

- **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.

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