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**HEALTHCARE OVERHAUL
LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:00**

President Barack Obama on Wednesday said it is time to pass his healthcare overhaul using only a slim Democratic majority in Congress if necessary. In a speech outlining what he feels should be the way forward on healthcare, Obama said comprehensive legislation has already passed both houses of Congress and now it deserves an up-or-down vote "with nothing more than a simple majority." He asked Congress leaders to schedule a vote in the next few weeks.

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**HEALTH CARE REFORM LATEST
LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 1:56**

A dozen House Democrats opposed to abortion are willing to kill President Barack Obama's healthcare reform plan unless it satisfies their demand for language barring the procedure, Representative Bart Stupak said Thursday.

**TOYOTA RECALL
VO: 18**

More Toyota drivers say their car and trucks have sped up by themselves even after being fixed to correct the problem. Another five people have reported problems to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's complaint database, describing surges of speed that came without warning. That is on top of at least 15 similar cases found by an Associated Press review of the data on Wednesday. The complaints have not been independently verified. Government investigators said Wednesday that they had found 10 possible cases of post-fix problems.

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**OBAMA ON IMMIGRATION REFORM
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:02**

President Barack Obama is about to take up a potentially hot button issue -- immigration. A White House spokesman says Obama will meet Monday with Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York and Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina. The two are trying to draft a bipartisan immigration bill.

**HEALTHCARE REFORM
LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:09**

President Barack Obama will take to the road today to try to persuade a weary public to back his plan to remake the U.S. health care system. Obama travels to Philadelphia today to drum up support for his plan, while also urging uneasy lawmakers to cast a "final vote" for a massive reform bill in an election year.

**TOYOTA LATEST
MARTIN BERLANGA. MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 1:57**

Toyota continues to insist that sudden acceleration problems with some of its cars is mechanical, not electronic. It's disputing the findings of a college professor who says he's been able to recreate the problem. Toyota says the same demonstration can be performed with other brands.

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**IMMIGRANT CARDS ID
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:17**

Lawmakers working to craft a new comprehensive immigration bill have settled on a way to prevent employers from hiring illegal immigrants: a national biometric identification card all American workers would eventually be required to obtain. Under the potentially controversial plan still taking shape in the Senate, all legal U.S. workers, including citizens and immigrants, would be issued an ID card with embedded information, such as fingerprints, to tie the card to the worker.

**TOYOTA PRIUS INVESTIGATION
VO :24**

The driver of a 2008

Toyota Prius said his car uncontrollably accelerated to over 90 miles per hour on a San Diego County freeway before a California Highway Patrol officer helped him stop the car, police said. The driver, 61-year-old James Sikes, was not injured in the Monday incident, which is another claim of unintended acceleration that has caused the greatest image crisis for Toyota Motor Corp in its history. The incident occurred in the same county where an off-duty California Highway Patrol trooper and three family members were killed last August in an incident that brought the issue to national attention and led to the first major recall over unintended acceleration.

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**IMMIGRATION REFORM MEETING
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:07**

Three years after efforts by Congress to reform the immigration system went down in flames, the issue is slowly re-emerging on the national stage, as two senators from the opposite sides of the political aisle work on crafting another bill. Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., chairman of the Immigration Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee, and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. are set to appear Thursday at the White House for a meeting with President Obama in which they are expected to seek his guidance on charting a path forward. The reform effort blew up in 2007 after more than a year of work when

Republican critics branded the effort as "amnesty" and the tide of public opinion turned strongly against the bill.

MORE MINORITIES

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK

PKG 2:04

Minorities make up nearly half the children born in the U.S., part of a historic trend in which minorities are expected to become the U.S. majority over the next 40 years. In fact, demographers say this year could be the "tipping point" when the number of babies born to minorities outnumbers that of babies born to whites. The numbers are growing because immigration to the U.S. has boosted the number of Hispanic women in their prime childbearing years. Minorities made up 48 percent of U.S. children born in 2008, the latest census estimates available, compared to 37 percent in 1990.

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TOYOTA RECALL

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Toyota's massive recalls are bringing new scrutiny to the government's auto safety agency. They are prompting Congress to look at how federal safety officials have lived up to their mission of protecting motorists. A House panel on Thursday plans to examine the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's oversight of the auto industry in the latest congressional hearing linked to Toyota's recall of more than 8 million vehicles worldwide. Safety groups have accused the agency of being too cozy with the Japanese automaker while lacking the resources to test for vehicle problems that could be electronic, not mechanical.

OBAMA AND IMMIGRATION REFORM

LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:04

Advocacy groups say President Barack Obama has assured them that he remains committed to a comprehensive overhaul of U.S. immigration laws. But what can be accomplished on the issue this year remains unclear. At the White House on Thursday, the president spent more than an hour discussing his promise to rewrite U.S. immigration laws. He was to meet later Thursday with New York Sen. Chuck Schumer, a Democrat, and South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Republican. The lawmakers are drafting a bill on the issue. Obama had promised to tackle the immigration issue in his first year in office. That hasn't happened, and advocates are growing restless. The groups are bringing tens of thousands of people from around the country to Washington for a demonstration on March 21.

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HEALTHCARE REFORM

LUIS MEGID-SAN FRANCISCO, CA

PKG 2:15

President Obama has delayed his long-planned trip to Asia to focus on the final push for health care reform. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senior Democrats are still working

feverishly to round up the 216 "yes" votes they need to make the health care reform bill a reality. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is so focused on getting a bill done, that he returned to Capitol Hill last night for more meetings, even after rushing to the hospital to visit his wife--- who broke her nose, back and neck in a car accident hours earlier.

CENSUS 2010
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ-NEW YORK
PKG 2:10

Groups pushing for robust Hispanic participation in the 2010 census are enlisting a new corps of foot-soldiers in their battle to reach that hard-to-count demographic: tech-savvy, smart-phone-toting young people. The "Be Counted, Represent" campaign offers music downloads and a chance at concert tickets to cell phone users who share their e-mail addresses and phone numbers with organizers and forward information about the census to their friends. Principal organizers Voto Latino and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund stress in their messages that undercounted areas risk losing funding for transit, infrastructure and other needs, as well as political representation.

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CENSUS 2010 FORMS
LOURDES DEL RIO- MIAMI, FL
PKG 2:10

More than 120 million U.S. census forms begin arriving Monday in mailboxes around the country, in the government's once-a-decade population count that will be used to divvy up congressional seats and more than \$400 billion in federal aid. Fast-growing states in the South and the West could stand to lose the most because of lower-than-average mail participation rates in 2000 and higher shares of Hispanics and young adults, who are among the least likely to mail in their forms.

CENSUS CONFIDENTIALITY
JAIME GARCIA- LOS ANGELES, CA
PKG 2:00

About the undocumented immigrant. How immigrant organizations are pushing for everyone to be counted. The activist telling the undocumented immigrant not be afraid. Under title 13, the information they give is confidential. If they don't fill out the census forms, they will not have Hispanic representation in Congress and fewer legislators to fight for the issues that affect them. The door campaigns that organizations are doing.

HEALTHCARE REFORM
VO:22

With a fresh sense of urgency, President Barack Obama sought to reassure seniors Monday about health care legislation approaching a final vote in Congress, pledging it would make preventive care cost-free and close a gap in Medicare prescription drug coverage. Obama's trip to Ohio marked his third out-of-town foray as he tries to build support for long-stalled legislation to remake the health care system. Administration officials have predicted the legislation will clear the House by the end of the week, but Democratic leaders had not yet released the measure as the president's helicopter lifted

off from the White House grounds. Even so, the House Budget Committee arranged a mid-afternoon meeting to begin a series of events expected to culminate in a House vote within days.

TOYOTA LATEST
CRISTINA PUIG- MIAMI, FL
PKG 2:03

Some Toyota drivers worried about the safety of their cars are suing for a full refund. Lawsuits filed Monday in Washington and Arizona have asked a judge to allow Toyota owners to return vehicles and get their money back. Toyota is already the target of dozens of lawsuits filed by owners who claim their vehicles have lost value because of the recalls. Those lawsuits seek compensation for any lost value, rather than a full refund. Both types of lawsuits could eventually become class-action suits. Toyota has recalled millions of vehicles in the U.S. because of floor mats that can snag gas pedals or accelerators that can sometimes stick. Toyota did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

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