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AMERICANS DIVIDED HEALTH BILLS

VO :16

Americans are worried about hidden costs in the fine print of health care overhaul legislation, an Associated Press poll says. That's creating new challenges for President Barack Obama as he tries to close the deal with a handful of Democratic doubters in the Senate. Although Americans share a conviction that major health care changes are needed, Democratic bills that extend coverage to the uninsured and try to hold down medical costs get no better than a lukewarm reception. The poll found that 43 percent oppose the health care plans being discussed in Congress, while 41 percent are in support. An additional 15 percent remain neutral or undecided.

DRUG MAKERS PRICES

VO :15

In the last year, the industry has raised the wholesale prices of brand-name prescription drugs by about 9 percent, according to industry analysts. That will add more than \$10 billion to the nation's drug bill, which is on track to exceed \$300 billion this year. By at least one analysis, it is the highest annual rate of inflation for drug prices since 1992.

11/17/08

**ANTI FINANCIAL FRAUD TASK FORCE
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:08**

The Obama administration created a new task force Tuesday to crack down on financial fraud, an increasingly important political issue after a spike in mortgage scams and big Wall Street trading scandals. President Barack Obama signed an executive order directing the task force, led by the Justice Department, to investigate and prosecute financial crimes connected to the past year's financial crisis and to try to deter future fraud.

11/18/08

**CANCER BREAST SCEENING
VO :27**

U.S. health officials Wednesday distanced themselves from controversial new breast cancer screening guidelines that recommend against routine mammograms for healthy women in their 40s and said federal policy on screening mammograms has not changed. In a move likely to reassure American women, U.S. House and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said in a statement the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force that issued the guidelines Monday does not set federal policy and does not affect what services the government will pay for. Critics of the new guidelines said they would lead to more

HEALTH CARE BILL SENATE

VO :27

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has taken the wraps off health care legislation. It's estimated to extend coverage to 94 percent of eligible Americans at a cost of \$849 billion over the next decade. Initial maneuvering on the Senate floor was expected later in the week. Republicans hope to deny President Barack Obama a victory on his top domestic priority. Reid says the legislation will save lives, save money and help Medicare.

11/19/08

HEALTH CARE REFORM

VO :17

Congressional budget experts say the new Senate health care bill would make a government health plan widely available. The Congressional Budget Office said Thursday that about two-thirds of the U.S. population would have a public plan available in their state, even though the Democrats' 10-year, \$848-billion bill would allow states to opt out. Wide availability doesn't mean the government plan would dominate the market, however. The budget umpires are estimating only 3 million to 4 million people would sign up, partly because private insurance plans would be able to offer lower premiums.

MAMMOGRAMS INSURANCE

VO :15

A top federal health official said Wednesday that the controversial new guidelines for breast cancer screening do not represent government policy, as the Obama administration sought to keep the debate over mammograms from undermining the prospects for health-care reform. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius's statement challenged the recommendations of that influential panel, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, made up of independent experts assembled by her department to address one of the most explosive issues in women's health.

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OBAMA ECONOMY

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The Federal Reserve is about to provide a little more insight into how long an extended period of time might be. The U.S. central bank, has been repeating that "extended period" phrase since March to signal that it intends to keep its benchmark short-term interest rate near zero for the foreseeable future. With the U.S. economy now growing again, there is considerable debate about how far that horizon stretches. After its last policy-setting meeting in early November, the Fed spelled out more clearly the economic conditions that it thought justified ultra-low rates -- namely high unemployment and subdued inflation trends and expectations

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HEALTHCARE REFORM

VO :25

Some Democrats are already giving a preview on what could be a rowdy Senate floor debate on a proposed health-care overhaul. Liberal and moderate party members have been airing their differences on the Sunday news shows. Moderates are threatening to scuttle the measure if their demands aren't met, while more liberal members are telling party leaders not to give in. Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska tells ABC he wants tougher restrictions on what taxpayer money will fund. Meanwhile, Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin tells NBC there's a clock ticking. The Senate's No. 2 Democrat says a health care bill must be passed by the end of the year

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DEMS READY TO GO-IT-ALONE ON HEALTH CARE

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:06

A leading Senate Democrat said Monday his party is determined to push through a health care overhaul bill with or without Republican support because the "system is broken." "We prefer to go at it with Republicans if we can reach compromises in some areas," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "But we're not going to not pass a bill." Schumer dueled with Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison on a network morning news show in the wake of a key Senate vote Saturday night that advanced a 10-year, \$959 billion health bill to full debate. Hutchison argued that "you're going to put taxes and mandates on business" that would be a drag on an economy still struggling to recover from recession. Congressional Democrats are trying to resolve differences within their rank and file over abortion, taxes and letting the government sell health insurance as a competitor with private insurers. Those are all crucial policy questions, and House and Senate Democrats have taken conflicting approaches.

AMERICANS CONFLICTED OVER HEALTH OVERHAUL

VO :20

Most Americans don't expect a health care overhaul to affect their lives directly, but those who worry about the fallout outnumber those expecting to come out ahead, a poll out Tuesday has found. The survey by the nonpartisan Robert Wood Johnson Foundation finds that Americans are tuning in to the debate in Washington, with 60 percent saying they're following it very closely or fairly closely. Most see a change ahead for the nation, and they're divided on whether that will be for good or ill. But when it comes to their own personal lives, Americans say they don't expect much of an impact.

OBAMA SAYS MUST DO MORE TO EASE U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT

VO :20

President Barack Obama Monday said that his top priority was to tackle high U.S. unemployment and stressed that although the economy was growing again, many Americans were still suffering. "We cannot sit back and be satisfied," he told reporters following a briefing with his cabinet. "This has been a very difficult year."

TOYOTA RECALL

VO :23

Toyota Motor Corp will fix the accelerator pedals in 4 million cars and trucks to address a safety issue linked to bursts of sudden acceleration and deadly accidents, the company and the U.S. government said on Wednesday. The action, which represents the largest-ever U.S. safety recall by the Japanese automaker, aims to address the risk that floor mats in the vehicles can come loose and trap the accelerator pedal on some of Toyota's most popular models including the Camry and hybrid Prius.

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SLOW ECONOMY RECOVERY

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK

PKG 2:03

Hope for a strong economic rebound is fading Growth last quarter was less than initially estimated. The Federal Reserve doesn't expect the economy to pick up steam until 2011, despite huge stimulus spending and low interest rates. The economy is improving according to most yardsticks, but fresh evidence emerged Tuesday that the path to revival could resemble a Thanksgiving holiday road trip -- long, slow and stressful. Hopes for a strong rebound from the recession are fading as the government Tuesday downsized its estimate of economic growth in the third quarter to 2.8% from its earlier calculation of 3.5%.

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LAYAWAY IN BLACK FRIDAY

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK

PKG 2:03

The term Black Friday comes from old-school accounting, where being in the "red" meant that the company was in the negative financially, and being in the "black" meant that a profit was being made. For tax purposes, being in the "red" is not always a bad thing, but when it comes to making money, every company knows that income must exceed expenses in order to survive. An average day at that Wal-Mart location is about 5,000, so Black Friday actually drew about double its regular customer count. Mathers added that Wal-Mart will be making an extra effort for its customers safety this year. Early shoppers are taking advantage of stores that offer lay-away, too, picking up coveted items early and paying a little at a time on them.

HISPANICS AND HEALTHCARE
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:38

The Health debate starts Monday November 30th preview of the debate as it relates to issues that affect Hispanics. Although Hispanics are the largest ethnic minority population in the United States, they are underserved by the health-care system. Hispanics are less likely to seek and receive health-care services, which might contribute to their poorer health status and higher rates of morbidity and mortality. To assess differences in access to health-care and preventive services between Hispanics and non-Hispanics, CDC analyzed 2001--2002 data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System surveys.

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HATE CRIMES STATISTICS
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ/ NEW YORK
PKG 2:00

Statistics released today by the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed that 7,783 criminal incidents involving 9,168 offenses were reported in 2008 as a result of bias toward a particular race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity/national origin, or disability. Published by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program, *Hate Crime Statistics, 2008*, includes data about hate crime incidents submitted by law enforcement agencies throughout the nation.

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HISPANICS AND HEALTH REFORM
LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:50

Hispanics are worried about the decision of the debate for a health care reform. The most important things for latinos are coverage for kids and illegal immigrants and drug prices.

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**SENATE DEBATES HEALTH CARE REFORM
LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:03**

A very partisan debate over health care is under way in the Senate. But the arguments began today even before it formally opened. Democrats say a Congressional Budget Office assessment of the costs show the bill would lower premiums for "the vast majority of Americans." Republicans say most will either see no significant savings or end up paying more.

**CYBERMONDAY
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK
PKG 2:06**

On this "Cyber Monday," retailers offered online bargains to attract holiday dollars. A Web analytics company that keeps an eye on such things says at about midday, online sales were almost 20 percent ahead of a year ago. Traditional store sales over the weekend were more mixed.

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