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“One thing is clear: By asking for more money for his failed Iraq policy and slashing funds for important domestic programs, the President has shown once again that he doesn’t understand the reality in Iraq or the will of the American people.

“The new Congress has been left with the debt from the spending-spree of the last six years. We now are getting to the hard but necessary work of balancing the budget while honoring our commitment to domestic prosperity and military readiness in the face of new and emerging threats. This will not be easy, but one thing is clear, the President’s budget is not only a poor attempt at finding common ground, it is a laundry list of wrong answers to the problems we face.”

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