



COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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WAR COSTS: OPPORTUNITIES LOST

WASHINGTON - The war in Iraq is costing our country \$339 million every day.

Every day we spend in Iraq means missed opportunities to invest in important priorities here at home.

For \$339 million:

- 2.6 million Americans without adequate health insurance could have access to medical and dental care at community health centers.
- 955,000 families could get help with their energy bills through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.
- Nearly 480,000 women, infants and children could receive nutritional help with the WIC program.
- 48,000 homeless veterans could be provided with a place to live.
- 130,000 low-income families could conserve energy and reduce their energy bills with help weatherizing their homes.
- Over 100 communities could make improvements to their drinking water and waste water systems with help from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- 937 grants for research into diseases like Alzheimer's, cancer, and diabetes could be provided by the National Institutes of Health.
- 4,400 more "COPS on the beat" could be hired and kept on the beat for the next three years.
- 2,060 more Border Patrol Agents could be hired to protect our borders.
- 18,000 more students could receive Pell Grants to help them attend college.
- 317,000 kids could receive every recommended vaccination.

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