

The four themes of the State of the Union

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WASHINGTON -- Insiders say U.S. President George Bush's farewell State of the Union address focuses on the economy, foreign surveillance, Iraq and trade agreements. The Hill reports Monday's State of the Union address emphasizes those four main themes as part of a broader bi-partisan message. Washington insiders say Bush will unveil an economic stimulus package some see as risky because of the economy's volatility. Vice President Dick Cheney Wednesday said the administration would push making the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, a law allowing the government to eavesdrop on suspected militant conversations without a warrant, permanent. Cheney said the legislation should grant immunity to telecommunication companies participating in the surveillance program. Bush plans to address a divided House chamber on the seemingly positive developments emerging from Iraq following the troop surge.

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