

Price tag for the Iraq war



Estimated cost of the Iraq war to date: **\$204.4 billion**

Estimated costs per month in 2005: **\$5.6 billion**

Estimated cost to every U.S. citizen: **\$727**

What \$204.4 billion could have paid for in the United States:

Affordable housing units: **1.8 million**

Scholarships for university students: **40 million** or

Head Start slots for a year: **27 million**

What \$204.4 billion could have paid for around the globe:

Full funding for global anti-hunger efforts for three years **and**

Full funding of world-wide AIDS programs for three years **and**

Full funding for every child in the world for basic immunizations.

Congress is in the process of approving a “bridge fund” for \$45.3 billion to cover operations until another supplemental spending package can be passed, most likely slated for spring 2006.

Sources: “The Iraq Quagmire: The Mounting Costs of the Iraq War,” a report by the Institute for Policy Studies and Foreign Policy In Focus, released Aug. 31. Full text of the study is at www.ips-dc.org/iraq/quagmire.