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My reactions to President Eisenhower's State of the Union Message are mixed.

I am enthusiastic over the idea of a balanced budget, but I am afraid that it is based on prospective increased income rather than assured income.

I am opposed to the President's proposal for national standards for education and also for further entry into the fields of education and urban renewal.

I agree with the President that labor legislation is needed, but his proposal fails to touch the heart of the matter -- the union bosses' arbitrary spending of the workingman's dues for political purposes.

I am against the President's promise to press for so-called civil rights legislation. His reference to job discrimination indicates his support of some type FEPC, to which I am unalterably opposed.

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