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**PART 1**

**12/01/10**

**DREAM ACT, WHAT'S GOING ON**  
**LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, DC**  
**PKG 2:30**

Late last night, Majority Leader Reid (D-NV) filed a new version of the DREAM Act with the aim of attracting broader support for DREAM to get the requisite 60 votes to pass the Senate. With the filing of this new bill, the anticipated date for bringing DREAM to a vote will be delayed. The earliest Reid could file a cloture motion on the new bill would be this coming Thursday. After waiting out the requisite 30 hours post-cloture, it could "ripen" over the weekend, and effectively come up for a vote on Monday at the earliest. The new version addresses many of the concerns raised by Republicans and tightens the restrictions on eligibility in several respects. Among other changes, the new version does the following: Excludes from eligibility those with certain criminal convictions, such as for offenses punishable by a maximum term of more than 1 year (felony) or 3 misdemeanors.

**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.

**CYBERMONDAY PROFITS**

**VO :19**

Americans jumped on deals and promotions offered online on Cyber Monday, spending \$1 billion and making it the busiest online shopping day ever, according to new data. Research firm comScore Inc. says revenue rose 16 percent from a year ago to \$1.03 billion on the Monday after Thanksgiving, the first one-day spending total above \$1 billion ever. Still, analysts cautioned that better results in stores and online during the busy Thanksgiving weekend don't necessarily mean the whole holiday period will be strong. Shoppers might have just been lured by discounts, pulling forward sales from December.

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**12/2/10**

**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.

**SCHOOL LUNCH VOTE****VO-SOT-VO :40**

The U.S. House of Representatives passed Thursday and sent to President Barack Obama a bill that boosts funding for the school lunch program by \$4.5 billion through 2020 and bans "junk" food from school buildings. Backers said it would be the first real increase in reimbursement rates for schools in 30 years and a step toward healthier meals. Obama was expected to sign the bill, which the Senate passed in August.

**TAX CUT VOTES****LUIS MEGID/ SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA****PKG 2:03**

A critical compromise to head off a year-end tax increase for millions of Americans took shape in private talks between the White House and congressional Republicans Thursday, and an extension of unemployment benefits appeared likely to become part of any deal. Democrats sought to expand the package with other provisions that officials said would accelerate the nation's sluggish economic recovery. They included a tax break providing as much as \$400 for individual working people and \$800 for couples -- even if they pay nothing to the IRS.

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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.

**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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**12/06/10**

**TAX CUTS-JOBLESS BENEFITS  
LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, DC  
PKG : 1:47**

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.

**DREAM ACT RALLIES**  
**MARTIN BERLANGA/ MIAMI, FLORIDA**  
**PKG 2:12**

Sen. Reid today filed a cloture petition on the motion to proceed to the DREAM Act, setting up a likely vote for Wednesday. This bill would require children who came to America before the age of 16 and who have lived here at least five years to serve in the military or get a college education in order to gain legal status: "Today I moved to bring up the DREAM Act, a bipartisan bill true to America's core values that would strengthen our military and our economy while reducing the deficit. "The DREAM Act would reduce our deficit by \$1.4 billion over the next 10 years through the increased tax revenues that individuals who attend college and earn legal status will generate as they become doctors, engineers, or otherwise realize their full potential. And with our military overstretched and service members facing multiple deployments, this bill would strengthen our Armed Forces. That's why the Pentagon, even under Republican administrations, has supported it for years.

**APELATION PROPOSITION. 8**  
**VO: 24**

The fight over California's same-sex marriage ban reached the next legal level Monday when it went Before a federal appeals court during a nationally televised hearing in San Francisco. A line of questioning at an appeals court hearing over California's gay marriage ban suggested the three judges could issue a decision that would legalize same-sex marriage in that state but leave intact bans in other western states under the court's jurisdiction. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals heard nearly three hours

of arguments Monday during a televised hearing that reached a nationwide audience anxious for a final decision on whether voter-approved Proposition 8 and similar same-sex marriage bans violate the U.S. Constitution. The judges appeared troubled over whether they could recognize marriage as a civil right for all same-sex couples or only those in states that already grant gays the rights of marriage without the title.

## **CENSO: NEW DATA-HISPANICS**

**VO: 25**

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.

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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.

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**12/08/10**

**DREAM ACT HOUSE VOTE  
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC  
PKG 2:55  
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.

**DREAM ACT REACTIONS  
LILIANA ESCALANTE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
PKG 2:07**

Students reactin to the Dram Act bill passed on the House of Representatives.

**SUPREME COURT AZ EMPLOYERS  
LUIS MEGID/ SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA  
PKG 1:52**

The Supreme Court appeared likely Wednesday to sustain an Arizona law that threatens to take away the licenses of businesses that knowingly hire workers who are in the United States illegally. The justices heard arguments in a case that plunges the court into the nation's contentious debate over immigration, generally the province of the federal government.

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**12/09/10**

**DREAM ACT SENATE VOTE POSPONED  
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC  
PKG 2:53**

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 2:04**

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 :27**

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.

**TAX DEAL NOT A DONE DEAL**

## **LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 1:58**

Senate Democrats Thursday unveiled a tax bill that largely reflects the deal hammered out by President Barack Obama and Republicans earlier in the week, and adds an additional subsidy for ethanol. The measure would broadly extend income tax breaks for two years and also includes an extension of jobless benefits and other tax breaks. It does not include an extension of the Build America bond program that Democrats had sought.

## **SMOKING STUDY**

**VO :23**

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**

**PKG 2:07**

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.

## **UNDOCUMENTED DRIVERS**

**LUIS MEGID / OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 1:56**

A estimated 4.5 million illegal immigrants nationwide are driving regularly, most without licenses, according to an analysis by The New York Times.

Only three states - New Mexico, Utah and Washington - currently issue licenses without proof of legal residence in the United States. Many states have adopted tough new laws to prevent illegal immigrants from driving, while expanding immigration enforcement by the state and local police. As a result, at least 30,000 illegal immigrants who were stopped for common traffic violations in the last three years have ended up in deportation, DHS figures show.

## **IMMIGRATION ARIZONA LAW**

**VO :20**

A federal judge has dismissed parts of the U.S. Department of Justice's challenge to Arizona's new immigration law. U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton's ruling on Friday struck down the federal government's challenge to the portion of the law that prohibits the transport of illegal immigrants. But Bolton's ruling didn't have any effect on the portions of the law that she previously prevented from taking effect, including a requirement that immigrants get or carry immigration registration papers.

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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.

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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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**12/15/2010**

## **SENATE VOTE TAX CUT**

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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 DONT TELL**

**vo: 20**

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.

## **HEALTH GROUPS SUES MCDONALDS LUIS MEGID- SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG: 2:00**

A California mother and The Center for Science in the Public Interest have sued McDonald's Corp. trying to get the fast-food chain to stop using toys to market meals to young children. The lawsuit was filed in California Superior Court in San Francisco on Wednesday morning. They claim McDonald's decision to market its meals directly to young children violates several consumer protection laws because it exploits a child's vulnerability. McDonald's is facing increased scrutiny for the practice. San Francisco recently became the first city to prohibit fast-food restaurants from including toys with children's meals that don't meet nutritional guidelines. A similar ordinance was passed Santa Clara County.

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