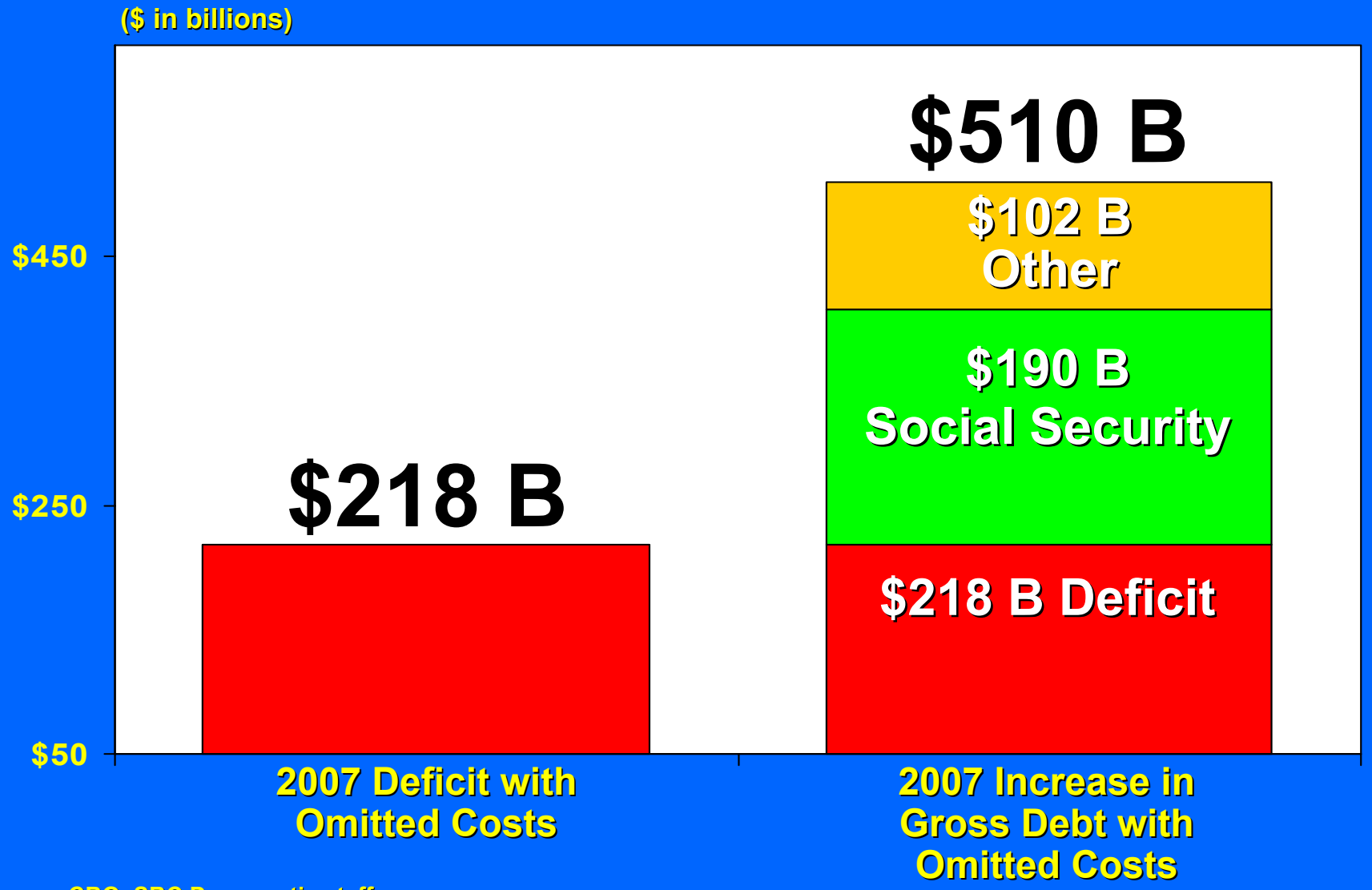
Increase in Debt in 2007 is Far Greater Than the Estimated $218 Billion Deficit



Source: CBO, SBC Democratic staff

Note: Omitted costs include supplemental funding for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, AMT relief, and expiring tax provisions.

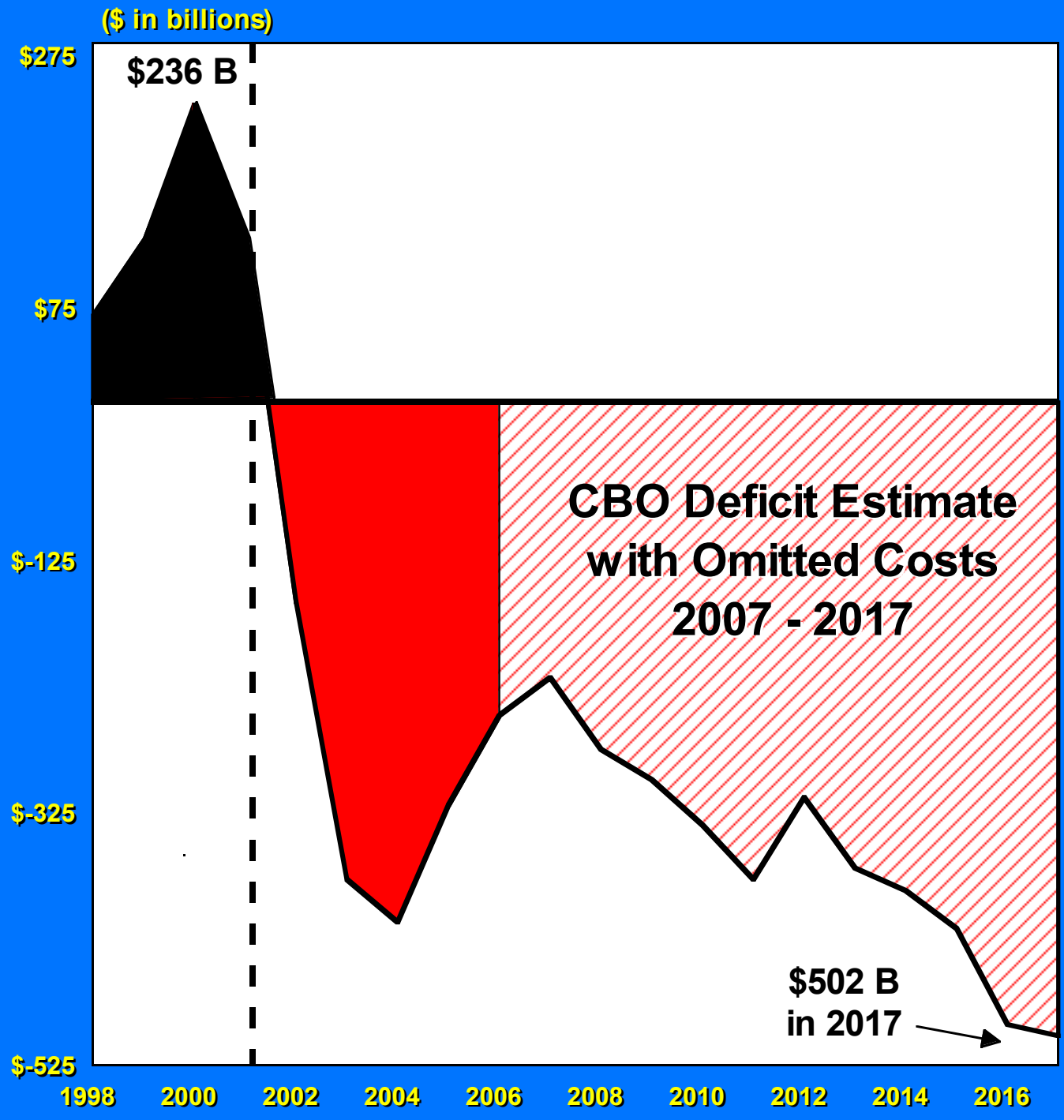
CBO's Ten-Year Baseline Estimate Understates Deficit

Adjustments:

• Cost of Making Tax Cuts Permanent	$2.34 T
• AMT Reform	$1.04 T
• Bush Defense Buildup	$267 B
• Funding for Ongoing War Costs	$857 B
• Debt Service	$986 B
• Remove Extension of 2007 Supplementals	-$920 B
Total	$4.6 T

Source: CBO and SBC Democratic staff
Note: Remove extension of 2007 supplementals includes debt service

Long-Term Budget Outlook



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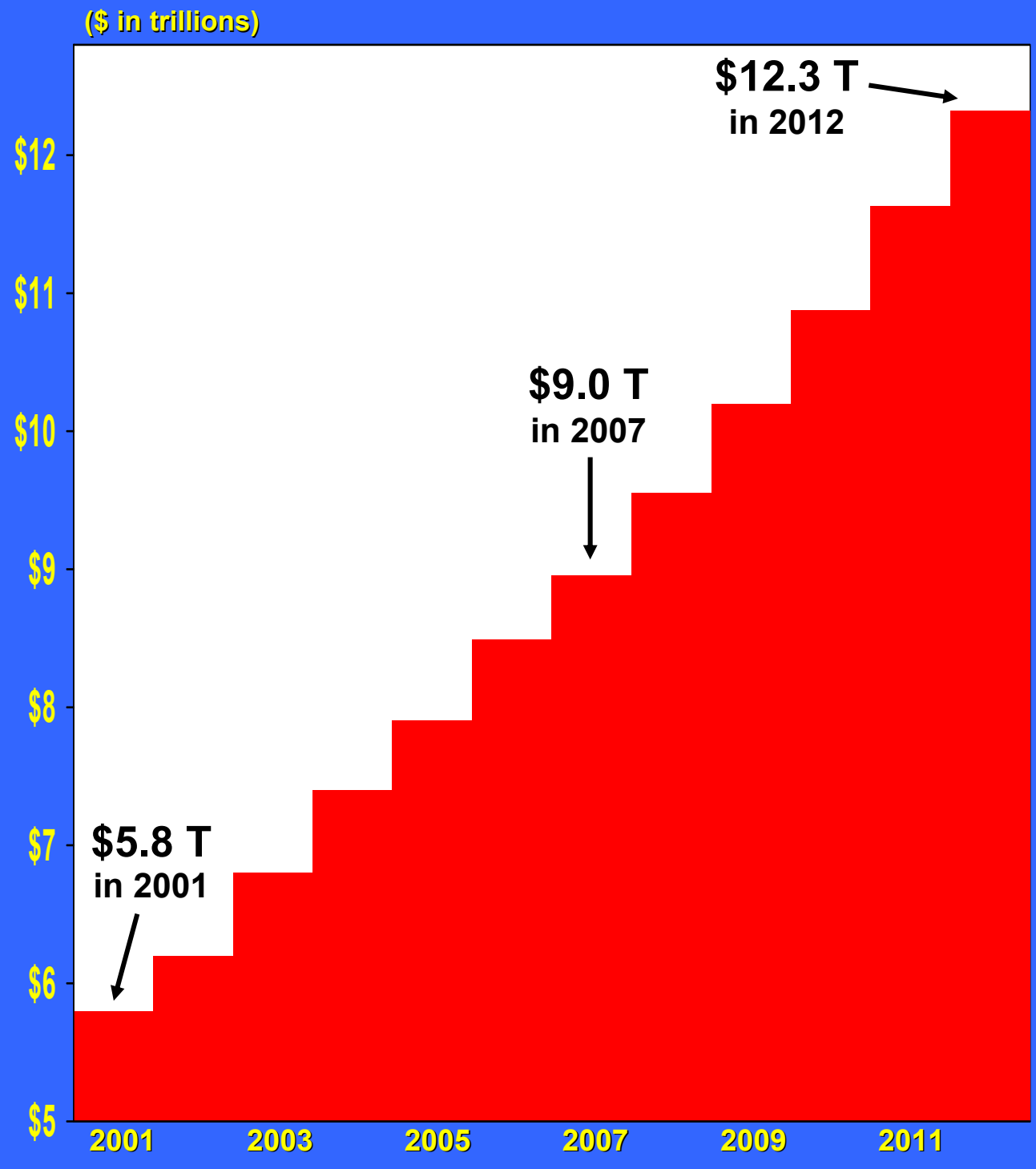
Building a Wall of Debt

Gross Federal Debt Soars



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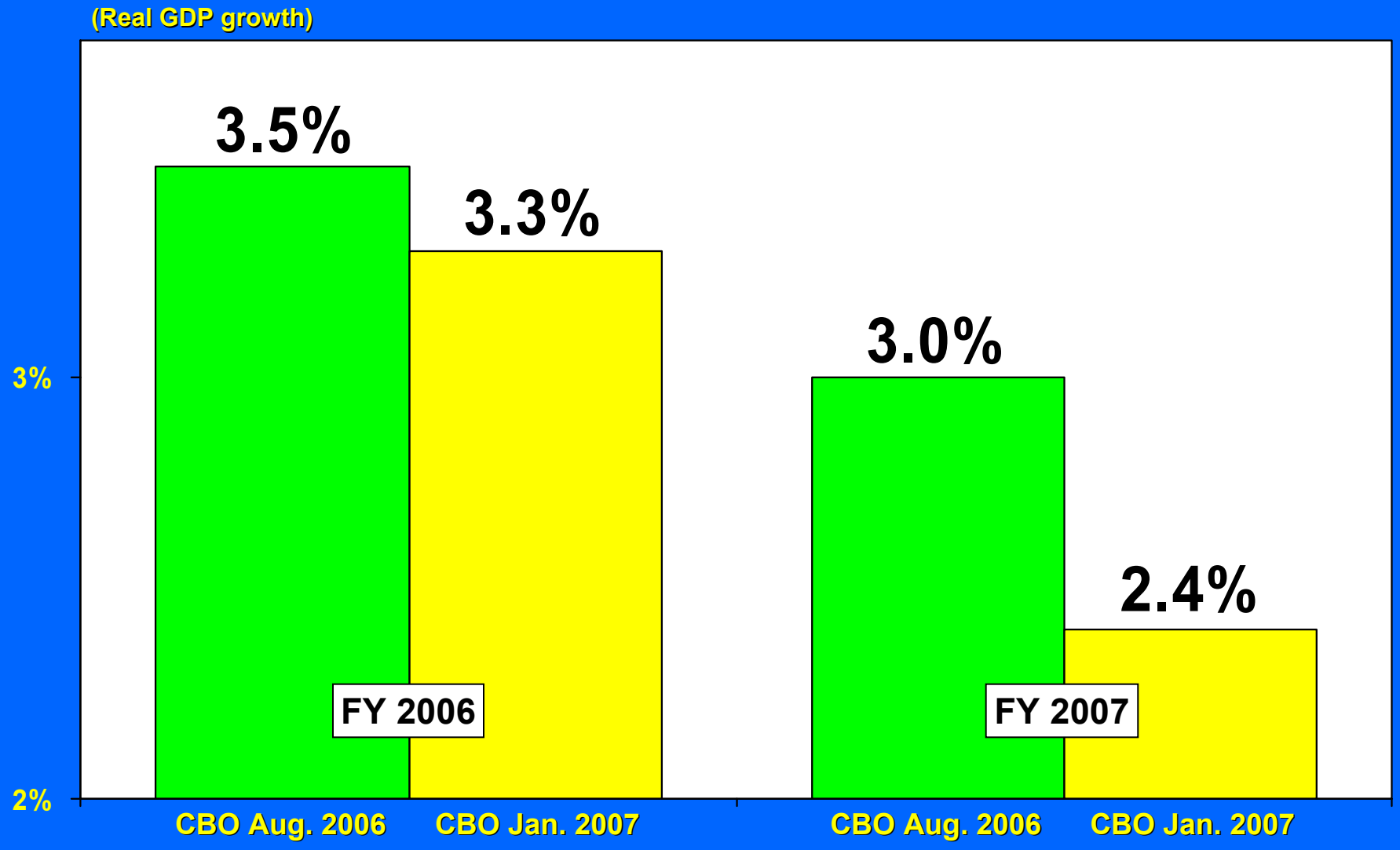

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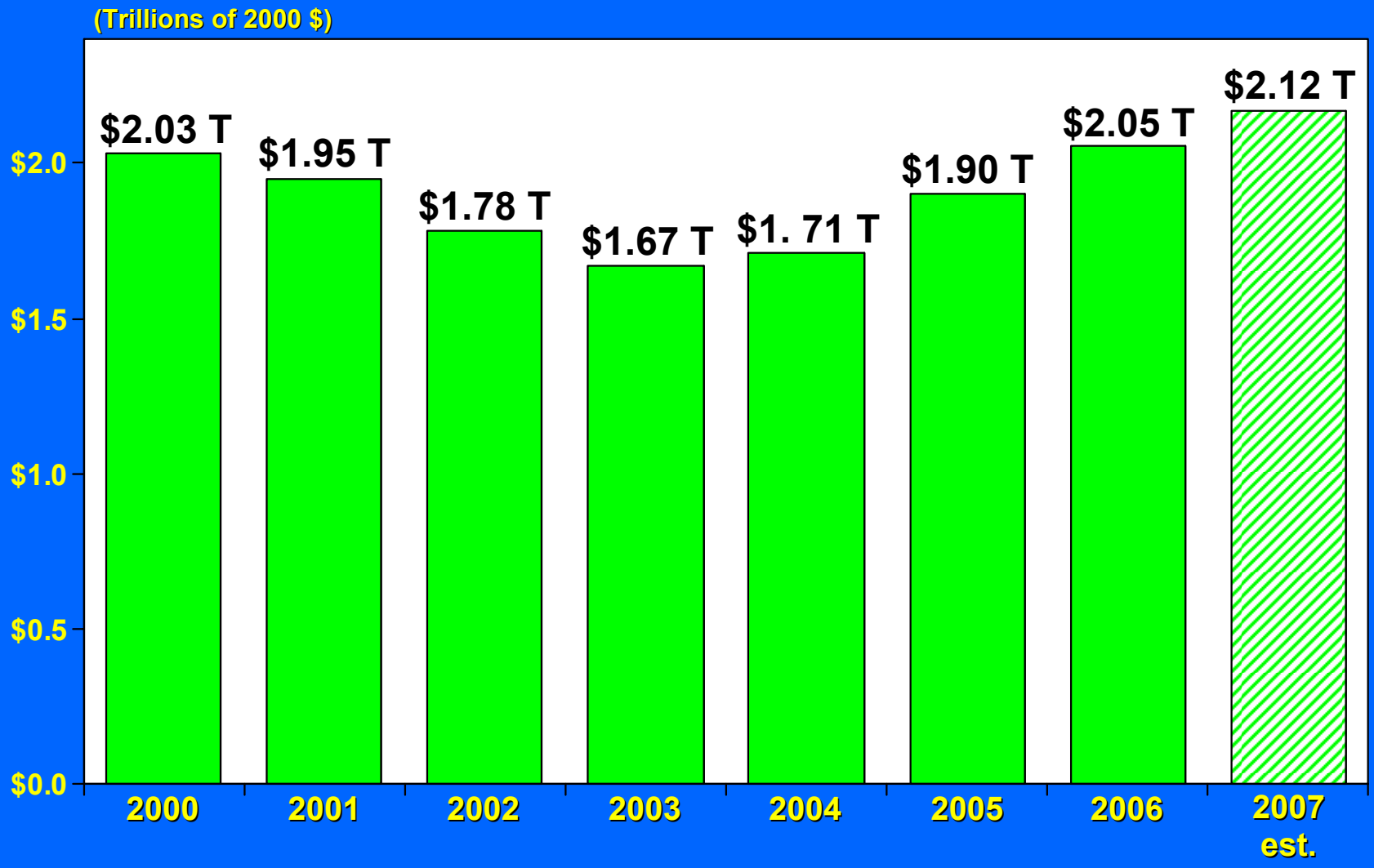

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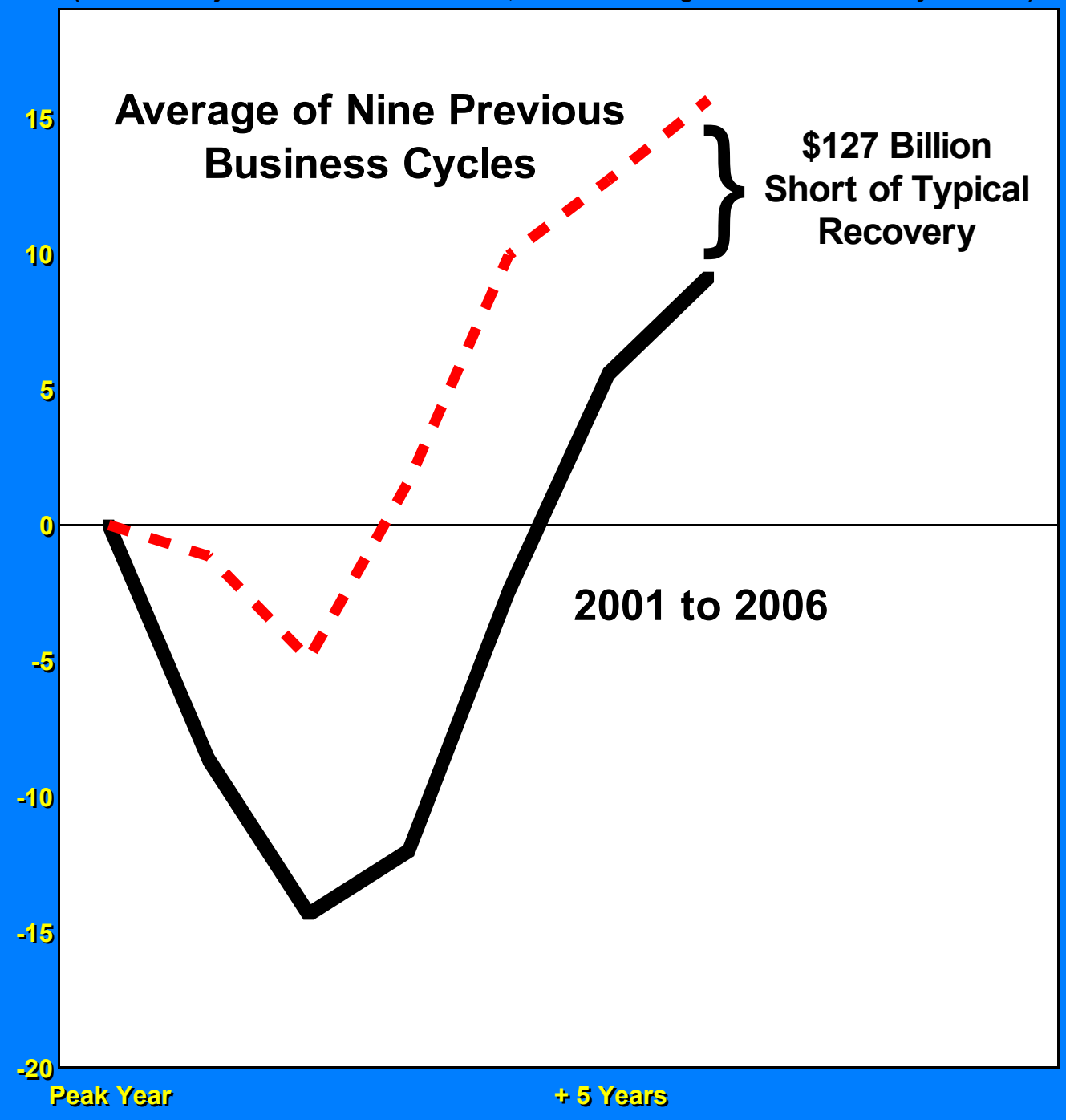
Real Revenues Lag Typical Recovery Even with Recent Revenue Gains

(Inflation-Adjusted Federal Revenues, Percent Change from Business-Cycle Peak)



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GAO Comptroller General Walker on Solving Nation's Fiscal Problems

"We are on an imprudent and unsustainable long-term fiscal path, and while the short-term deficits have improved in recent years, the long term is getting worse every second of every minute of every day and the time for action is now."

– Government Accountability Office
Comptroller General David Walker
Testimony before Senate Budget Committee
January 11, 2007