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### Bush

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"The president used all the right rhetoric, but he still has all the wrong policies," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "Regrettably, he passed up this opportunity to close the widening credibility gap that is putting him further and further out of touch with the American people."

Others criticized Bush's bellicosity toward Iraq, saying that military action — particularly without U.N. support — would create more problems than it solves, including the possibility of new terrorism on American soil.

The State of the Union address came at a pivotal time for Bush, who has seen his approval ratings drop below 60 percent for the first time since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The president—who watched his father lose re-election amid a recession, a year after confronting Saddam—faces rising skepticism about his economic policy and the risks of invading Iraq.

Democrats and several Republicans called on the president to provide more proof that Hussein is seeking weapons of mass destruction.

"The world, our allies, also are

waiting for a clear explanation of why war," said Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del.

In the formal Democratic response to Bush's address, Washington Gov. Gary Locke focused on economic worries, saying that "to be strong abroad, we need to be strong at home."

"And today, in too many ways, our country is headed in the wrong direction," Locke said.

Republicans, meanwhile, gave the president loud standing ovations when he discussed tax cuts.

In laying the groundwork for possible military action, Bush said new evidence shows that Iraq is concealing chemical and biological capability from U.N. weapons inspectors and that Hussein has not accounted for the materials or proved they have been destroyed.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said he would seek a new congressional vote on war with Iraq, saying circumstances have changed since October, when the House and Senate approved a resolution authorizing the use of force.

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## Results

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State mental health and addiction services also estimated a cut of \$12.6 million during the next five months, and \$49.3 million over the next biennium — potentially putting about 10,400 adults and 3,500 children out in the cold if the Legislature does not revisit cuts.

Eric Winters, a member of the Libertarian Party, said his organization was gratified that voters were able to see through the "propaganda" about devastating cuts to state programs and services accompanying the measure's failure.

"We're delighted about the opportunity now for Libertarian ideas about privatization aspects

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of the government to (take hold)," he said.

Winters added that he hoped the Legislature would now focus on revisiting its spending practices, including reform of the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System and privatization of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

"There are so many other solutions that are going to be available," he said. Kitty Piercy, Lane County Yes on 28 Committee cochairwoman, said she had mixed feelings about the election results.

"I have pride that so many people worked so hard for this, and we did such a good job that (detractors) were worried up to the very last minute about what was going to happen," she said. "And I'm really sad that we didn't get it passed."

Liz Cawood, the other co-chairwoman of Lane County's Yes on 28 Committee, said the Measure's failure will hurt the poorest people in the state.

"I think obviously what we need is tax reform in this state," she said. "And we aren't willing to bite the bullet."

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