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STATEMENT BY SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KENT CONRAD (D-ND) RESPONDING TO PRESIDENT BUSH'S BUDGET COMMENTS TODAY AT A TENNESSEE BAKERY

"How ironic that the White House would use a bakery as a backdrop, because when it comes to spending the people's dough – taxpayer money – this President baked this cake. Since he took office, spending has increased almost 50 percent. The reality is that President Bush's policies have been responsible for one of the most dramatic fiscal deteriorations in our nation's history. Under his watch, the debt has exploded by more than \$3 trillion. He can visit every bakery in the country – it won't change his record. His legacy will be one of deficit and debt."

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