

Cabinet members who did not attend the State of the Union Address (since 1984)

January 24, 2012	Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack
January 25, 2011	Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar
January 28, 2010	Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Shaun Donovan
February 24, 2009*	Attorney General Eric Holder
January 28, 2008	Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne
January 23, 2007	Attorney General Alberto Gonzales
January 31, 2006	Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Nicholson
February 2, 2005	Secretary of Commerce Donald Evans
January 20, 2004	Secretary of Commerce Donald Evans
January 28, 2003	Attorney General John Ashcroft
January 29, 2002	Interior Secretary Gale Norton
February 27, 2001*	Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi
January 27, 2000	Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson
January 19, 1999	Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Andrew W. Cuomo
January 27, 1998	Commerce Secretary Bill Daley
February 4, 1997	Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman
January 30, 1996	Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala
January 24, 1995	Transportation Secretary Federico Pena
January 25, 1994	Agriculture Secretary Mike Epsy
February 17, 1993*	Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt
January 28, 1992	Secretary of Agriculture Ed Madigan
January 29, 1991	Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan

January 31, 1990 Veterans Affairs Secretary Edward J. Derwinski

February 9, 1989* Unknown

January 25, 1988 Interior Secretary Donald P. Hodel

January 27, 1987 Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng

February 4, 1986 Secretary of Agriculture John Block

February 6, 1985 Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige

January 25, 1984 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Samuel R. Pierce Jr.

* This address before a joint session of Congress is not considered an official "State of the Union" message, although the president followed the State of the Union tradition of having a cabinet member stay home.

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