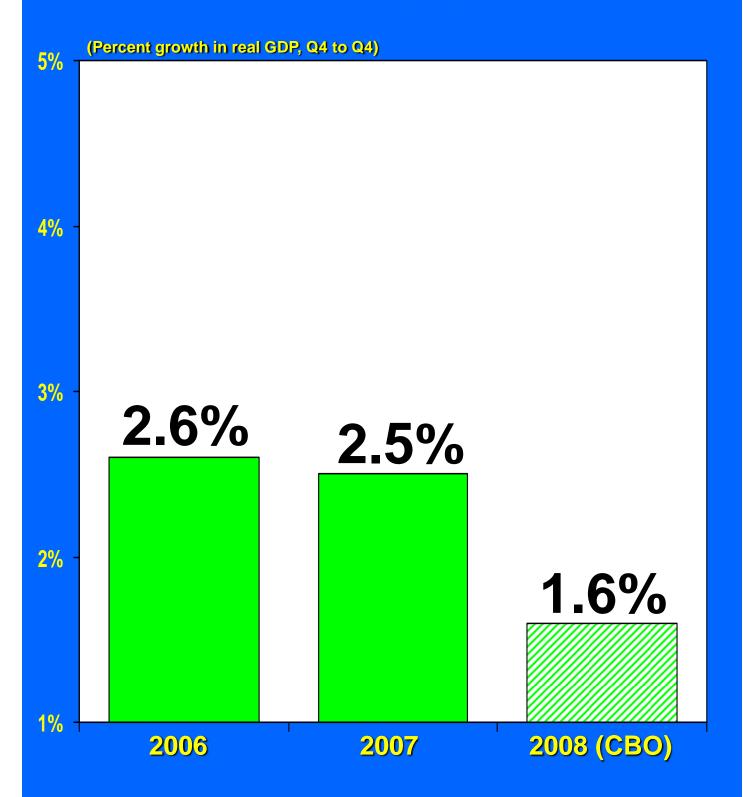
#### **Strengthen Economy and Create Jobs**

- Invest in energy, education, infrastructure
- Expand health coverage for kids
- Provide tax cuts for middle-class
- Restore fiscal responsibility; balance in 2012 / 2013

#### **Make America Safer**

- Support the troops
- Provide for veterans' health care
- Protect homeland and reject Bush cuts in law enforcement, COPS, first responders

### Economic Growth Expected to Slow Sharply in 2008



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce; and CBO, February 2008

#### Stimulus in the Budget Resolution

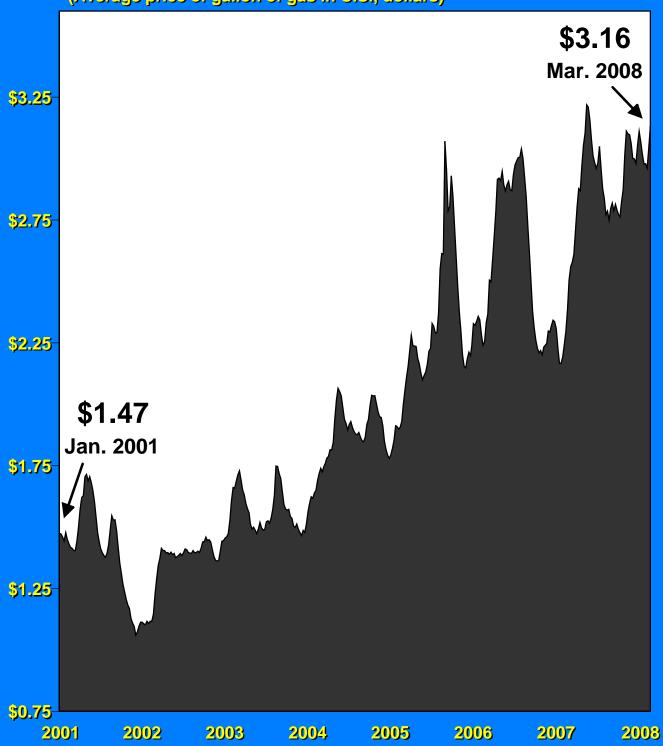
**Budget Resolution accommodates \$35 B in stimulus** 

Possible policies could include:

- Housing relief (including tax provisions)
- Extended Unemployment Insurance, Food Stamps, or State fiscal relief
- Additional LIHEAP, WIC, or infrastructure funding for 2008

#### Price of Gasoline Soars

(Average price of gallon of gas in U.S., dollars)



Source: Energy Information Administration

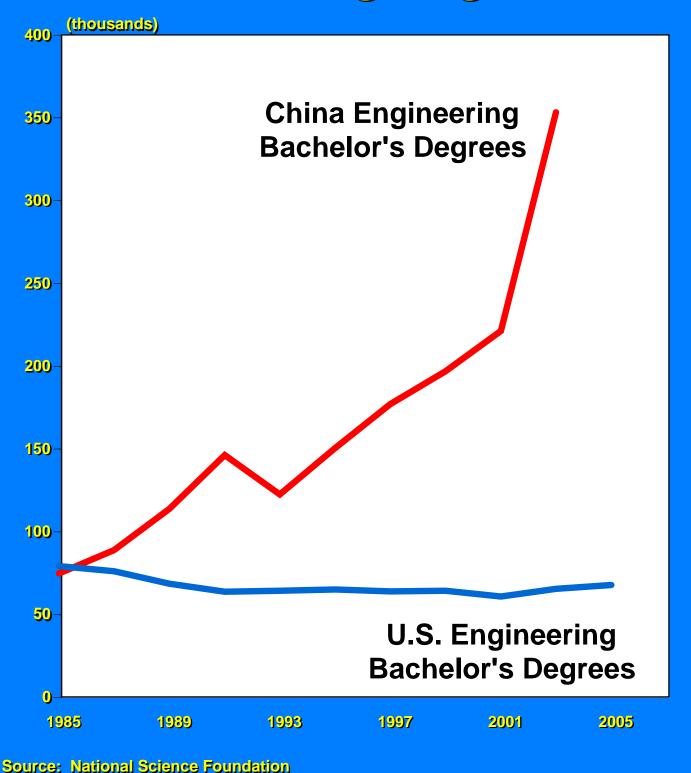
Note: U.S. regular all formulations retail gas prices

#### **Budget Resolution Invests in Energy**

Creates green jobs, reduces dependence on foreign energy, strengthens economy, and helps with high home heating costs

- \$13.4 B energy tax cuts
- \$3.5 B over President's budget in discretionary funding for energy
- Energy Reserve Fund for investing in clean energy and the environment

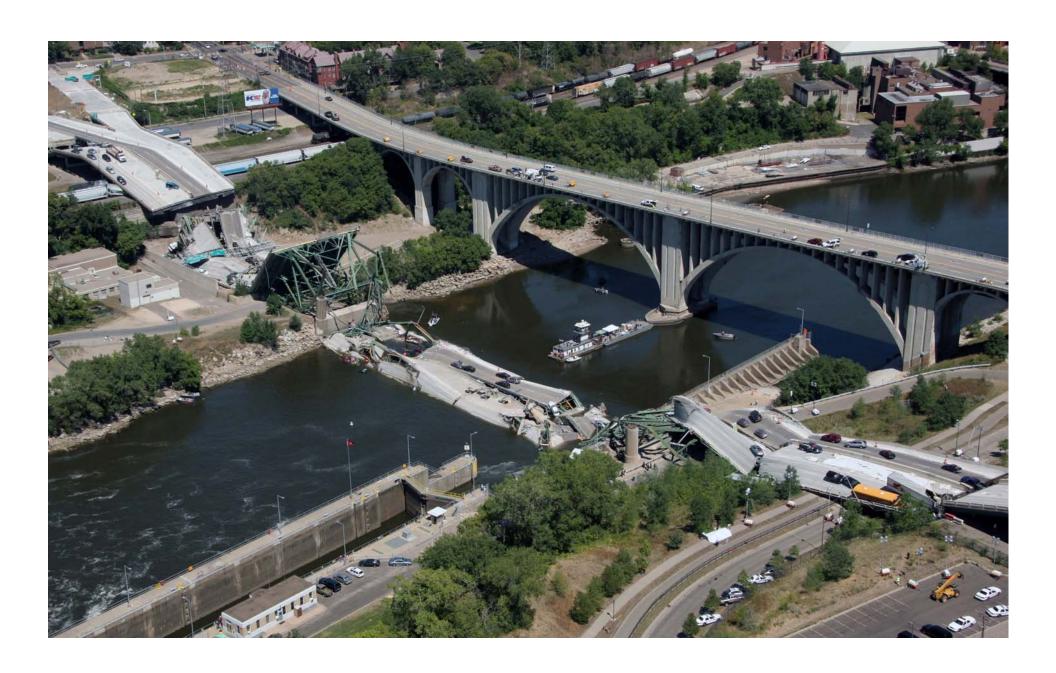
# Falling Behind Global Competition: U.S. Lags China in Producing Engineers



#### **Budget Resolution Invests in Education**

Generates economic growth and jobs, prepares workforce to compete in global economy, makes college more affordable, and improves student achievement

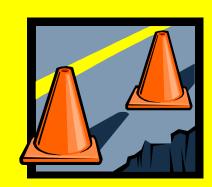
- \$13 B education tax cuts
- \$5.7 B over President's budget in discretionary funding for Department of Education and Head Start
- \$2 B Education Reserve Fund for school construction and Higher Ed reauthorization (5 years)



#### **Budget Resolution Invests in Infrastructure**

Repairs crumbling roads, bridges, transit, airports, and schools

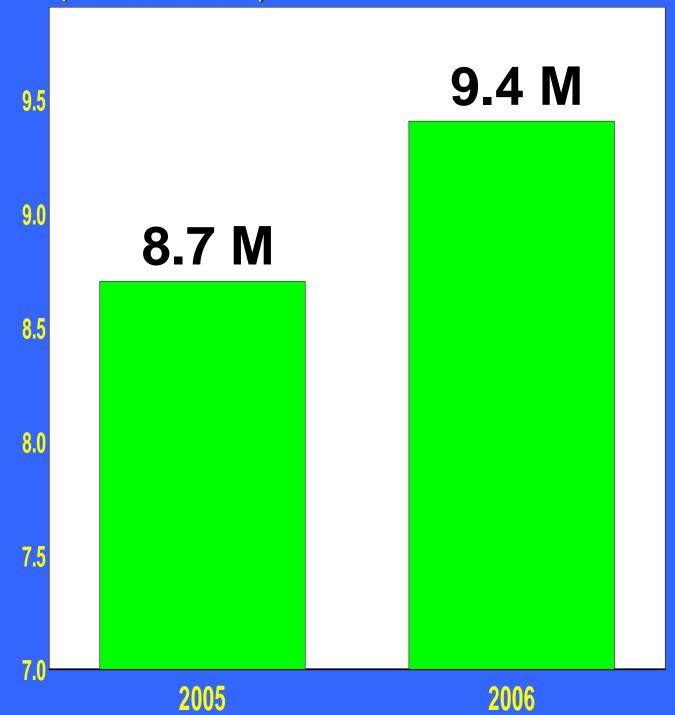
Reserve fund to allow for major infrastructure legislation



- Provides \$3.9 B more than President for key discretionary transportation accounts in 2009
- In addition, provides another \$6.5 B to:
  - Fully fund Highways
  - Fully fund Transit
  - Increase funding for Airport Improvement Program
  - Fund "ready-to-go" infrastructure projects
- Fixes the Highway Trust Fund shortfall

### Number of Uninsured Children Increased by 700,000 in 2006

(Millions of individuals)



Source: CRS

Note: Estimate refer to individuals under age 19, which corresponds with cut off used for Medicaid poverty-related child eligibility and SCHIP.

#### **Budget Resolution Invests in Health Care**

Improves health care, expands coverage, increases health research, and promotes food and drug safety.

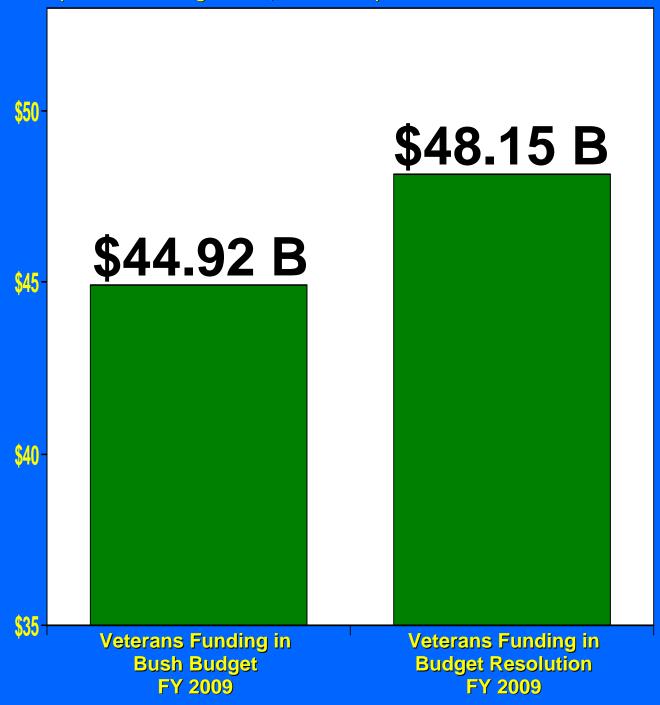
Reserve Fund to cover \$35 B SCHIP compromise



- \$4.4 B over President's budget in discretionary funding for health
- Reserve Fund to address cut in Medicare physician payments and make other improvements to Medicare program

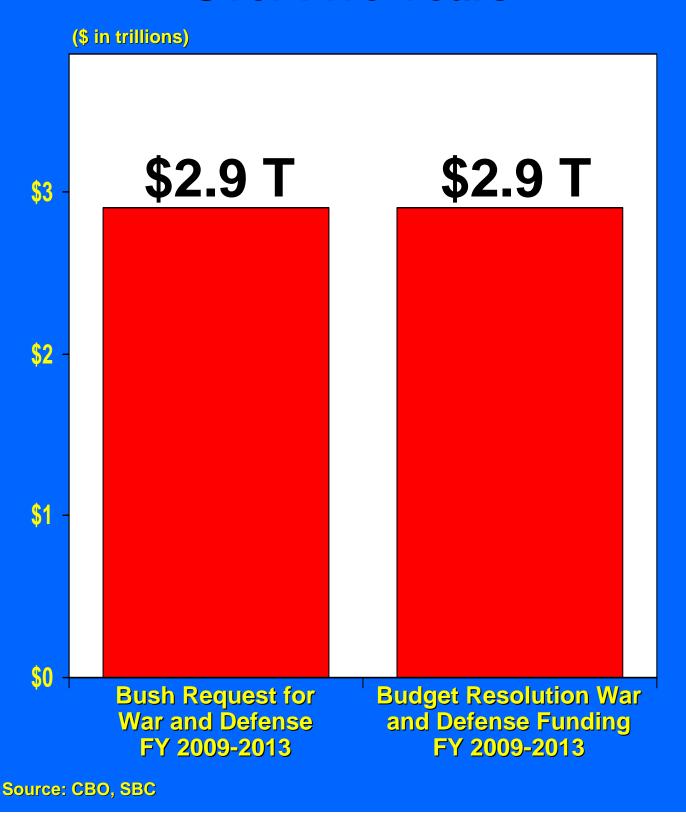
# **Budget Resolution Provides \$3.2 Billion More Than Bush Budget for Veterans**

(Veterans funding in 2009, \$ in billions)



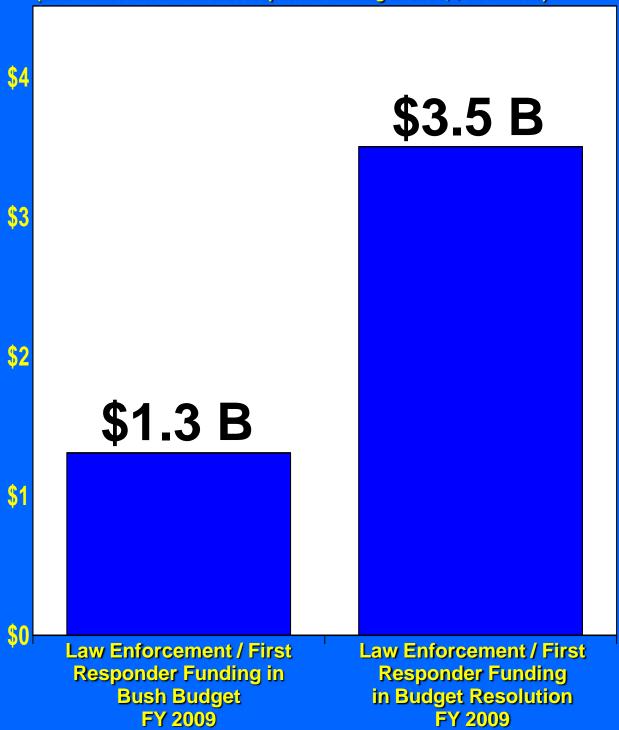
Source: CBO, SBC

# Budget Resolution Fully Funds Bush War and Defense Requests Over Five Years



#### Budget Resolution Provides \$2.2 Billion More Than Bush Budget for Law Enforcement and First Responders

(Law enforcement and first responder funding in 2009, \$ in billions)



Source: CBO, SBC

Note: Law enforcement funding includes COPS program, Byrne Justice Assistance Grants, DHS Firefighter Grants, State Homeland Security Grants, and Urban Area Security Initiative Grants

#### Tax Relief in Budget Resolution

AMT relief

Energy tax cuts

Education tax cuts

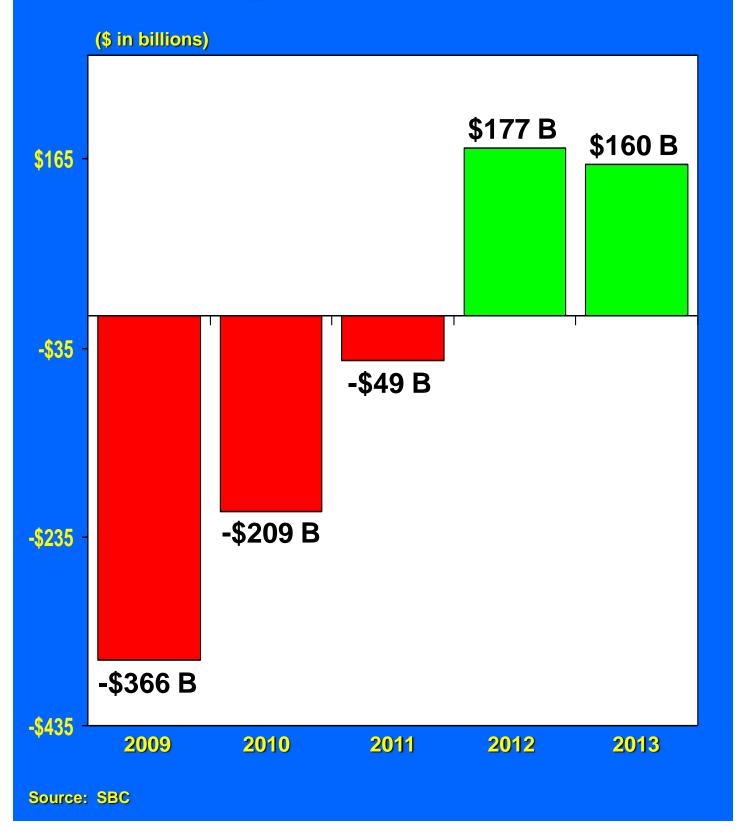
Stimulus

Extenders

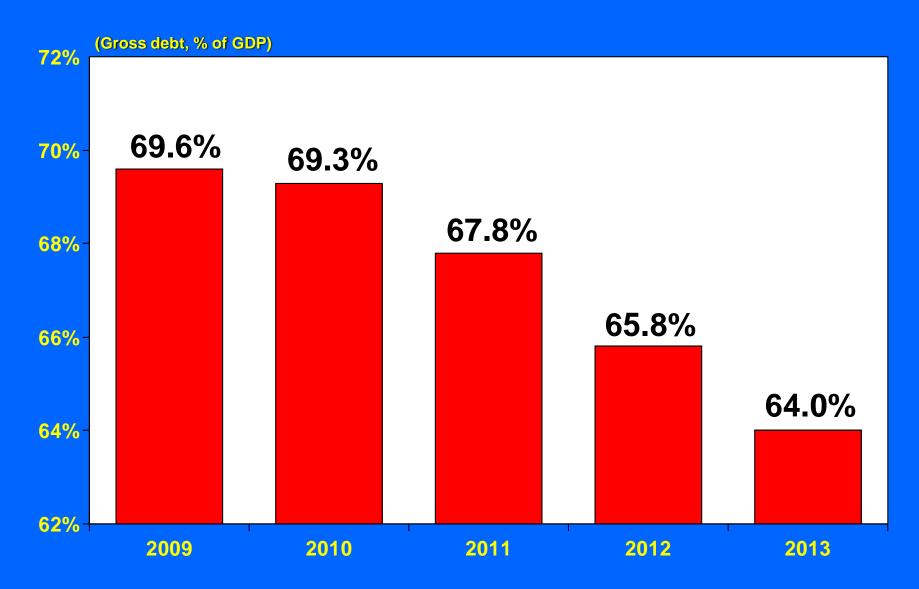
## Tax Relief Amendment to Budget Resolution

- Extend middle-class tax relief
  - marriage penalty relief
  - child tax credit
  - 10 percent bracket
- Estate tax reform

## Deficit/Surplus Under Budget Resolution

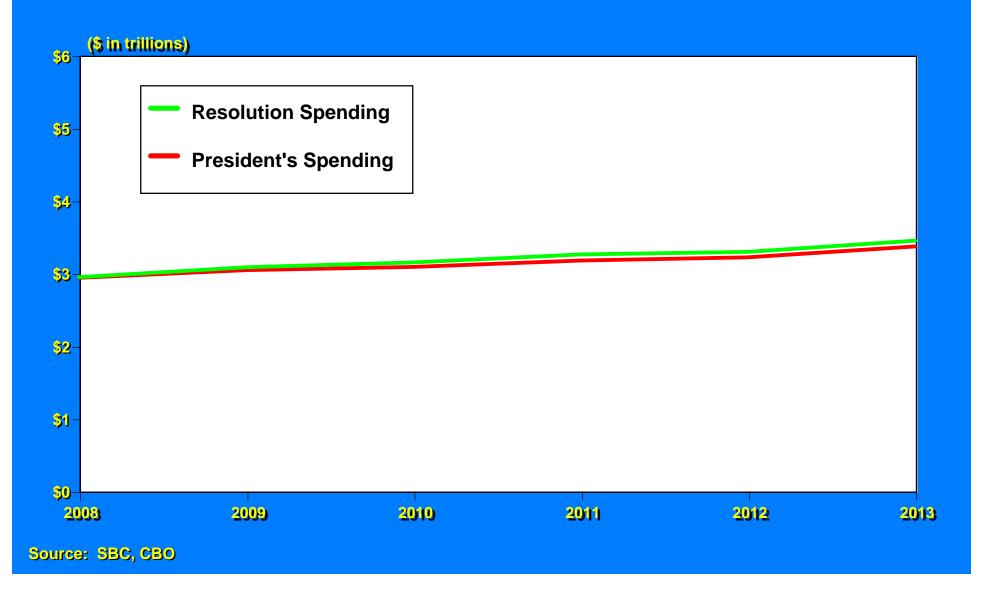


#### **Debt Under Budget Resolution**

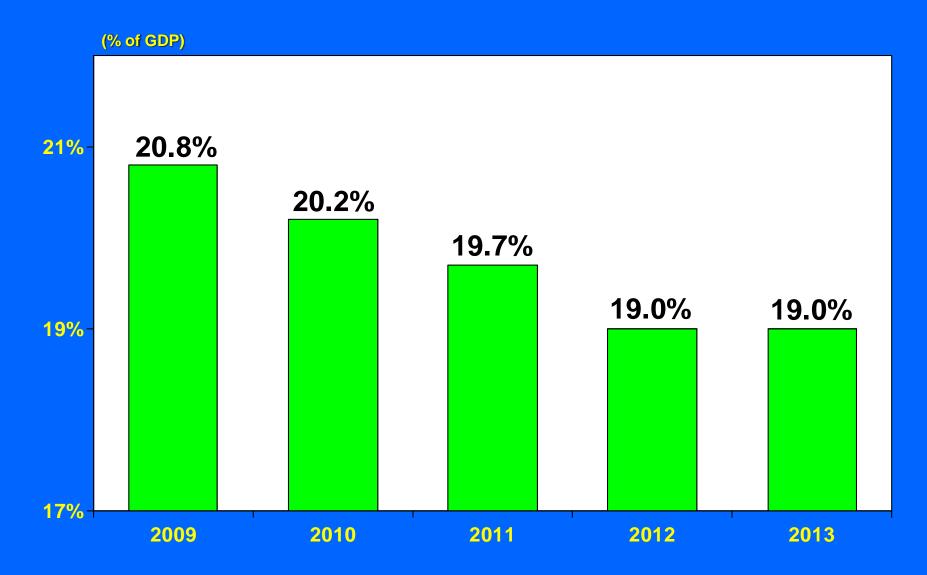


Source: SBC

### Comparison of Spending Under Resolution and President's Budget

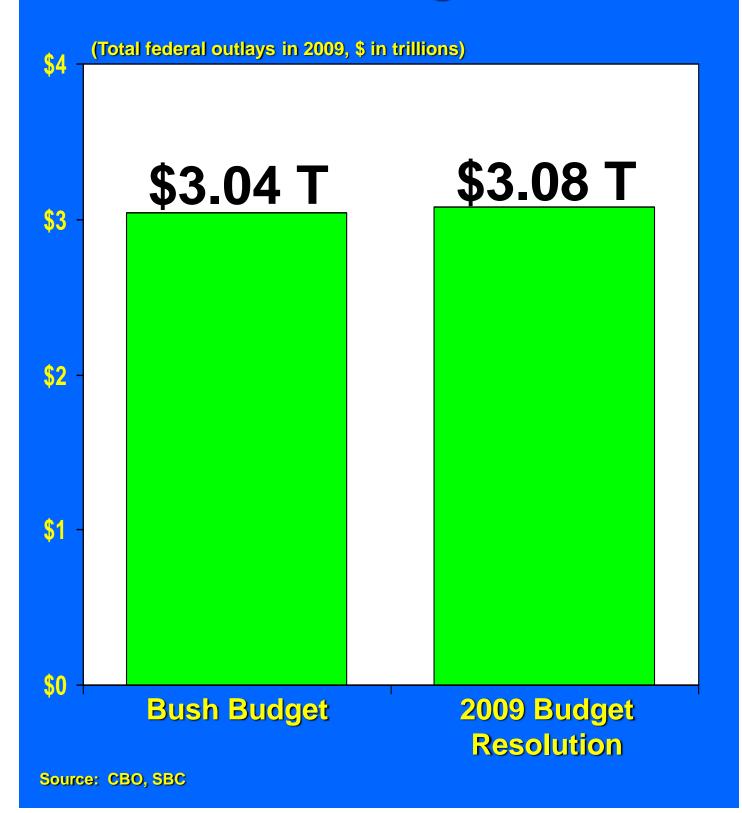


#### **Spending Under Budget Resolution**



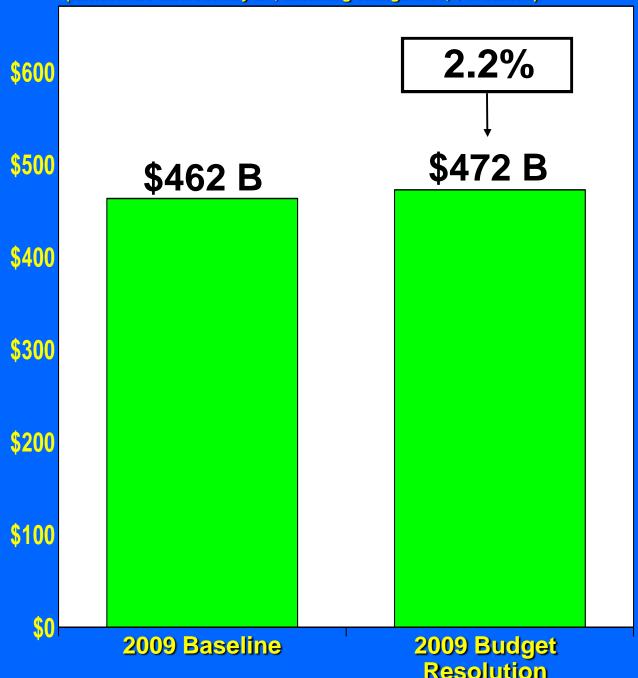
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#### Budget Resolution Includes Only 1% More Spending Than Bush Budget in 2009



# Budget Resolution Only Slightly Above Baseline for Nondefense Discretionary Funding

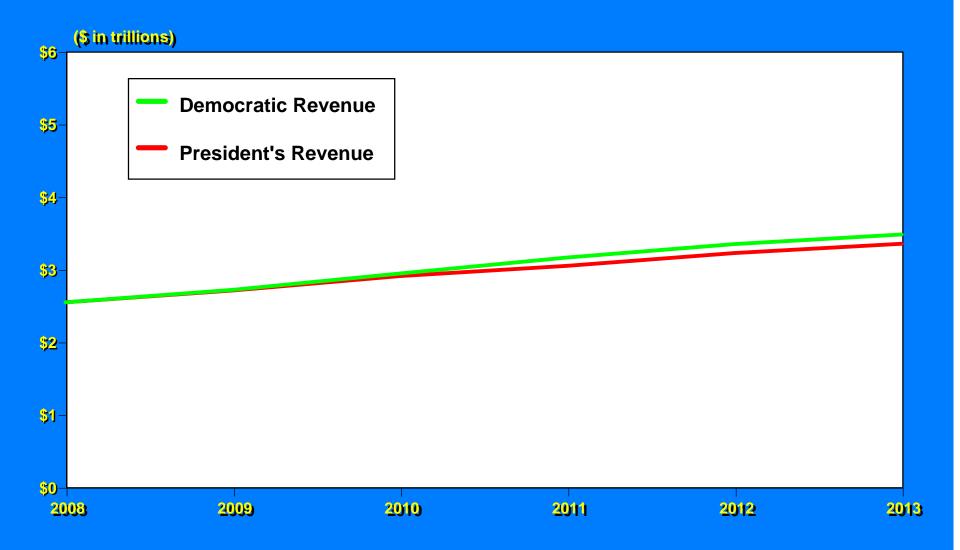
(Nondefense discretionary BA, excluding emergencies; \$ in billions)



Source: CBO, SBC

Note: 2009 baseline represents CBO's estimate of 2008 enacted level, adjusted for inflation.

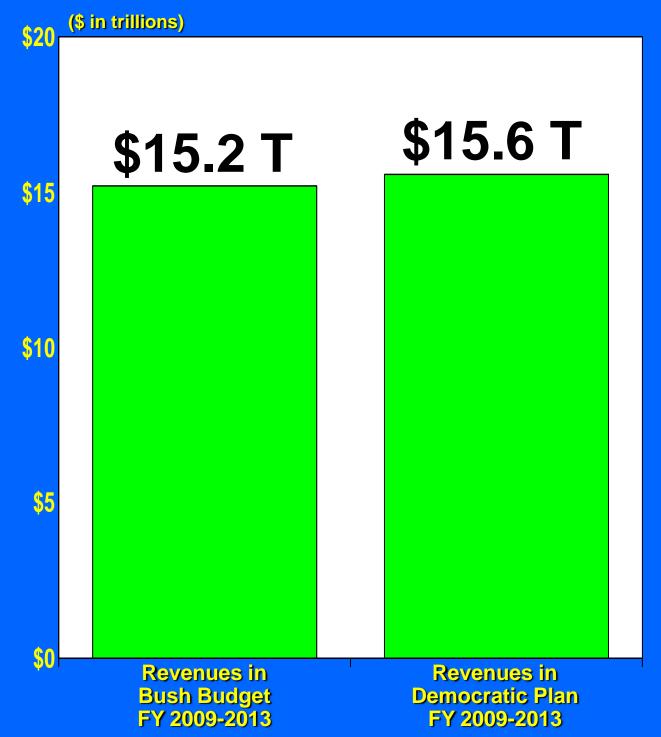
#### Comparison of Revenues



Source: SBC, CBO

Note: Democratic revenue adjusted to assume extension of middle-class tax cuts and reform of estate tax.

# Democratic Revenues Above Bush Budget Revenues by Only 2.6 Percent



Source: CBO, SBC

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### **Budget Enforcement**in Budget Resolution

- Discretionary caps for 2008 and 2009
- Maintains strong paygo rule
- Point of order against long-term deficit increases
- Allows reconciliation for deficit reduction only
- Point of order against mandatory spending on an appropriations bill

### **Budget Resolution Provisions Addressing**Long-Term Fiscal Challenges

- Comparative Effectiveness reserve fund and cap adjustment
- Program integrity initiatives to crack down on waste, fraud, and abuse
- Long-term deficit increase point of order