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12/01/10

**UNEMPLOYMENT EXT IN STALEMATE
LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:07**

Members of the president's deficit commission will begin weighing in on a controversial plan being presented by the panel's co-chairmen today. It suggests reducing Social Security benefits, raising the retirement age, curtailing tax breaks and other politically explosive ideas for getting the national debt under control. Concern over the national debt means millions of out-of-work Americans are losing unemployment benefits, which expired at midnight after Congress failed to pass an extension for another year. The extension would have cost 12 billion dollars---Republicans argued other cuts should make up for the increased spending.

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**DREAM ACT LATEST
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:16**

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano is urging Congress to allow certain foreign-born young people who were illegally brought to the U.S. as children to become legal residents. She says it would help her department focus on deporting immigrants with criminal records. The Senate failed in September to pass what's known as the DREAM Act. It's unclear whether Congress will vote on it again before the year ends. The bill would apply to immigrants who arrived in the U.S. before age 16, have been here at least five years and have a U.S. high school diploma or the equivalent. It would

let them become U.S. residents after they've spent two years in college or the military.

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12/03/10

**GOP GETTING ORGANIZED
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:13**

Hispanics are working to reach hispanis voters through different forms like realizing forums and through websites with info that could help them as immigrants.

**SENATE TAX CUT PLANS
VO :14**

Vice President Joe Biden Friday urged the U.S. Senate to extend tax cuts for middle-class Americans, following the example of a politically charged vote by the House of Representatives earlier this week. Biden addressed reporters at the White House during a meeting with Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and budget director Jack Lew, who are leading talks with congressional leaders on a deal to extend Bush-era tax cuts that expire at the end of the year.

**NEW JOBLESS DATA
LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:01**

U.S. employment increased far less than expected in November and the jobless rate jumped to a seven-month high of 9.8 percent, dampening hopes for a self-sustaining economic recovery. Nonfarm payrolls rose 39,000, with private hiring gaining only 50,000, the Labor Department said. However, overall employment for September and October was revised to show 38,000 more jobs than previously estimated.

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12/4/10 (Saturday 6:30pm & 11:30pm)

**OBAMA USA-TAXES/SENATE
VO: 32**

Democratic measures to extend tax cuts for most Americans, but not additional low rates for the wealthiest, failed in the U.S. Senate Saturday, as Republicans and some Democrats blocked the plans. The two Democratic plans to renew low tax rates for individual income up to \$200,000 and up to \$1 million both failed in procedural votes, as Republicans argued that low tax rates for the wealthiest should also be extended. "It's not that we want to punish wealthy people," said Democratic Senator Charles Schumer, who had proposed extending the tax rates for those earning up to \$1 million. "But they are doing fine and they are not going to spend the money and stimulate the economy." No Republicans backed the Democratic proposals, and a few Democrats voted against them. The rare Saturday votes were expected to fail, but Democrats wanted to show that they didn't support an extension of the lower rates for higher-income individuals.

KIDS EATING DISORDERS

BLANCA ROSA VÍLCHEZ/ NEW YORK, NY

PKG 1:58

At the same time that obesity rates are on the rise, a growing number of children in the US under the age of 12 are also struggling with eating disorders, according to research released Monday by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Between 1999 and 2006, the number of youngsters hospitalized with eating disorders increased by 119 percent, according to the research, authored by Dr. David Rosen, a professor of pediatrics, internal medicine and psychiatry at University of Michigan. The research also showed that the long-held belief that patients suffering from severe anorexia or bulimia are affluent, white and female is changing. Both boys and minorities are experiencing eating disorders at increasing rates. "We are seeing a lot more eating disorders than we used to and we are seeing it in people we didn't associate with eating disorders in the past -- a lot of boys, little kids, people of color and those with lower socioeconomic backgrounds," said report Rosen. "We wanted people to understand eating disorders are equal-opportunity disorders."

BOTOX HEADACHES

VO: 22

According to a recent University Of California, San Francisco study delivered in a presentation at the American Society of Dermatologic Surgery meeting (held November 2-5, 2000), Richard Glogau, MD, UCSF professor of dermatology, reported that 75 percent of patients in his case

study experienced four to six months of Migraine relief following injections of Botox® (botulinum toxin A derived from bacteria) to muscles of the face and head. Glogau's small study of 24 patients adds weight to previous reports that botulinum toxin A can relieve Migraines. Since 1992, Botox®, the same bacteria that causes deadly food poisoning, has been used in purified and diluted form to temporarily paralyze the muscles that bring the eye brows together, thereby eliminating wrinkles in this region. practice injected with botulinum toxin A in the upper third of the face for treatment of cosmetic frown lines (who coincidentally suffered from Migraines) have reported the added benefit of Migraine relief.

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12/5/10 (Sunday 6:30pm & 11:30pm)

TAX CUTS McCoNNELL

VO: 28

The Senate Republican leader says it's become clear now that taxes will not be raised for anyone during the current economic downturn. Sen. Mitch McConnell's assessment comes a day after Senate Republicans voted down Democratic efforts to limit any extension of the Bush-era tax cuts for the top-earning Americans. President Barack Obama then signaled a willingness to give in to Republican demands that the tax cuts that expire at the end of the year be extended at all levels. McConnell, R-Ky., tells NBC's "Meet the Press" that the question on tax cuts is how long they might be extended. On the issue of aid to jobless Americans, McConnell says he believes that unemployment compensation will be extended again.

AIRPORT SECURITY BILL

VO: 17

A New York senator wants to make it illegal for anyone to distribute or record images produced by full-body scanners at airports. U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer introduced a bill Sunday that calls for punishing anyone who misuses full-body scan images by up to a year in prison. They could also face fines of up to \$100,000. Privacy advocates say there are insufficient safeguards to ensure that the revealing images produced by the machines remain private. The X-ray scans from the machines can see through people's clothing. The Transportation Security Administration says the images cannot be stored, transmitted or printed and they are deleted after use. Passengers can opt instead for a pat-down that includes the crotch and chest.

**CREDIT CARDS USE DURING HOLIDAYS
JAIME GARCÍA/ LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

PKG 2:22

More shoppers are expected to stop using credit cards this holiday season, paying for their purchases with debit cards or cash. It's a great approach for consumers in a tough economy because they'll spend only what they have on hand, making it easier to stay within a budget. Research shows a mere 16.3% of shoppers paid with a credit card during the past Black Friday weekend. That's nearly half of the 30.9% who did so last year, according to America's Research Group, which tracks consumer behavior.

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12/06/10

**TAX CUTS-JOBLESS BENEFITS
LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, DC**

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An outline of a bipartisan economic package is emerging that would temporarily extend the Bush-era tax rates for all taxpayers, while extending jobless benefits for millions of Americans. Differences remained over details, including White House demands for middle- and low-income tax credits. But the White House expressed optimism Monday, raising the possibility of a deal in Congress by the end of the week. "They are making progress," said White House spokesman Bill Burton. "The president is confident that within the next couple of days or so we'll find a way to extend tax cuts to middle class families and do some other things that the president thinks are important, helping to grow the economy and create jobs." Questions remained about how many concessions Obama could extract from Republicans in exchange for extending current tax rates for high earners, a proposal he opposed. But without action, lawmakers face the prospect of delivering a tax hike to all taxpayers at the end of the year, when the current rates expire and revert to higher pre-2001 and 2003 levels. Negotiations between the Obama administration and a bipartisan group of lawmakers centered on a two-year extension of current rates.

**NEW CENSUS DATA
LOURDES DEL RÍO/ MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 1:52**

Census surprise? The government provided new estimates Monday showing the U.S. population grew to somewhere between roughly 306 million and 313 million over the last decade, acknowledging uncertainty due to rapid shifts in immigration. The estimates, which are separate from the official 2010 census count, are based on a review of birth and death records as well as calculations of new immigrants as of April 1, 2010. Demographers say the range of numbers offers a rough guide to the official 2010 results that will be used to apportion House seats when they are released later this month. "For the first time, we are providing a series of demographic analysis estimates to more clearly demonstrate the uncertainty in these figures," said Census director Robert Groves.

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12/07/10

**TAX CUTS FOLLOW UP
LOURDES MELUZÁ / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:27**

The White House on Tuesday urged congressional Democrats to embrace a contentious tax cut plan that President Barack Obama cut with Republicans, arguing that the rank and file need to move on to other issues before the party loses control of the House in January. White House aides said Vice President Joe Biden will ask Democratic lawmakers to swallow their objections to the administration's proposed compromise with the GOP when he attends a closed luncheon with senators at the Capitol. Obama's plan would extend Bush-era tax cuts for all Americans, including the richest, while also extending unemployment benefits and reducing payroll taxes for a year. Before the GOP assumes the House majority next month, the White House wants Congress to take up ratification of a new nuclear treaty with Russia, then address the Dream Act, a measure to give young people whose parents brought them into the U.S. illegally a path to legal status. Democrats also want to vote on whether to repeal the military's policy that prevents gays from serving openly in the armed services.

**WIKILEAKS ARREST
LOURDES DEL RIO/ MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 1:55**

A British judge jailed WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange on Tuesday, ordering the leader of secret-spilling website behind bars as his organization's finances came under increasing pressure. Assange showed

no reaction as Judge Howard Riddle denied him bail in an extradition case that could see him sent to Sweden to face allegations of rape, molestation and unlawful coercion. Assange denies the accusations and has pledged to fight the extradition, while a spokesman for his organization said the U.S. diplomatic secrets would keep on flowing -- regardless of what happened to the group's founder. "This will not change our operation," Kristinn Hrafnsson told The Associated Press ahead of Assange's hearing. As if to underline the point, WikiLeaks released a cache of a dozen new diplomatic cables, its first publication in more than 24 hours. Assange appeared at before City of Westminster Magistrates' Court in London after turning himself in to Scotland Yard earlier Tuesday, capping months of speculation over an investigation into alleged sex crimes committed in Sweden over the summer.

**TOP TEST SCORES FROM SHANGHAI STUN EDUCATORS
BLANCA ROSA VÍLCHEZ/ NEW YORK, NY
PKG 2:27**

The competition among nations when it come to education is strong and wild. The country with best educated people will win in many areas, economy, science, math, etc and the test result from Shangai are a prove of that. That is why education in thhis country has become more the center of attention and many changes will happen so we can compete with all this nations. "Can you imagine the reaction if we told the students of Chicago that the PISA was an important international test and that America's reputation depended on them performing well?" Mr. Schneider said. "That said, China is taking education very seriously. The work ethic is amazingly strong." Why many Chinese graduates do no better than migrant workers.

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12/08/10

**DREAM ACT HOUSE VOTE
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
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INTERVIEW GABY PACHECO/ DREAMER
APROX 2:30**

The House of Representatives approved a controversial measure Wednesday providing a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants who came

to the United States before age 16. The "Dream Act" passed by 216-198 after sometimes heated debate. The Senate is scheduled to vote Thursday on whether to begin debate on a slightly different version of the bill. It appears unlikely backers will win the 60 votes needed in the 100-member chamber to advance the measure.

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12/09/10

**DREAM ACT SENATE VOTE POSPONED
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:25 & LIVER**

The Senate moved Thursday to delay a politically charged showdown vote on legislation carving out a path to legal status for foreign-born youngsters brought to this country illegally, putting off but probably not preventing the measure's demise. Facing GOP objections, Democrats put aside the so-called Dream Act and said they'd try again to advance it before year's end. They're short of the 60 votes needed to do so, however, and critics in both parties quickly said they won't change their minds in the waning days of the Democratic-controlled Congress.

**ACTIVISTS REACTIONS ON DREAM ACT VOTE
JAIME GARCIA/ LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:05**

Jaime will have the students calling the Senators that are not willing to vote for the Dream Act to try to convince them to do so. Who are their targeting to get them to change their minds and vote in favor of it.

**DON'T ASK DONT TELL LATEST
VO :19**

Republicans blocked a last-ditch effort in the Senate to lift the military's ban on openly gay troops on Thursday, dealing a major blow to gay rights groups and making it unlikely Congress could repeal "don't ask, don't tell" any time soon. The 57-40 vote fell three short of the 60 needed to overcome procedural hurdles to lift the 17-year-old ban. Sen. Susan Collins of Maine was the lone Republican voting to advance the bill, and Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia was the only Democrat to vote against it.

**SMOKING STUDY
LOURDES DEL RIO/ MIAMI, FLORIDA**

PKG 1:53

The latest US Surgeon General's report, released today, finds that even limited exposure to tobacco or secondhand smoke can lead to cardiovascular and other health problems. The report, the latest update to its first study in 1964 highlighting tobacco dangers, says that even an occasional cigarette or exposure to secondhand smoke is harmful. Surgeon General, Regina Benjamin says the latest research, "substantiates the evidence that there is no safe level of exposure to cigarette smoke." Lourdes will talk to a doctor and smokers that can't stop smoking and why.

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12/10/10

**HOUSE REWORKED TAX CUTS
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC**

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The U.S. House of Representatives will likely pass next week, with some changes, the framework of President Barack Obama's plan to extend tax cuts, a senior Democratic aide said Friday. The aide said before they vote, House Democrats aim to tighten estate tax provisions that are in a proposed Senate version of the plan. The House will likely begin consideration of the measure within days of its anticipated Senate passage next week, the aide said.

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12/11/10 (Saturday 6:30pm & 11:30pm)

**RACIAL PROFILING
JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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LAPD insists it's tough when investigating racial profiling by officers. Responding to criticism from the U.S. Justice Department, the watchdog for the Los Angeles Police Commission, as well as LAPD officials, this week largely defended the handling of racial profiling investigations. Nicole Bershon, the Police Commission's inspector general, is scheduled to present the civilian oversight panel Tuesday with a lengthy report that evaluates how a newly formed LAPD unit investigates claims of racial profiling against officers. The review follows a warning last month from Justice Department officials to Bershon and the LAPD that both were falling short in addressing racial profiling complaints. LAPD Chief Charlie Beck is

expected to present a written response to Bershon's report to the commission Tuesday. After completing sweeping reforms ordered by federal officials, the LAPD still remains under federal supervision on a handful of issues, including racial profiling, and must persuade the Justice Department that it can adequately police itself before federal scrutiny can be withdrawn.

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12/12/10 (Sunday 6:30pm & 11:30pm)

TAX CUT SENATE VOTE

VO: 21

The Obama administration on Sunday continued to hold firm on the idea that its framework for a deal on the expiring Bush tax cuts could not be changed in truly tangible ways. "We have a framework, we have an agreement, and I don't anticipate that it's going to change greatly," White House senior adviser David Axelrod told ABC's "This Week." "There have been some changes that folks in the House were concerned about, the absence of an extension of an energy -- renewable energy tax credit. That is now included in the package. But in the main, I don't see major changes." Axelrod's resoluteness was, in part, a response to the continued howls of discontent coming from several corners of the Democratic Party.

DEBIT CARDS & HOLIDAYS

LUCÍA BURGA/ MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:37

This holiday season, a debit card is best used by those who don't want the perils of credit card debt. However, this does not make them any less safe from debit card fraud as well. While one is all too absorbed with Christmas shopping, fraudster can take their cue and swindle people out of their own debit card funds. To protect them and their debit card accounts from fraud, here are some safety tips to follow: In giving the debit card information, a debit card owner must make sure only the rightful person reads or hears it. It is best to write the information down on a piece of paper and when the other party has listed it down, he can retrieve the paper and keep it. Trashing it is not advisable. Once other people pick up the debit card information, they may use it for fraud. The debit card information must also be exclusive to the owner. Even family and friends must not know of it. He must also be careful as not to share the information to his children 15 years and younger. They may not realise the importance of a debit card yet and

they could carelessly share the information to others or use it themselves unguarded. Should children need to purchase something, the parents must be there to personally pay through the debit card.

GAS PRICES

VO: 29

Visit a gas pump lately? You've likely noticed prices have been rising slowly but steadily. And with people's wallets and pocketbooks already thin this holiday season its got people searching for the cheapest fuel anywhere they can find it. The holiday rush this Saturday meant a lot of shoppers on the move and lots of cars on the road.

But making things not so jolly, says AAA, fast rising gas prices, and it's the Grinch for many this holiday season. AAA says prices have rises nearly 30 cents a gallon over just the last year. With the national average at \$2.97 a gallon gas prices are still cheaper in the Upstate than in other parts of the country. We found the average to be \$2.73 a gallon in the Upstate. Gas prices are the highest they've been in two years because oil prices are above \$90 a barrel. Those in the oil industry say the national average per gallon could hit the \$3 dollar mark by the new year. And as much as \$3.50 a gallon by the spring. To check the latest local and national gas price averages, you can go to AAA's special website dedicated to the issue:

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12/13/10

TOYOTA RECALL

VO: 20

Toyota Motor Corp said Monday it would recall about 110,000 of the 2011 Sienna minivans due to a risk that drivers could damage the brake system as they use the parking brake. The Sienna is an all-new model. Toyota said it was not aware of any accidents or injuries related to this issue, and that it would notify owners in January of the problem. But the fix will be delayed until replacement parts are available in February, Toyota said, when it will ask owners to bring the minivans to dealers for installation of new parts. Toyota said that in some cases drivers had damaged a bracket connected to the brake lights by pressing on the parking brake. That could cause the brake lights to stay on, or in some cases cause the vehicle's regular brake to be partially engaged at all times, causing noise and vibration.

TAX CUTS

LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:09

The Democratic-led U.S. Congress will move a step closer today toward grudging approval of President Barack Obama's deal with Republicans to extend expiring tax cuts, even for the wealthiest Americans. Backers were expected to muster on the needed 60 votes in the 100-member Senate to clear a procedural hurdle, before passage on Tuesday or Wednesday. The bill would then go to the House of Representatives for likely passage -- despite complaints from many Democrats that Obama conceded too much to Republicans. The bill would avert a Jan. 1 increase in income taxes for nearly all Americans. The package also would renew jobless benefits for the long-term unemployed and provide a one-year cut in Social Security taxes. In the Senate they start talking around 2:00 pm about the bill and then vote...cloture and final vote. The House could also vote as soon as tomorrow.

HEALTH CARE RULING

LUIS MEGID- SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:55

A U.S. judge in Virginia Monday declared a key part of President Barack Obama's landmark healthcare law unconstitutional in the first major setback on an issue that will likely end up at the Supreme Court. U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson, appointed to the bench by President George W. Bush in 2002, backed the state of Virginia's argument that Congress exceeded its authority by requiring Americans to start buying health insurance in 2014 or face a fine. But he declined to invalidate the entire healthcare law, a small victory for Obama, whose administration will appeal the decision. The law is a cornerstone of Obama's presidency, aiming to expand health insurance to cover millions of uninsured Americans while trying to curb costs. Obama told the Tampa television station WFLA he was confident the courts would uphold the healthcare act. Healthcare insurers, which include companies such as Aetna Inc and WellPoint Inc, largely opposed Obama's reforms but say the individual mandate is critical so additional customers can offset greater industry costs.

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12/14/10

USA HEALTH CARE APPEAL

VO: 24

The Justice Department said Tuesday it intends to appeal to a U.S. appeals court a ruling by a judge in Virginia declaring a key part of President Barack Obama's landmark healthcare law unconstitutional. Department spokeswoman Tracy Schmalzer said the Virginia lawsuit at issue was one of a number of cases concerning the law pending before courts around the country, including four in which challenges were unsuccessful. "Virginia's suit is based on a state statute that is not applicable nationwide, and the department believes this case should follow the ordinary course of allowing the courts of appeals to hear it first so the issues and arguments can be fully developed before the Supreme Court decides whether to consider it," she said in a statement. Some Republican opponents have said the case should go next to the Supreme Court, bypassing the appeals court. By going through the appeals court, it could take more than a year for the issue to end up at the Supreme Court.

TAX CUT LATEST
FERNANDO PIZARRO- WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 1:41

President Barack Obama's tax plan got a boost on Tuesday when a top Democrat in the House , where the plan faces its stiffest resistance, said there were "compelling reasons" to back it. The bullish comments from Democratic Majority Leader Steny Hoyer signaled opposition is dissipating among Democrats who believe that Obama's \$858 billion tax deal, brokered with the opposition Republicans, is too generous to the wealthy. The Senate cleared a key procedural hurdle on Monday, with a bipartisan group of 83 of the 100 members voting in favor of moving the bill forward. A vote in the Senate was expected late on Tuesday or shortly after midnight on Wednesday, with the House taking up the measure during the day Wednesday. The plan extends all Bush-era individual tax rates, prevents a spike in taxes on capital gains and dividends and renews long-term insurance for the jobless, among other measures. Obama and most of his fellow Democrats had pushed for extension of the tax cuts enacted by former President George W. Bush only on household income of up to \$250,000. But Democrats lost control of the House and saw their margins shrink in the Senate in the Nov. 2 elections, pushing Obama to strike the deal before the bolstered Republicans take more power in January.

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12/15/10

SENATE VOTE TAX CUTS
LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:13

The Senate Wednesday overwhelmingly passed a sweeping tax package that would save millions of Americans thousands of dollars in higher taxes while also reducing their Social Security taxes and extending jobless benefits. President Barack Obama swiftly urged the House to pass the \$858 billion bill without changes, a slap at Democratic liberals eager to toughen a part of the measure that permits up to \$10 million to pass to heirs estate tax-free. A wide array of tax cuts enacted under President George W. Bush is scheduled to expire on Jan. 1 -- just two weeks away -- affecting taxpayers at every income level. The bill passed by the Senate, 81-19, would extend those cuts for two years. Obama urged quick action in the House. "I know there are different aspects of this plan to which members of Congress on both sides of the aisle object. That's the nature of compromise," the president said. "But we worked to negotiate an agreement that's a win for middle-class families and a win for our economy, and we can't afford to let it fall victim to either delay or defeat."

HOUSE REPEALS "DONT ASK DON'T TELL"
VO: 18

The House has voted to repeal the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that has stifled the service of gays in the military. The strong House vote to end the policy that since 1993 has barred openly gay people from military service shifts the debate to the Senate. There, Democratic leaders are trying to squeeze in a vote in the final hours of this session of Congress. President Barack Obama and others trying to repeal the policy are anxious to get a vote this year. Their concern is that Republicans, who take over the House and gain strength in the Senate next year, will move the issue to the legislative back burner.

DREAM ACT MOMENTUM
VO: 20

Last night, leaders of the Reform Immigration FOR America campaign, the United We Dream Coalition, their partners and their congressional champions joined on a massive telephone call of more than 10,000 to discuss the prospects for DREAM in the U.S. Senate. Senate Majority Whip Richard Durbin (D-IL) was joined by Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and Representative Luis Gutierrez (D-IL), and United We DREAM student leader Gaby Pacheco to highlight the massive organizing that has been

accomplished and what the Senate leadership plans to move the legislation forward. In the last two weeks, the Reform Immigration FOR America campaign has generated more than 200,000 calls into Congress. Now, after the House passage, the campaign has pivoted with laser-like focus on the U.S. Senate, the next hurdle for the legislation. This most recent surge of volunteer activism has grown out of new grassroots infrastructure created in the last year through this campaign, which drew more than 200,000 activists to Washington, DC in March 2010, and had a decisive impact in several statewide and congressional races in the 2010 midterm elections

STEM CELL BREAKTHROUGH
JAIME GARCIA/ LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:55

Doctors in Berlin, working with an American patient with both HIV and leukemia, have declared in a peer-reviewed journal that they believe they have cured both illnesses. It would be the first time an HIV patient has been cured. The procedure is creating a buzz in the HIV academic community in the United States. Experts here call the development encouraging, but warn that years of work remain before the treatment could lead to a general therapy against HIV. "Cured" is a strong word. But this is very encouraging," said Dr. David Scadden, co-director of the Harvard University Stem Cell Institute. "From all indications, there was no residual virus. It's as good an outcome as one could hope."

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