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Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **No** · S.J.Res. 4 · 03/26/2001

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Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · S.Amdt. 1231 to S.Amdt. 1214 to H.R. 2620 · 08/02/2001

3. Anti-Terrorism Authority: Would create the "USA Patriot Act," giving law enforcement and intelligence agencies vast new powers to combat terrorism. ✗

Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · On Passage of the Bill H.R. 3162 · 10/25/2001

4. Education: Would, as the "No Child Left Behind Act," overhaul education proposals to increase school accountability and reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for six years. —

Estimated Cost per household: **-\$1,248.00/year.**

Constitutional: **No** · Cast: None · On the Conference Report H.R. 1 · 12/18/2001

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Estimated Cost per household: **-\$4,117.00/year.**

Constitutional: **No** · Cast: None · S. 2578 · 06/11/2002

6. War Authorization Against Iraq: Authorizes the use of U.S. military force against Iraq, including to enforce any related UN Security Council resolutions. ✗

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