

- **Fill in the blanks with the appropriate tense of the verbs given in the parentheses.**

The Senate's Last Chance on AIDS

Over the past year or so, President Bush and many senators _____ (to visit) Africa to witness firsthand the ravages of AIDS. They _____ (to hold) sick babies, _____ (to pat) the hands of dying women, _____ (to visit) community groups caring for orphans and clinics bereft of medicine. They _____ (to make) heartfelt statements that lives can and must be saved.

Then they _____ (to come) home and _____ (to stiff) the global AIDS budget. Mr. Bush _____ (to make) a worldwide splash by promising a \$15 billion, five-year program. He _____ (to endorsed) an authorization of \$3 billion for 2004, which _____ (to be) passed by both the House and Senate. But the White House and the Congressional leadership then _____ (to conspire) to cut the actual money appropriated back to \$2.1 billion.