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**Statement by Senator Kent Conrad, D-ND, on Bush Administration's
Cost Estimate of the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill**

“Apparently, the administration has played hide the ball on their cost estimate for the Medicare prescription drug bill. Their failure to provide information that was available to them has done a serious disservice to Congress and the American people.

“This administration owes us all a full explanation for their failure to provide these estimates in a timely way, and is just another example of how this administration has created a fiscal crisis for the United States.”

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