Comparison of Bush, Democratic, Senate Passed, and Budget Conference Budgets (Fiscal Years 2002 through 2011)

	Bush Budget	Democratic Alternative	Senate Passed	Conference
Projected Surplus	5.6 T	5.6 T	5.6 T	5.6 T
 Social Security Trust Fund (for debt paydown) * 	2.0 T	2.5 T	2.5 T	2.5 T
 Medicare Trust Fund (for debt paydown) * 	0	<u>0.4 T</u>	0.4 T**	<u>0.4 T</u>
Projected Available Surplus	3.6 T	2.7 T	2.7 T	2.7 T
Tax Cuts	1.6 T	745 B	1.2 T	1.3 T
High Priority Needs	212 B	744 B	849 B	444 B
• Education	13 B	139 B	308 B	0
Prescription Drugs	153 B	311 B	300 B	300 B
• Defense	62 B	100 B	69 B	40 B
Agriculture	- 1 B	88 B	58 B	74 B
Health Coverage	0	80 B	36 B	36 B
• Other	-15 B	26 B	78 B	-6 B
Strengthen Social Security				
Using Social Security Trust Fund Surplus	600 B	0	0	0
 Using non-Social Security, non-Medicare Surplus 	0	750B	0	0
Interest	461 B	490 B	572 B	498 B
Unallocated	845 B ***	0	129 B	504 B

^{*} Because these trust funds are not needed in short term to pay benefits, these amounts are used to pay down publicly-held debt

^{**} Senate passed GOP resolution raids Medicare Trust Fund in 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007

^{***} Includes \$526 B from Medicare Trust Fund (OMB scoring)